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## Education

J.D., Russian Academy of Foreign  
Trade, 2005

## Bar Admissions

Russia

## Languages

Russian

English

Sergey Chapaev focuses his practice on M&A and capital markets transactions. He has experience advising clients in the financial, telecom, IT, oil and gas, mining, heavy industry, development, retail and logistics sectors, among others.

Mr. Chapaev also counsels clients on arbitrations related to corporate disputes and on various litigation and compliance matters. In recognition of his work, he has been recognized in the Russia Private Equity category of *Chambers Europe*. His experience includes advising:

- **Corebridge Financial** on the £460 million sale of its U.K. life insurance business to Aviva plc
- **International Paper** on the sale of its 50% stake in Ilim SA, the holding company of Ilim Group JSC, and its outstanding shares in Ilim Group JSC to its joint venture partners for US\$508 million
- **Citigroup, Inc.** on AO Citibank's sale of a portfolio of ruble-denominated personal installment loans and consumer credit card balances to Uralsib Bank
- **Ball Corporation** on the US\$530 million sale of its beverage packaging business in Russia to Arnest Group
- **Renault Group** on the sale of Renault Russia to the city of Moscow and the disposal of its 67.69% interest in AvtoVaz to NAMI
- **Kismet Acquisition One**, a special purpose acquisition company, on its US\$1.9 billion initial merger with Nexters Global Limited, the first-ever de-SPAC transaction involving a Russian company
- **Horvik Limited** in relation to its preconditional mandatory offer to acquire Trans-Siberian Gold plc, an AIM-quoted gold producer
- **Fortiana Holdings Limited** in connection with its US\$1.5 billion acquisition of Highland Gold Mining Limited, an AIM-quoted gold producer, comprising an initial US\$585 million acquisition of a 40% interest. This matter was the U.K.'s first-ever preconditional mandatory bid for the remaining stake, delisting and compulsory squeeze-out of minority shareholders
- **National Atomic Company Kazatomprom** and **Sovereign Wealth Fund Samruk-Kazyna** (as selling shareholder) on Kazatomprom's US\$451 million IPO on the London Stock Exchange and as the first-ever company to list on the Astana International Exchange
- **Activision Blizzard Inc.** on the antitrust aspects of its US\$75 billion acquisition by Microsoft Corporation, the largest-ever technology deal and largest-ever gaming industry deal
- major international corporations, including **Renault Group**, **Daimler AG**, **Assicurazioni Generali S.p.A.** and **International Paper**, in connection with various aspects of their investments in Russia