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Dear Russia/Eurasia Committee Members,

Welcome to the Spring issue of our Committee Newsletter. In this issue, we are pleased to bring to you the following articles:

- **Daniel J. Rothstein**, *An Introduction to Enforcement in Russia of Foreign Arbitral Awards, and Barriers to Entry to American Courts*;
- **Maria Grechishkina**, *The Hague Service Convention of 1965: Pitfalls on the Road of Effective Service of Judicial Documents in Russia*;
- **Olena Kibenko**, *E-Shops in Ukraine: Legal Framework*;
- **Paul Jones**, *Typo-Squatting in Two Alphabets: "Luxoil" and "Лукойл" – A Competition Law Matter?*; and
- **Sergey Budylin**, *Khodorkovsky Trial: Who Is the Crime Victim?*

As you enjoy these insightful and informative articles, please consider joining your colleagues who have written for this issue by sending us your observations and analysis about the law, law practice, and other law-related matters in Russia and Eurasia. We have a diverse and talented membership, and our Newsletter offers us the opportunity to keep each other informed about developments that matter to us.

We have a new Newsletter Editorial Board: Katya Gill, Sergey Budylin, Paul Jones, Daniel Rothstein, Elena Helmer, and Christopher Kelley. This Board stands ready to assist you in helping to continue to bring timely and informative articles to our award-winning Newsletter. We depend on you for our articles. Please let us know when you have an article ready for publication or have an article in mind. Several of you are already working on articles for our next Newsletter, and we are eager for more. We are looking forward to your article.

We also encourage you to make plans to attend the **Resolution of Russia-Related Business Disputes: The Next Wave Conference** in Moscow on September 21, 2009, at the Moscow Marriott Grand Hotel. This Conference, which is being sponsored by the Section of International Law and our Committee, will bring together members of the global legal community for a full day of informative and substantive programs presented by world-class experts, followed by a reception at Spaso House. Topics will include:

- Arbitration in Russia: The Current State of Play and Prospects for the Future;
- Investment Treaty Arbitration: A Strategic Option or Legal Defense?;
- Russians Abroad: The Experience of Russian Companies in Foreign Litigation and Arbitration; and
- Related Civil and Criminal Proceedings in Russia.

This will be an impressive, “must attend” event. We will be updating you on registration information soon, but now is the time to add this conference to your fall plans. You can find the program flyer at: <http://www.abanet.org/intlaw/docs/MoscowFlyerFINAL.pdf>.

In addition to encouraging you to attend our Moscow conference, we are pleased to announce that the fourth **CIS Local Counsel Forum** will take place in Kyiv, Ukraine, on June, 24-26, 2009, at the Opera Hotel. The Forum will be hosted by RULG-Ukrainian Legal Group and is being cross-promoted by the ABA Section of International Law. Registration is now open at <http://www.rulg.com/cisforum/registration.asp>.

The inaugural CIS Local Counsel Forum was held in Kyiv in June 2006, hosted by RULG-Ukrainian Legal Group, and was the first ever wide-scale meeting of the international legal community with the best Local Counsel law firms from the CIS economic region (Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Moldova, Russia, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Ukraine, and Uzbekistan). Since then, the CIS Forum has evolved into an informal network of managing and senior partners of CIS and international law firms, meeting annually in different venues chosen by the Delegates. The second Forum was successfully held in Baku in June 2007, hosted by the prominent Azeri law firm Fina LLP. The third Forum was hosted by the leading Russian law firm of Egorov Puginsky Afanasiev & Partners in June 2008 in St. Petersburg.

The draft program of the fourth CIS Local Counsel Forum is posted on the Forum’s website, http://www.rulg.com/cisforum/forum_program.asp, where additional information will be posted as preparations progress. Attending both conferences—Moscow and Kyiv—will be an excellent opportunity for you to renew your friendships with Committee members and to broaden your network in Russia and Eurasia.

You should not forget two upcoming ABA events, the 2009 ABA Annual Meeting to be held in Chicago, IL July 31 – August 2, and the 2009 Section of International Law Fall Meeting in Miami Beach, FL, October 27 - 31. Both events will offer a variety of educational programs and networking opportunities. Also, program proposals are now being accepted for the 2010 Section of International Law Spring Meeting in New York. If you are interested in submitting a program proposal, please send it to Yulia Andreeva at yandreeva@debevoise.com no later than June 15, 2009.

We look forward to seeing you at one of the upcoming events!

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