



**Criminal
Defense
Firm**

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Law Firm



Criminal Defense is a law firm established by qualified advocates with significant experience working in the RF Public Prosecution Service, the RF Investigative Committee and the RF Ministry of Internal Affairs.

We are very familiar with all aspects of the methods and approaches of law enforcement agencies. Our experience means we work as effectively as possible with law enforcement officers to achieve our clients' desired results.

We focus on complex criminal business, job-related and corruption cases. We represent business owners, Russian and foreign companies, their employees and public officials.

ABOUT US



✓ Legal support of private clients

✓ Legal support of corporate clients

SERVICES

Legal support of private clients

- 1) Defending the rights and legal interests of suspects, accused persons and defendants at all stages of criminal proceedings, including pre-investigation inspections
- 2) Representing victims and witnesses
- 3) Representing other persons whose rights have been violated by the actions and decisions of law enforcement agencies

Our legal support includes:

- advising on criminal law and proceedings
- evaluating the criminal law aspects and prospects of a case
- developing a uniform strategy and tactics to defend against unlawful/unjustified criminal prosecution

- 1) Criminal law audit of Russian and foreign firms for the purposes of identifying and managing possible criminal law risks to their business
- 2) Arranging, coordinating and carrying out internal corporate investigations of alleged offences
- 3) Defending businesses against law enforcement agencies at all stages of criminal proceedings, including preinvestigation and unscheduled inspections
- 4) Protecting businesses from fraud and illegal takeovers
- 5) Identifying and managing criminal law risks in connection with insolvency procedures
- 6) Arranging and providing workshops on interacting with representatives of law enforcement agencies

Our legal support includes:

- advising on criminal law and proceedings
- evaluating the criminal law aspects and prospects of a case
- - developing a uniform strategy and tactics for providing legal support for restoration of violated rights
- - advocate investigations
- - arranging and providing appropriate theoretical and practical training
- - employing mediation to resolve disputes, and participating in negotiations



- ✓ Managing criminal law-related risks
- ✓ Defending and representing individuals

PROJECTS

1. Criminal law audit of a group (internal and external), as well as managing and minimising criminal law-related risks for its heavy industry holding company. Supporting staff through pre-investigation and tax inspections. Support through a transition to a new group management structure, as well as with general business administration and work with contractors. No criminal case was initiated.
2. Criminal law audit of an innovative product supply group as a result of which most business processes were restructured and preventative measures were taken. Having been informed of the risks, the owner terminated relationships with dubious contractors.



Defending the interests of individuals: embezzlement

1. Defending a high-ranking public official and members of his family wrongly accused of negligence and embezzlement of a significant amount of public funds classified as fraud (30 instances) in connection with the restoration of Rossiya and Illyuzion cinemas. The criminal case was dropped.
2. Defending the general director of a corporate group supplier of the RF Ministry of Defence in an unsubstantiated criminal case initiated due to alleged embezzlement of a significant amount of public funds and supply of poor quality products. The criminal case was dropped.
3. Defending the general director of a medium-sized business alleged to have embezzled a significant amount of funds in the performance of a government contract. Following complaints by the defence with regard to interim measures, the decision on seizure of assets was reversed. The criminal case was referred for further investigation.
4. Defending a local politician with a medium-sized business wrongly accused of two instances of embezzlement of a significant amount of money (in excess of 100 million roubles). The defence succeeded in having his actions requalified as less serious offences and reducing the penalty to a fine of 80,000 roubles.



Defending the interests of individuals: bribery

1. Defending a businessman and a public official suspected of giving and receiving a bribe. Despite the severity of the allegations and the politicisation of the case, no interim measures were taken and no charges were brought.
2. Defending a public official wrongly accused of receiving a bribe and disseminating false information to the media. The criminal case was dropped due to a lack of evidence. The defamation claim was satisfied.
3. Defending a police employee wrongly accused of receiving a bribe. Evidence provided by the defence facilitated requalification of the defendant's crime. The court imposed minimal sanctions on the defendant.

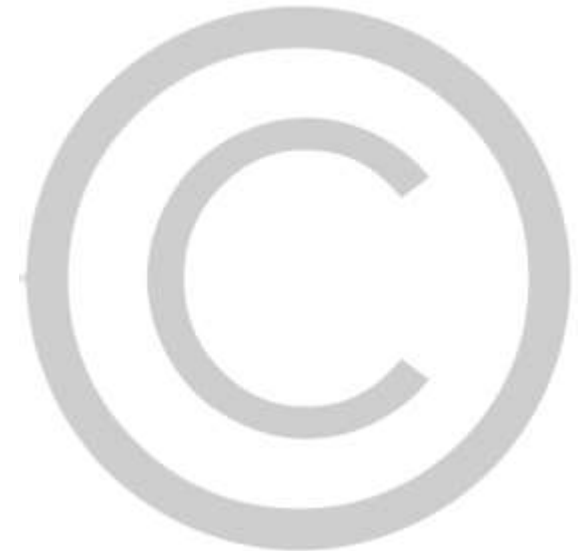


1. Representing the victim of a legal entity's criminal actions (damages in excess of 100 million roubles). The defence's persistent and aggressive strategy resulted in the case being referred to a superior investigative authority and the escalation of the investigation.
2. Representing the general director of a major construction company. The attorney conducted an extensive analysis and studied the company's documents. The clear arguments provided by the defence resulted in conclusion of the pre-investigation inspection without initiation of any criminal case.
3. Representing the medical director of a Moscow clinic during a pre-investigation inspection in connection with possible misappropriation of funds. In response to the attorney's arguments, initiation of a criminal case was rejected.



Defending and representing individuals: breaches of copyright and related rights

1. Representing a popular blogger wrongly accused of breaching copyright and related rights, and fraud. The attorney's work resulted in a refusal to initiate a criminal case.
2. Defending the owner of a cosmetics company wrongly accused of illegally using another company's trademark. The attorney identified numerous breaches of the law by investigators and the court of the first instance, which resulted in termination of the criminal case at the appeal instance.
3. Defending a businessperson accused of unlawful production of alcohol and involvement in a criminal organisation. Resistance by law enforcement agencies was overcome and the evidence presented led to the charge being altered. Involvement in a criminal organisation and some of the charges were excluded.



Defending individuals: abuse of office

1. Defending a mayor wrongly accused of abuse of office. The attorney proved that the client's actions were lawful. As a result, the defendant was released from custody and the criminal case was dismissed.
2. Defending a public official suspected of abuse of office. The defence's clear arguments resulted in the termination of the unsubstantiated criminal proceedings.





- ✓ Alexey Novikov
- ✓ Alexey Kasatkin
- ✓ Irina Krasnova
- ✓ Anna Golub
- ✓ Yury Garmaev

TEAM



2006, All-Russian State Tax Academy of the Ministry of Finance of the Russian Federation

16 years' investigations and defence experience in business, corruption, and job-related criminal cases, including 13 years working in the RF Public Prosecution Service and the RF Investigative Committee.

2017–2019 Partner at ZKS Law Firm

2020 Established Criminal Defense Law Firm

Expertise:

- criminal cases and pre-investigation inspections
- identifying and managing criminal law risks and their consequences in organisations' business and in their work with contractors and supervisory authorities
- defending and representing individuals and legal entities

ALEXEY NOVIKOV

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Receipt of numerous awards and commendations from the management of the RF Investigative Committee and the RF President's Business Rights Commissioner. Moscow Business Rights Commissioner's Pro-Bono Publico Specialist. Member of the Moscow Chamber of Advocates since 2017.



2002 Moscow University of Consumer Cooperation, First-Class Honours

2020 Department of Higher Professional Education at the All-Russian State University of Justice (RLA of the Ministry of Justice of Russia), Mediation

18 years' investigations and defence experience in business, corruption, and job-related criminal cases, including 8 years working in the RF Public Prosecution Service and the RF Investigative Committee

2014–2019 Co-Founder and Senior Partner at ZKS Law Firm

2020 Established Criminal Defense Law Firm

Expertise:

- Defending and representing individuals and legal entities
- Defending business against law enforcement agencies at the pre-court stages of criminal proceedings, including pre-investigation checks and unscheduled inspections
- Protecting businesses from fraud and illegal takeovers
- Employing mediation to resolve disputes

Member of the RF Ministry of Economic Development Expert Board for Reducing Business Related Criminal Law Risks and the Advisory Board of the Federation Council's Committee for Constitutional Legislation and State Building On Criminal Law, Criminal Proceedings, Penal and Administrative Law,; Moscow Business Rights Commissioner Pro-Bono Specialist

Receipt of awards and commendations from the RF Prosecutor General (2004) and the Chairman of the RF Investigative Committee (2010). Member of the Moscow Chamber of Advocates since 2011.

Recommended by Best Lawyers for criminal defence.

ALEXEY KASATKIN

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1998 Law Institute of the RF Ministry of Internal Affairs, Department of Investigative Activities

2011 Higher Education Courses at the Ministry of Internal Affairs Administration Academy

2017 Federal Advocates' Chamber Higher Professional Education in Criminal Proceedings

26 years' investigations and defence experience in business, corruption, and job-related criminal cases, including 20 years working as an investigator at, and the head of, the pretrial investigation agency

2020 became a partner at Criminal Defense Law Firm

Expertise:

- Defending at pre-trial and court stages
- Representing witnesses and victims
- Protecting clients during investigations

IRINA KRASNOVA

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Author of academic articles on contemporary problems with criminal proceedings, participant in Russian and international conferences on criminal proceedings, defender of advocate professional rights, acts in relation to international legal integration, and acts in defence of EU citizens.

Awarded diplomas by the Federal Union of Russian Advocates. Advocate since 2014.

2014 Russian University of Transport (MIIT), Jurisprudence

2020 Department of Higher Professional Education
at the All-Russian State University of Justice
(RLA of the Ministry of Justice of Russia), Mediation

5 years' investigations and defence experience in business,
corruption, and job-related criminal cases, including 4.5 years
working for the RF Investigative Committee as an investigator

2018–2019 Senior Legal Adviser at Srednerussky Bank
of Sberbank of Russia in the Department for the Protection of the
Bank's Corporate Business and Interaction with State Authorities

2020 became a partner at Criminal Defense Law Firm

Expertise:

- Criminal cases (defending and representing victims and witnesses)
- Pre-investigation inspection materials
- Identifying and managing criminal law risks and their consequences in organisations' business and in their work with contractors and supervisory authorities
- Breach of trademark copyright
- Employing mediation to resolve disputes

Advocate since 2019.



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Doctor of laws, professor, retired Senior Councillor of Justice (Prosecution Authority Colonel), Honoured Lawyer of the Republic of Buryatia, director of research centres at the Buryat State University.

Yury Garmaev has **27 years' experience working** for the prosecution authorities, on investigations and in higher education. He is one of the leading Russian specialists in criminalistics and in the fields of crime detection and investigation, and in classification, detection and investigation of corruption and white-collar crime, as well as in criminal defence

He has authored and co-authored 60 books and over 400 articles.

Expertise:

- Criminal law assessment and investigation of corruption, and white-collar and international financial crimes
- Defence against unlawful criminal charges
- Preparing legal opinions

PROJECTS:

Advising advocates and law enforcement officers on criminal cases in which operational-search activity results are used, and on corruption and white-collar crime.

Preparing around 100 written legal opinions and draft documents at the request of law enforcement agencies over the last five years (for which hundreds of positive reviews were received).

Development and implementation of over 50 applied courses for current and future criminal lawyers.



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