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Practice Areas

- Subsurface use taxation
- Corporate and international taxation
- Customs procedures
- Tax and customs crimes

Recent Representative Matters

- Advising EBRD on financing of a state-owned company with the purpose of modernizing water and heating system in Aktau, Kazakhstan;
- Advising Korean investor on development, financing, construction, operation, and maintenance of the Balkhash thermal power plant (ongoing debut project IPP in Kazakhstan);
- Advising Korean investor on development, financing, construction, operation, and maintenance of a 100 - 150 MW combined cycle gas fired power plant in the Kyzylorda region, Kazakhstan (ongoing);
- Advising an international bank on modernization of electric networks of a city in Kazakhstan (ongoing);
- Advising on acquisition of 30 % of shares in Bank CenterCredit JSC by Kookmin Bank;
- Advising the Eurasian Bank of Development on project financing;
- Advising European Bank for Reconstruction and Development on US \$ 60 million financing on Caspian Bank;
- Advising Citibank on US \$ 100 million financing of ATF Bank.

Secondments

- Eversheds LLP, London, UK, September 2009 at Tax Department;

- Participation in the round-table conference concerning practical problems of transfer pricing in Kazakhstan (Kazakhstan, Almaty), December 2006.

Publications

- Incompatibility of the Provisions of the Kazakhstani Legislation on the Payments of Export Customs Duties. Application Practice.

Experience

At present, Assel is a Partner and the Head of the Tax Law Department at GRATA Law Firm, having joined the firm in 2006.

Previously, Assel worked in the Almaty City Tax Authority as a Senior Tax Inspector in charge of legal support of the Tax Committee, including representation of its interests in court.

In 2004, Assel was declared the best officer of the Almaty City Tax Committee and in 2006, the highest performing employee of GRATA Law Firm.

Education

Assel is an experienced Kazakh lawyer. In 2003, she graduated from the Kazakh Humanitarian and Law Institute (Almaty, Kazakhstan) with a Bachelor's degree.

In 2009, she received a Master's Degree in Law from City University (London, UK). In September 2009, Assel underwent training with the Tax Department of Eversheds International Law Firm (London, UK).