

Mr. Ilya Kirichenko is an advocate of the Almaty City Bar Association, specializing in litigation and arbitration disputes, official liability and economic offences, corporate law and copyright. Mr. Kirichenko is the managing partner of Legit Advocates' Bureau.

Mr. Kirichenko's experience includes corporate, commercial, tax matters, contractual litigation and arbitration. For 7 years he has advised a major advertising holding company on issues of legality of use of certain elements in advertising materials, copyright and related rights, as well as on foreign economic transactions. The practice also has experience in criminal cases related to the economy. He also has experience in sports law.

Before starting his private practice, Mr. Kirichenko served as the head in legal departments, as well as senior manager in organizations. Mr. Kirichenko's total work experience is 16 years.

Mr. Kirichenko is an arbitrator in Kazakhstan International Arbitration Court and the IAC International Arbitration Court.

Representative cases

- Represented a major Kazakhstani advertising holding in a dispute with an international promotional company over allegedly illegal use of images of a famous musical performer.
- Represented the investor's interests in a dispute with a construction contractor during the construction of a hotel complex.
- Represented a foreign participant in a Kazakh organization which is part of a large European manufacturer in cases concerning the recognition of actions of the executive body of the partnership as unlawful or illegal.
- Conducted franchising deals for local advertising companies with major international advertising agencies.
- Conducted a deal on inclusion of the Kazakhstan federation of mixed martial arts MMA in the international federation IMMAF as a permanent member of the international federation and holding World and Asian MMA championships in the territory of the Republic of Kazakhstan.
- Represented companies in tax disputes (both in pre-trial and court appeal).
- Represented a foreign investor in AIFC Court.

Criminal cases

- Handled criminal cases related to alleged tax evasion of organizations. Most of them were terminated at the stage of pre-trial investigation.
- Conducted criminal cases related to the commission of actions on invoicing without actual performance of work, provision of services or shipment of goods. The last case he entered the trial stage, resulting in a conviction with non-custodial and suspended sentences.
- Represented the interests of a foreign participant of a Kazakh organization in a criminal case of raiding.
- Handled a criminal case related to the alleged sale of a vehicle with a knowingly false identification number, which was wanted by INTERPOL. As a result, the criminal case was dismissed.

Disputes with state authorities

- Achieved recognition of professional mixed martial arts MMA as a sport in the Republic of Kazakhstan.
- Repeatedly appealed against acts of tax audits.
- Represented a private investor in a public-private partnership dispute.

Education

- Academy of Jurisprudence - Higher School of Law "Adilet": Diploma of Lawyer, 2008.
- Advocacy Skills Course - American Bar Association.
- SAL Program by Chicago Illinois Tech

Admission to legal practice/qualification

Republic of Kazakhstan, as an advocate, license No. 21013425