

Igor Motsnyi

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- *IP and TM counsel with international experience*
- *Over 20 years of experience in trademark and domain names*
- *Lived and worked in 5 countries*
- *UDRP panelist (Czech Arbitration Court, Prague) since 2016 and ADNDRC since 2022*
- *URS examiner (MFSD, Milan) since 2018*

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

March 2022 – present – UDRP panelist at ADNDRC, <https://www.adndrc.org>

2016 – present – UDRP panelist at Czech Arbitration Court (CAC), <https://udrp.adr.eu>

2018 – present – URS examiner at MFSD, Milan, <https://urs.mfsd.it/new-gtlds-urs>

December 2010 – present – Partner and Founder at “Motsnyi Consulting” (dba “Motsnyi Legal”) - International IP consulting firm based in Belgrade, Serbia, www.motsnyi.com:

- Focus on international trademarks and domain names: UDRP and ccTLD proceedings, international trademark and IP projects in various jurisdictions.

2009 - 2010 – Berwin Leighton Paisner (BLP), English law firm (now “Bryan Cave Leighton Paisner”) - Head of IP/IT practice/ Director

2007 - 2009 – Pepeliaev, Goltsblat and partners (largest full service Russian law firm at that time, now “Pepeliaev Group”) - Senior associate, IP practice

2006 - 2007 – White & Case, US law firm with global presence – Associate, IP practice

2001 - 2006 – in-house counsel in various software and IT companies, including leading software security, data recovery and data loss prevention companies – “ElcomSoft” and “DeviceLock” (now part of “Acronis”)

DOMAIN NAMES EXPERIENCE

- Up to July, 2023 handled over 60 UDRP and URS disputes as Panelist and Examiner

- Assisting clients in a broad range of domain name and trademark matters and proceedings including, but not limited to, domain name transfer, strategy of fighting on-line trademark and other IP infringements, drafting cease and desist letters, domain name disputes: litigation and settlement in various domain zones including UDRP and ccTLDs. Represented both Complainants and Respondents in UDRP and ccTLDs proceedings.

EDUCATION

2005 - 2006 - College of Law, London - Graduate Diploma (honors), Law of England and Wales;

2001 - WIPO Academy, Geneva, Switzerland and Turin University, Italy - Post-graduate Specialization Course, Intellectual Property;

2000 - 2001 - Leiden University, the Netherlands - LL.M in EU law;

1995 – 2000 - Saratov State Academy of Law, Russia - law degree (honors).

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIP:

- - ITechLaw (www.itechlaw.org)
- - ECTA (www.ecta.org)

HONORS & AWARDS:

Throughout his career Igor has been recommended by “**Best Lawyers**” (R) for IP and IT law, including being recognized twice as “**Lawyer of the Year**” for IT law, **Who’s Who Legal: TMT** (Information Technology and Data) and **WTR-100** (“**World Trademark Review**”) for “**Trademark Enforcement and Litigation**”.

PUBLICATIONS AND SELECTED SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS:

- Author of numerous publications in English, Russian and Serbian languages on IP and IT law, trademarks and domain names, including publications in the *Murdoch University Electronic Journal of Law*, *Trademark World Magazine*, *IP Value* and *Computer Law Review International*;
- Regular speaker at various international conferences and round tables on IP, technology and Internet;
- Speaker at the UDRP, .EU and .CZ panelists meetings at the Czech Arbitration Court on September 23, 2019, September 24, 2020 and October 6, 2021;
- Moderator of the international webinar “Brands vs. Domain Names”, November 09, 2020, organized by “ENTRA IP”, US;
- Speaker at the webinar organized by “Prince Sultan University”, Saudi Arabia – “Brand protection online: Global Perspective”, February 24, 2021;
- Speaker at the “International Congress on Law and Technology”, Brazil, August 11, 2020.

LANGUAGES:

1. **English**- Fluent
2. **Serbian** - Fluent
3. **Croatian** – Fluent
4. **Russian** - Fluent
5. **Ukrainian** – Professional working proficiency
6. **Polish** – Limited working proficiency