



Rapidly Sourcing a Rare International Notary Expert

When it comes to expert witness searches, some matters demand speed to secure and disclose an expert before a looming deadline. Others require specialized, hard-to-find expertise to address a critical element of case theory. In this instance, IMS faced both challenges simultaneously.

At the heart of the dispute were two powers of attorney, translated in the US and executed in Russia, related to real estate transactions. The litigation hinged on whether these documents were valid under Russian law, and the client needed an expert declaration within just eight days of IMS receiving the request.

The Case Challenge

IMS Legal Strategies is well-connected across many high-volume practice areas, enabling us to quickly deliver qualified experts in familiar sectors. This case presented a unique hurdle.

Counsel was seeking a Russian notary residing in the United States who could accurately determine the validity of the documents in question. This individual needed recent experience practicing as a notary in Russia, with actively maintained international credentials. Additionally, the expert had to have immediate bandwidth to jump on the project and begin reviewing the documents at a moment's notice.

The Expert Solution

With no time to waste, our custom expert witness services team launched a nationwide search, leveraging our internal database and online resources to identify and contact notaries providing international services for Russian and Eastern European transactions and estate matters. Within 48 hours, we identified and presented a highly qualified candidate. After a client interview, the expert was formally engaged.

The selected expert holds a law degree in Russia and a paralegal certificate from the United States, where she now resides. With more than 15 years of experience as a Russian notary, she has drafted powers of attorney, consents, statements, and other legal documents for use in Russia, Ukraine, Belarus, Moldova, Uzbekistan, and several other countries.

She is deeply familiar with Russian notary policies and procedures and was able to translate, interpret, and analyze the disputed documents for authenticity. This made her the perfect fit for the case, secured in record time.

The Outcome

Over the following months, the expert worked closely with counsel to review the documents and prepare supporting materials. The matter concluded within a few months, and the case was later dismissed the following year. Despite the compressed timeline and rare expertise required, IMS delivered exactly what the legal team needed: the right expert, right on time.

Custom Expert Witness Services for Complex Litigation

When your case hinges on specialized insight, finding the right expert can make all the difference. IMS Legal Strategies provides a custom expert search process to connect you with the most qualified, credible, and strategically aligned professionals in any field. Leveraging more than 30 years of industry experience and proprietary AI technology, our team identifies and vets candidates far beyond simple keyword matches—assessing each expert's credentials, communication skills, and litigation readiness to ensure they meet the precise demands of your matter.

From highly specialized technical experts to niche industry authorities, our network and research capabilities span every sector and dispute type. Whether you need an international notary, a food safety expert, or a horse psychologist, our recruiters locate, evaluate, and align the best-fit candidates at no obligation to you. Once engaged, our dedicated team provides ongoing support throughout the life of the case, ensuring seamless collaboration and a superior client experience.

Partner with the industry leader in expert witness sourcing and enter every stage of litigation with confidence. Contact us to secure the right expert for your unique case, without delay.

IMS knows the subject matter authorities across every industry and discipline. No matter your specific needs, IMS will locate and deliver the [best-aligned expert witness](#).

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