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Biography

Dr. Kurilova-Rich is the Director of FENU International Projects Department. In this capacity her primary responsibility is to develop and maintain international programs of FENU with various entities located and/or doing business outside the Russian Federation.

Dr. Kurilova-Rich is a member of Primorskiy Bar Association and is licensed to practice law on the territory of the Russian Federation. Additionally, by the end of October 2003, Dr. Kurilova-Rich expects to become a member of the Washington State Bar Association, U.S.A.

Dr. Kurilova-Rich graduated from the Far Eastern National University School of Law in 1993 with a five-year highest honors law degree. That same year she entered a Master of Business Administration program at Alaska Pacific University, U.S.A., and graduated with honors in 1995.

In 1995 Dr. Kurilova-Rich accepted the position of an Internal Auditor with the First National Bank of Alaska and continued in this position until 1997. During this time, she became intimately familiar with various aspects of the banking system in the United States.

In 1997 Dr. Kurilova-Rich became a Project Manager at the MFS Network Technologies, Inc., later renamed as Adesta Communications, Inc., a subsidiary of WorldCom Network Services, Inc. Her first project involved an 800-mile build of a fiber optic network for Alaska Pipeline Service Company in Alaska. Two years later she completed similar fiber optic telecommunications projects for the Eugene Water and Electric Board in Eugene, Oregon, and for WorldCom Network Services, Inc. in Seattle area.

In 2000, while managing multiple telecommunications projects for WorldCom Network Services, Inc., Dr. Kurilova-Rich entered an evening program at Seattle University School of Law and received a Juris Doctor degree in May 2003. Dr. Kurilova-Rich has successfully passed the Washington State Bar examination and will complete the process of admission to legal practice in the state of Washington in November 2003.

Dr. Kurilova-Rich played an important role in developing a strong and stable working relationship between the Far Eastern National University and Seattle University. While attending Seattle University School of Law, Dr. Kurilova-Rich was able to connect the two universities and establish common grounds

and interests between the two educational institutions. This successful collaboration continues today.

At this time, Dr. Kurilova-Rich is in the process of completing her dissertation for the Candidate of Science in Law degree from the Far Eastern National University. The dissertation should be completed in 2004. Finally, Dr. Kurilova-Rich expects to begin her legal practice in the state of Washington by the end of 2003.

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