



UKRAINIAN NATIONAL
BAR ASSOCIATION

5
**years of
success**

Ukrainian Bar: 5 Years of Success

Dear advocates! Dear friends!

In November 2017 the Ukrainian National Bar Association celebrates its first 5 year work anniversary. It is an important date for every member of our Association, and at the moment there are more than 35 thousand of Ukrainian advocates. Since the establishment of the young Ukrainian state, our professional community has fought for genuine but not declarative independence of the legal profession, and has called for an adequate status within the system of justice. The consolidation of professional values, the desire to achieve legislative protection of the advocates' rights and guarantees to practice the law at European level, and the introduction of high qualification standards have become the motivating factors for the establishment of the bar self-government system in Ukraine.

On July 5, 2012 the Law "On the Bar and Practice of Law" was adopted, which, for the first time in history, has introduced a self-governing model of Ukrainian bar. The Law has taken into account the best Western practices of the Bar organization, implemented the PACE recommendations to Ukraine and satisfied one of the conditions for the future conclusion of the Association Agreement with the European Union.

This revolutionary legislative act has become a victory not only for our professional community.

The establishment of the Ukrainian National Bar Association, a non-governmental non-commercial professional organization, uniting all Ukrainian advocates and ensuring the implementation of tasks of the bar self-government, has brought obvious benefits to the entire Ukrainian state and its citizens. This reform brought Ukraine closer to European standards in the field of justice and turned a common constitutional right to professional legal aid into the real possibility of obtaining a professional advocate, not controlled by the State.

Together with the institutional development we had to carry out a large array of regulatory work. This concerns the Rules of Advocates' Ethics, adopted under the European model of legal associations, and the uniform requirements for the level of advocates' qualification and access to the profession, and clarifications of the profession-oriented law. The UNBA actively participates in the development of judicial reform and a wide range of legislative activities of the Parliament, thus supporting the traditions of active participation of the Bar in the processes of democratization of our country.

UNBA has established the authority of the legal profession within the country and won recognition in the world by becoming a member of key European professional organizations, namely, the Council of Bars and Law Societies of Europe (CCBE), the International Bar Association (IBA) and the International Association of Lawyers (UIA). We became the voice of legal profession, the speaker of the consolidated Bar community position, gained respect and trust within society, and increased the prestige of the legal profession. Summing up the first five years of the Ukrainian National Bar Association, we can testify to the worthy result of daily efforts of all Ukrainian Bar community. I am convinced that the understanding of responsibility and a dedication to the cause and the values of the profession will continue to serve as a guarantee of the inevitable development of truly European legal profession in Ukraine and ensuring high level of protection of the citizens' rights.

Those advocates, who worked at the Bar self-government bodies these five years, have actually laid the foundations for a new model of legal profession management. It is no exaggeration to say that their results are a part of the modern history of Ukrainian Bar, and we should be proud of it.



Yours sincerely,
President of the Ukrainian
National Bar Association
and the Bar Council of
Ukraine

Lidiia Izovitova

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Lidiia Izovitova'.



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I. SINGLE VOICE OF LEGAL PROFESSION

UNBA is authorized by the Law to represent the interests of the Bar in its relations with state authorities, local self-government, public associations and international organizations. On behalf of the Bar, UNBA actively participates in the law-making processes as related to the development of the rule of law and the implementation of reforms. The UNBA informs the general public of the bar self-government activities, disseminates legal knowledge, conducts and promotes research on the history of Ukrainian Bar, creates specialized periodicals and online resources.

UNBA became the first
and the only all-Ukrainian
professional organization,
composed of all Ukrainian
advocates.

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**Memoranda of
Cooperation
signed**


- Ministry of Justice of Ukraine
- Commissioner of the President of Ukraine for Children's Rights
- Council of Bars and Law Societies of Europe (CCBE)
- Georgian Bar Association
- Yaroslav Mudryi National Law University
- Ivan Franko National University of Lviv
- National University 'Odessa Law Academy'
- Chernihiv National University of Technology
- University of Customs and Finance
- Faculty of History of Ternopil Volodymyr Hnatyuk National Pedagogical University
- Institute of Criminal Executive Service
- Institute of Jurisprudence and Psychology of the Lviv Polytechnic National University
- Ternopil Region State Archive
- All-Ukrainian Public Organization 'Ukrainian Bar Association'
- All-Ukrainian Public Organization 'Union of Advocates of Ukraine'
- Ukrainian Academy of Mediation
- NGO 'All-Ukrainian Association of Graduates of the Yaroslav Mudryi National Law University'
- NGO 'Human Rights Protection'
- NGO 'Open Ukraine'

UNBA participates in the judicial reform implementation

- International standards oblige to involve the UNBA – as the only professional bar organization – to the process of bar reform development.
- Since the beginning of the Ukrainian state independence the bar has been actively participating in the development of a democratic specialized (profession-oriented) law, namely, the Law “On the Bar” of 1992 and the Law “On the Bar and Practice of Law” of 2012, which, for the first time in the history of Ukraine, has introduced the bar self-government.
- The Extraordinary Congress of Advocates, which took place in 2014, approved the draft amendments to the Law of Ukraine “On the Bar and Practice of Law”, as well as to other legislative acts directly or indirectly related to the legal profession.
- The document was forwarded to the Ministry of Justice of Ukraine for the purpose of its further submission to the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine. In addition, the draft law was sent to the Council of Europe in order to obtain relevant expert opinion.
- Since the establishment of the Judicial Reform Council under the President of Ukraine in 2014, the UNBA defends its right to participate in the judicial system and bar institute reform.
- In March 2016 UNBA submitted to the Judicial Reform Council its proposals for amendments to the specialized law, prepared on the basis of expert discussions with the participation of leaders of regional bar communities and UNBA committees.
- The success of judicial reform lies in the introduction (at the level of the Constitution) of the advocates’ exclusive right to representation in courts. As a result, in the system of justice the Ukrainian Bar obtained the status equal to the one of the Bars of the ‘old’ European countries and, therefore, outran certain countries in the Eastern Europe and the CIS.
- The constitutional changes of 2016 have for the first time provided advocates with a right to participate in the competition for vacant posts at the Supreme Court.
- The Law “On the Bar and Practice of Law” of 2012 has for the first time provided for the election of Bar representatives to the High Council of Justice, the Higher Qualification Commission of Judges and the Qualification and Disciplinary Commission of the Public Prosecutors.

UNBA shares its own unique experience of establishing an independent professional organization with the post-Soviet countries.

UNBA is recognized worldwide as the only professional organization in Ukraine

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- Since its establishment in 2012, the UNBA has begun systematic cooperation with national bars from other countries, as well as the key institutions and organizations that form the agenda of legal profession.
 - In 2015-2017 the UNBA joined the International Bar Association (IBA), the Council of Bars and Law Societies of Europe (CCBE) and the Union Internationale des Avocats (UIA).
 - UNBA established its representative offices in 18 countries around the world.
 - The UNBA's International Relations Committee is responsible for the operational management of the international relations.
 - Due to the rapid pace of the reforming of Bar and active development of the Bar self-government, the UNBA is a 'transformation' leader across the CIS and Eastern Europe countries.

UNBA cooperates with foreign bars and international organizations



Le Conseil des barreaux européens (CCBE)



International Bar Association



International Association of Lawyers



German Foundation for International Legal Cooperation



Council of Europe



Embassy of the United Kingdom in Ukraine



German Federal Chamber of Lawyers



German Bar Association



Bar Council of England and Wales



Law Society of England and Wales



USAID – US Agency for International Development



American Bar Association



Georgian Bar Association



Belarusian National Bar Association



Italian National Bar Council



French National Bar Council



Ukrainian American Bar Association



Canadian Bar Association



Federation of Law Societies of Canada

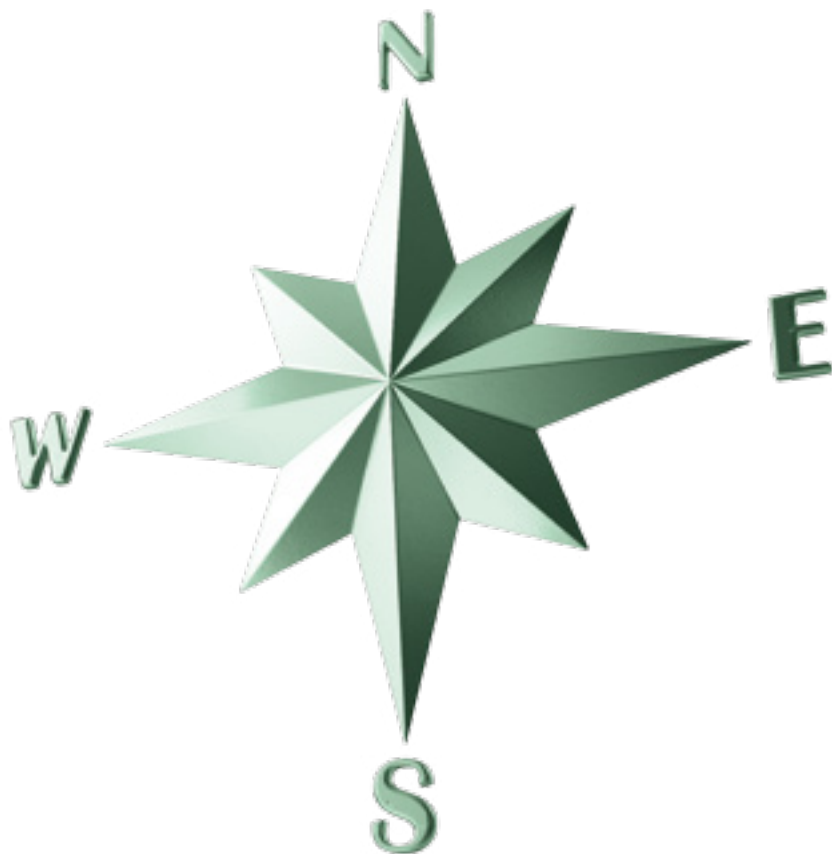


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UNBA develops a network of its representative offices abroad



The decision to establish UNBA representative office abroad is adopted by the Bar Council of Ukraine as proposed by the International Relations Committee



The UNBA representative office abroad:

- is an official representative of the Ukrainian Bar in its relations with Bars of other countries, state authorities, scientific institutions, natural and legal entities;
- with foreign diplomatic missions in the host country;
- establishes contacts with UNBA's foreign partners to share the experience between advocates from different countries;
- promotes the implementation of international norms and international standards of the practice of law;
- encourages foreign bar self-government bodies, foreign state authorities, enterprises, institutions and organizations to establish cooperation with Ukrainian Bar;
- promotes UNBA's activities abroad and creates a positive image of the Ukrainian Bar;
- organizes lectures, seminars, trainings, conferences and other information and educational events;
- all activities of the UNBA representative offices abroad are carried out at the expense of sponsors/charitable funds. UNBA/BCU does not finance and does not cover any expenses of the UNBA representative offices abroad



II. INSTITUTIONAL CAPACITY OF THE BAR SELF-GOVERNMENT

The system of bar self-government bodies was first introduced in Ukraine in 2012, and was shaped by the consolidated efforts of the bar community in a democratic and transparent way with a clear balance of powers between the center and the regions.

The UNBA ensures effective operation of the bar self-government bodies based on the principles of electivity, publicity, binding nature of all decisions of the Bar self-government bodies, accountability and the prohibition of interference with the professional activity of the advocate.

In 2012 a Foundation Congress was held, which initiated the process of establishment of a single professional organization. Within five years of its activity:

- An integral system of Bar self-government bodies has been created in a democratic way.
- The legal and regulatory framework has been developed for the stable functioning of the Bar self-government and legal profession.
- From the very beginning the single professional organization has gained legitimacy and trust on the part of the bar community.



902 advocates

elected by the professional community to form the composition of the Bar self-government bodies at regional and national levels

113 bodies

of Bar self-government formed.

Number of representatives elected to the composition of the higher collegial judicial bodies of Ukraine:

Supreme Council of Justice – **3 representatives**



Qualification and Disciplinary Commission of the Public Prosecutors – **1 representative**



Higher Qualification Commission of Judges – **1 representative**



Organizational structure of the Ukrainian National Bar Association



The Congress of Advocates of Ukraine is the supreme bar self-government body

The Congress of Advocates of Ukraine is composed of the delegates elected by the Conferences of Advocates of the regions by a relative majority of votes of the delegates attending the Conference.

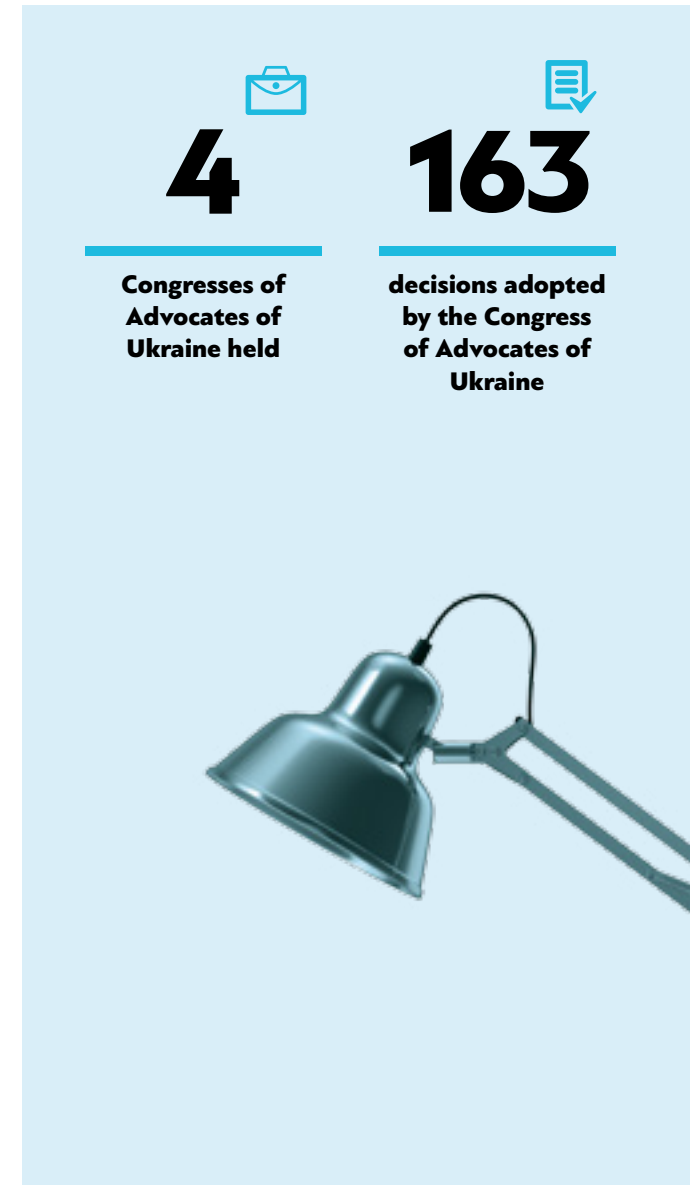
The Congress of Advocates of Ukraine is convened by the Bar Council of Ukraine no less than once every three years. The Congress of Advocates of Ukraine is convened within sixty days:

- upon the initiative of the Bar Council of Ukraine;
- upon the demand of no less than one tenth of the total number of advocates included in the Unified Register of Advocates of Ukraine
- upon the demand of no less than one third of all regional bar councils.

The Congress of Advocates of Ukraine:

- elects the chairman and deputy chairmen of the Bar Council of Ukraine, the chairman and deputy chairmen of the Higher Qualification and Disciplinary Commission of the Bar, the chairman and deputy chairmen of the Higher Audit Commission of the Bar, and early recalls them;
- approves the Statute of the Ukrainian National Bar Association and introduces amendments thereto;
- approves the Rules of Advocates' Ethics;
- approves the Regulation on the Bar Council of Ukraine, the Regulation on the Higher Qualification and Disciplinary Commission of the Bar, the Regulation on the Higher Audit Commission of the Bar;
- considers and approves reports prepared by the Bar Council of Ukraine, the Higher Qualification and Disciplinary Commission of the Bar, as well as reports of the Higher Audit Commission of the Bar;
- appoints two members of the Supreme Council of Justice;
- approves the budget of the Bar Council of Ukraine, the budget of the Higher Qualification and Disciplinary Commission of the Bar, and the report on the implementation thereof.

The Congress of Advocates of Ukraine may adopt a decision on the payment by advocates of annual contributions in order to ensure the operation of the bar self-government, and may determine the ways of using them and the liability for failure to pay such contributions.



Bar Council of Ukraine

The Bar Council of Ukraine performs functions of the bar self-government during the period in-between the Congresses of Advocates of Ukraine.

The Bar Council of Ukraine consists of thirty members: one representative from each region, the President and Vice-President. The Bar Council of Ukraine is controlled by and accountable to the Congress of Advocates of Ukraine.

The Bar Council of Ukraine:

- ensures convocation and conduct of the Congress of Advocates of Ukraine;
- ensures maintenance of the Unified Register of Advocates of Ukraine, exercises control over the activities of the regional bar councils as regards inclusion of information into the Unified Register of Advocates of Ukraine and provision of excerpts therefrom;
- approves the Rules of Procedure of the Conference of Advocates of the region, the Regulation on the Regional Bar Council, the Regulation on the Qualification and Disciplinary Commission of the Bar, the Regulation on the Regional Audit Commission of the Bar, the Regulation on the Commission for the Assessment of Quality, Completeness and Timeliness of Legal Aid Provision by Advocates;
- determines the amount of and procedure for the payment of advocates' annual contributions for ensuring the operation of the bar self-government, manages distribution and use of the contributions (provided that the Congress of Advocates of Ukraine adopted a decision on payment of advocates' annual contributions for ensuring the operation of the bar self-government, and determined the ways of using them);
- determines the amount of deductions from the qualification and disciplinary commissions of the bar to ensure operation of the Higher Qualification and Disciplinary Commission of the Bar;
- promotes operation of regional bar councils, coordinates their operation;
- assists in ensuring guarantees of practice of law, protection of professional and social rights of advocates.



Higher Qualification and Disciplinary Commission of the Bar

The Higher Qualification and Disciplinary Commission of the Bar is a collegial body whose task is to consider complaints against the decisions, actions or omissions of the qualification and disciplinary commissions of the bar. The Higher Qualification and Disciplinary Commission of the Bar is controlled by and accountable to the Congress of Advocates of Ukraine and the Bar Council of Ukraine.

The Higher Qualification and Disciplinary Commission of the Bar consists of thirty members: one representative from each region, the chairman and two deputy chairmen elected by voting of the Congress of Advocates of Ukraine.

The Higher Qualification and Disciplinary Commission of the Bar:

- examines complaints against decisions, actions or omissions of the qualification and disciplinary commissions of the bar;
- generalizes the disciplinary practice of the qualification and disciplinary commissions of the bar;

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meetings held

1139



decisions adopted on
complaints reviewed

4313



complaints reviewed

44



resolutions adopted

HQDCB statistical reporting for the period from December 2012 till September 2017

Higher Audit Commission of the Bar (HACB)

The Higher Audit Commission of the Bar is responsible for exercising control over financial and economic activities of the Ukrainian National Bar Association, its bodies, regional bar councils, the Bar Council of Ukraine, the qualification and disciplinary commissions of the bar, the Higher Qualification and Disciplinary Commission of the Bar, as well as over operation of the regional bar audit commissions. The Higher Audit Commission of the Bar is controlled by and accountable to the Congress of Advocates of Ukraine.

Higher Audit Commission of the Bar oversees compliance of Bar self-government with the requirements of the effective legislation of Ukraine, namely:

- Tax Code of Ukraine;
- Paragraph 4 of Article 58 of the Law of Ukraine “On the Bar and Practice of Law”;
- Chapter IV of the Law of Ukraine “On Accounting and Financial Reporting in Ukraine”;
- Procedure for making public the financial statements of the bar self-government bodies, approved by the Decision of the Bar Council of Ukraine No. 253 dated December 17, 2013;

The UNBA, BCU Secretariat annually publishes the consolidated financial statements of the bar self-government bodies.

All financial statements of the bar self-government bodies are available on the UNBA’s official web-site. Advocates and general public can conveniently and freely get acquainted with information provided.

Between 2012 to 2017 the HACB has audited the UNBA 4 times; no violations and abuses were found.

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**meetings of Higher Audit
Commission of the Bar held**

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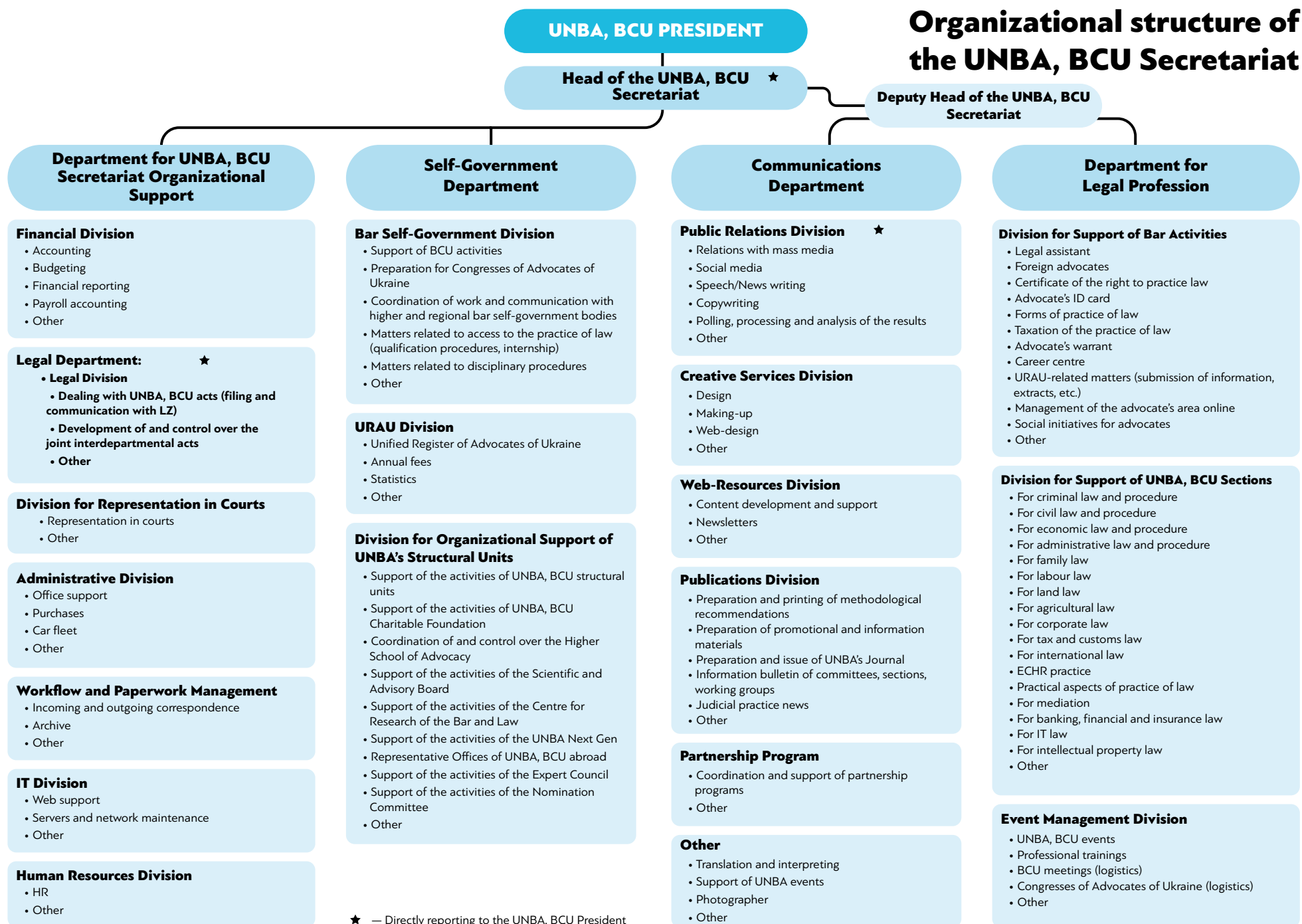


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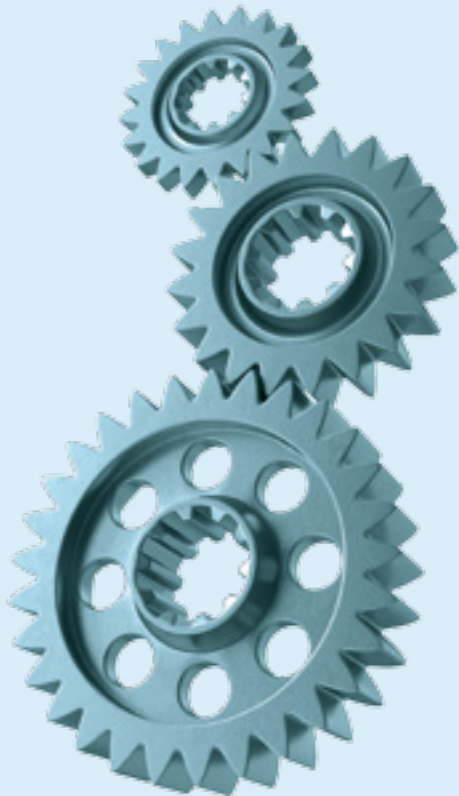
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**opinions on bar self-government
bodies adopted**



There are 14 UNBA committees



- **Committee on Protection of Advocates' Professional Rights and Guarantees**
- **Committee on International Relations**
- **Committee on Advocates' Professional Conduct**
- **Committee on the UNBA Strategic Development and Priorities of its Activities**
- **Committee on Legislative Initiatives on the Bar**
- **Committee on Protection of Human Rights**
- **Committee on Medical and Pharmaceutical Law and Bioethics**
- **Committee on Information Policy and Information Security**
- **Committee on Coordination of Legal Aid to Participants of Anti-Terrorist Operation, their Families and Internally Displaced Persons**
- **Committee on Legal Aid**
- **Committee on Expert Support of Practice of Law**
- **Committee on Ukrainian Bar Approximation to European Legal Standards**
- **Committee on Mediation**
- **Committee on Physical Training and Sports**



III. BAR INDEPENDENCE VIA SELF-GOVERNMENT STRENGTHENING

The independence of legal profession and its self-government are recognized by the Council of Europe Recommendations of October 25, 2000 and the UN Basic Principles on the Role of Lawyers (December 14, 1990). The Charter of Core Principles of the European Legal Profession and the Code of Conduct for European Lawyers, recognize the independence of legal profession and its self-governance as key values.

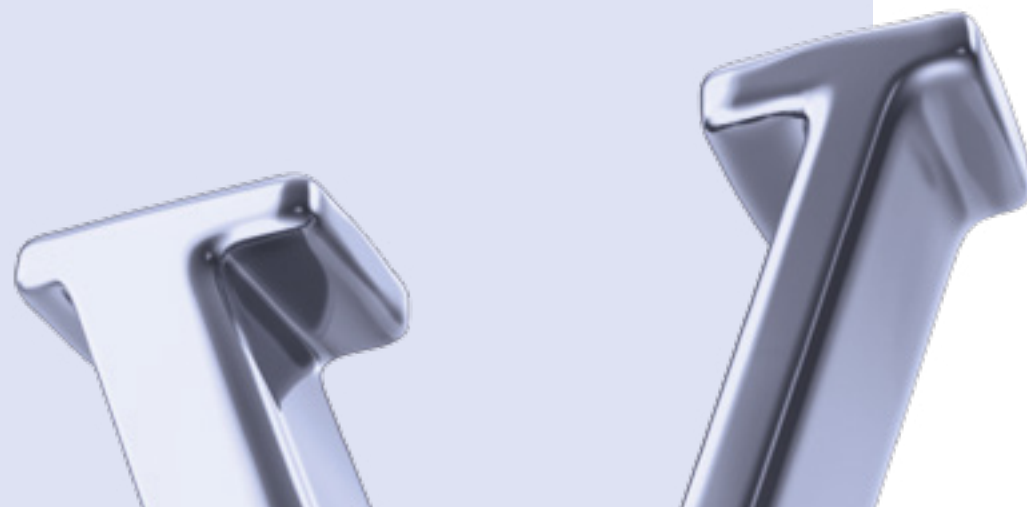
The protection from any and all attempts on the part of a state to interfere with the bar regulation and the activities of advocates is one of the main priorities of the UNBA.

The self-regulation and independence of the bar institute are ensured by:

- Granting each advocate the right to elect and be elected to the bar self-government bodies at a regional or national level. Only advocates may be elected to the composition of the bar self-government bodies. To be elected to the bar self-government body the advocate shall have 5 years of work experience and be incorporated to the URAU.
- Establishment of regional bar self-government bodies as separate legal entities with a separate budget and a full range of powers. The UNBA does not interfere with the activities of regional bar self-government bodies and the professional activities of advocates.
- Granting the bar an exclusive right to establish qualification requirements for entry into a legal profession, determining the

procedure for the development of professional qualifications and the application of disciplinary procedures in relation to practicing advocates. The practical realization of these powers is entrusted with the QDCBs and the HQDCB.

- **Adoption of the Rules of Advocates' Ethics is the exclusive competence of the Congress of Advocates of Ukraine.**
- **Maintenance of the Unified Register of Advocates of Ukraine is the exclusive authority of the Bar Council of Ukraine.**
- **Obligatory nature of all decisions of the bar self-government bodies for all advocates.**
- **Self-financing of the bar self-government system at the expense of annual contributions.**



IV. PROTECTION FOR EVERY ADVOCATE



Violation of the advocates' professional rights and guarantees

is one of the biggest challenges for the UNBA as an organization and for the development of an independent European Bar in Ukraine.

In 2013 UNBA established the Committee on Protection of Advocates' Professional Rights and Guarantees, which, in particular, deals with individual cases of violations of advocates' rights. The UNBA regularly appeals to the leadership of the state, the law enforcement agencies and international organizations both concerning particular cases of violations and concerning the attempts to restrict the rights of the bar as a constitutional institution.

The issue of protection of the advocates' rights is a matter of concern for both public and international community.

A hotline is open for a round-the-clock response to violations of the advocates' rights.

Legal Alarm Software to react against the violations of advocates' rights

The UNBA has signed an agreement on the use of Legal Alarm Software

The software provides technical ability to make remote call to report unlawful acts against the advocate and get legal aid in this situation. The application also sends geolocation data to be used when determining the location of an advocate, who requires help.

The Legal Alarm application is available to the UNBA members at no cost.



Protection for every advocate

51



events organized by the Committee on
Protection of Advocates' Professional
Rights and Guarantees in 2013-2017

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2013

2014

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appeals concerning violations of advocates'
rights received in 2013-2017

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2013

2014

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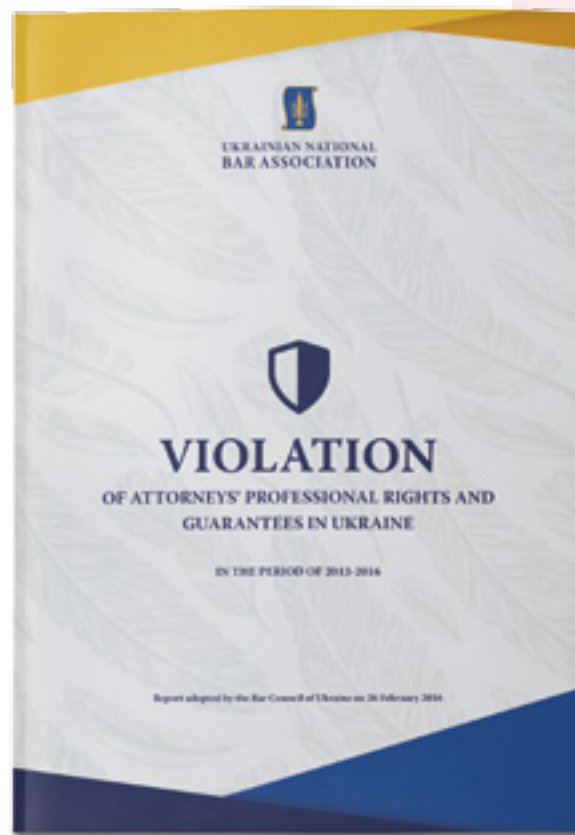
At the beginning of 2016 the UNBA has for the first time prepared the Report on Violations of the Advocates' Rights and Guarantees to Practice Law,

which analyzed and summarized the statistics of violations of professional rights starting from 2013, with indicators of the number of murders and assassination attempts against the advocates, criminal prosecution, physical harassment, threats, destruction of property, searches, covert investigative actions and interrogations of the advocates in cases where the advocate acted as a defender. The Report was published in two languages: Ukrainian and English, and forwarded to all law enforcement agencies, the President of Ukraine and European organizations for protection of human rights.

The Report also contains the main conclusions and recommendations of UNBA for the effective elimination of violations of professional rights and guarantees of the advocates, and, as a result, for the strengthening of the protection of human rights and the rule of law in Ukraine. The Report was printed in Ukrainian and English.

In 2017 the Committee on Protection of Advocates' Professional Rights and Guarantees has published an Analytical Report "On the State of Observance of Guarantees to Practice Law in Ukraine", which presented systematic information on typical violations and gave specific examples and recommendations to remedy the situation.

In November 2016, the Committee set up a round-the-clock operation of hotline and "hot button" as the mobile application for prompt notification by the advocates of the Committee's duty personnel about violation of their professional rights. As a result of cooperation with the regional bar councils, a responsible person at each RBC was identified, who would receive an information on the commission of various offenses against the advocates for taking further actions on the basis of territorial jurisdiction in all Ukrainian cities. The corresponding statistics of violations is being collected.



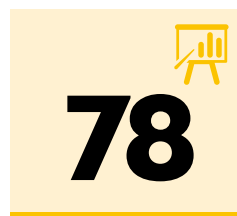


V. WIDE OPPORTUNITIES FOR ADVOCATES' PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

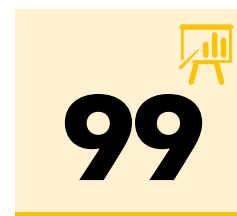
UNBA conducts systemic continuous legal education of advocates in organizational, normative and expert fields, which are entrusted with the special UNBA Department. According to the Memorandum with the Council of Bars and Law Societies of Europe, a mutual recognition of qualification events in European countries was agreed.

UNBA supports the publication of methodological literature and researches on the bar history, which are supervised by the UNBA Centre for Research on the Bar and Law. The Committees, which are specifically engaged in specific areas of the bar development, the Higher School of Advocacy, and a network of representative offices abroad were established. Each advocate has an opportunity to realize himself as a professional, as well as to contribute to the activities of any of the listed above structures.

Advancement and advocacy training (2012-2017)



seminars and
trainings conducted
by UNBA



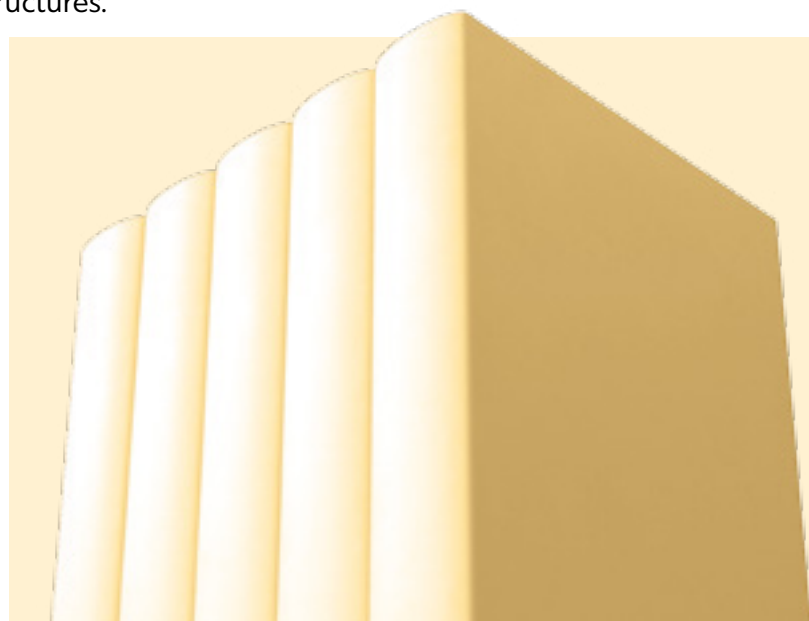
seminars and
trainings conducted
jointly with other
organizations



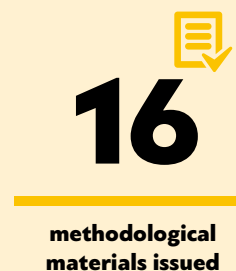
advocates
participated



advance training
certificates issued



The Expert Council on Accreditation and Certification ensures high quality of continuous legal education events, organized for the advocates





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HISTORY OF UKRAINIAN BAR

From the Roman tradition to contemporary model of self-governmenance

- The formation of the legal system, and, accordingly, of the bar (as we understand the meaning of this term today) in the territory of modern Ukraine began with the foundation of cities of the Northern Black Sea states as the bearers of Roman legal tradition in the VII-V centuries B.C. and the mighty Ukrainian state in the end of IX - the middle of XIII century – the Kievan Rus.
- **XVI-XVIII centuries** – the formation of the Ukrainian-style law, traditions of advocates' practice and Ukrainian dynasties of advocates.
- **XIX-XX centuries** – the Advocates' Era period. The Ukrainian advocates are the leaders of Ukrainian society, educators, public figures, economists, philanthropists, cooperative members, politicians, parliamentarians, state officials.

Journey into the history

1917-1920s of XX century – the period of national liberation struggle of the Ukrainian people for independence. Ukrainian advocates are presidents, heads of government, ministers, city mayors, parliamentarians, etc. These were the advocates who made a decisive contribution to the proclamation of the Unification Act on January 22, 1919, and the unification of Ukrainian lands into a single united state.



Advocate

Yevhen Petrushevych

03.06.1863 — 29.08.1940

President of the Western Ukrainian National Republic



Advocate

Kost Levytskyi

18.11.1859 — 12.11.1941

Prime Minister and Minister of Finance of the Western Ukrainian National Republic



Advocate

Sydir Holubovych

06.03.1873 — 12.01.1938

Second Prime Minister of the Western Ukrainian National Republic, Minister of Justice



Advocate

Andrii Livytskyi

09.04.1879 — 17.01.1954

President of the Ukrainian People's Republic in exile



Advocate

Stepan Vytvytskyi

13.03.1884 — 09.10.1965

President of Ukraine in exile



Advocate

Stepan Baran

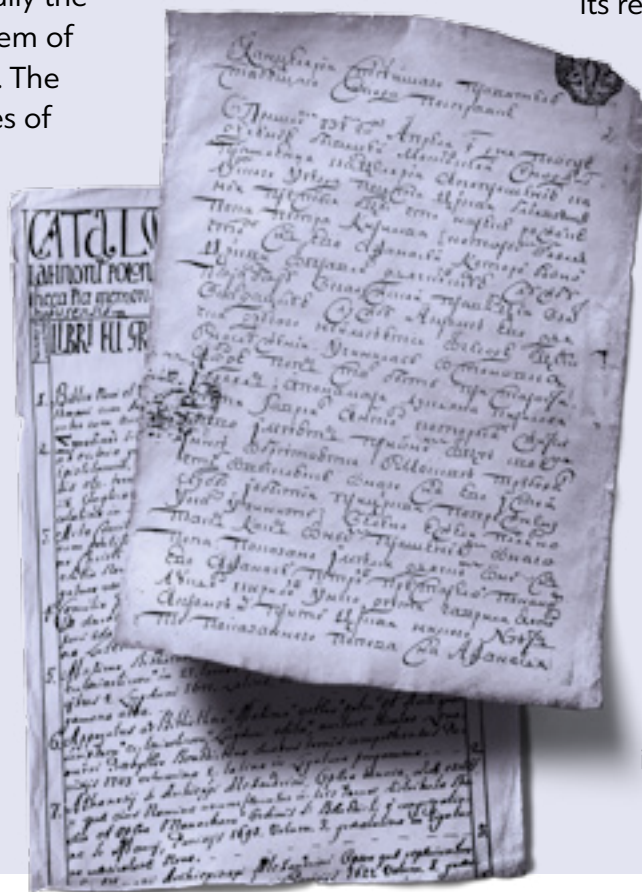
25.01.1879 — 04.07.1953

Prime Minister of the Ukrainian People's Republic in exile

Journey into the history

Journey into the history

- **1918** – the first attempt to establish a professional organization of Ukrainian advocates that, due to political circumstances and the loss of Ukrainian statehood, has failed to be implemented.
- **1923** – the establishment of the Union of Ukrainian Advocates in Lviv that was actually the second attempt to create a system of the bar self-government bodies. The organization united all advocates of Eastern Galicia (which was under the jurisdiction of Poland), had a well-regulated structure, its own rules of advocates' ethics and its own journal, and was, in fact, a prototype of the bar self-government bodies, but only lasted until the Second World War.
- **1945-1992** – the period of Soviet bar, characterized by the insecurity and vulnerability of advocates, the restriction of their rights, the lack of full-scale functioning of the bar institute.



Struggle for the independence of the bar institute since the declaration of independence of Ukraine

- **1992** – the Law “On the Bar” was adopted, regulating the advocate’s status only, while the advocate’s activity was regulated by the state.
- **1995** – the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe in its recommendations on the Ukraine’s accession to the Council of Europe recommended establishing bar association at the national level.
- By **2012** at least 5 draft laws on the bar and practice of law were registered by the Verkhovna Rada, however, all of them were rejected.
- **July 5, 2012** – the Law of Ukraine “On the Bar and Practice of Law” No. 5076-VI was adopted as developed according to the PACE recommendations and the opinion of the Venice Commission. The establishment of a single professional bar organization – the Ukrainian National Bar Association – was in line with the requirements for further signing of the EU-Ukraine Association Agreement. The Law stipulates that the Ukrainian bar is a non-government self-governing institute that ensures the protection, representation and other types of legal aid on a professional basis, as well as independently solves the issues related to its organization and professional activities.



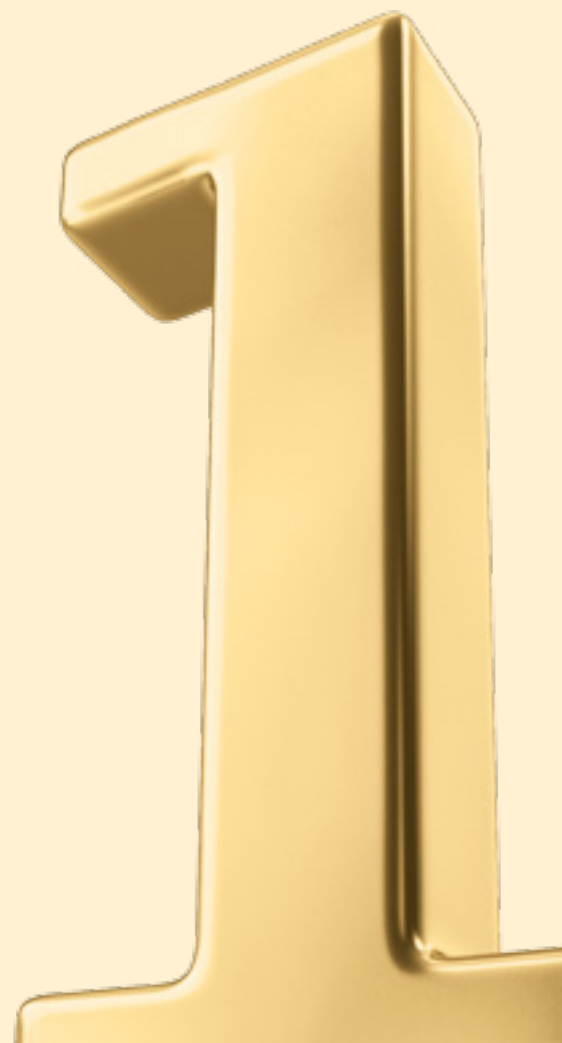
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2012	26
2013	28
2014	37
2015.....	39
2016.....	42
2017	46

On July 5, 2012 the Law of Ukraine “On the Bar and Practice of Law” No. 5076-VI was adopted as developed according to the PACE recommendations and the opinion of the Venice Commission. Ukraine has thereby fulfilled one of its major commitments to join the Council of Europe, the need for implementation of which has been repeatedly emphasized in the resolutions of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe, in particular, in paragraph 10 of Resolution 1346 (2003) of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe “Implementation of its Duties and Obligations by Ukraine” dated September 29, 2003; and in subparagraph 7.3.6 of paragraph 7.3 of Resolution 1755 (2010) of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe “Functioning of Democratic Institutions in Ukraine” dated October 4, 2010. The establishment of a single professional bar organization – the Ukrainian National Bar Association – was in line with the requirements for further signing of the EU-Ukraine Association Agreement.

The Law stipulates that the Ukrainian bar is a non-government self-governing institute that ensures the protection, representation and other types of legal aid on a professional basis, as well as independently solves the issues related to its organization and professional activities.

Pursuant to this Law, for the first time in the modern history of Ukraine, an independent system of bar self-government bodies was built, consisting of advocates only.





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BAR ASSOCIATION

On November 17, 2012 **the Ukrainian National Bar** **Association was founded,** **which united all bar self-** **government bodies**

27 Foundation Conferences of Advocates of regions:

- formed the personal composition of the regional bar councils and regional qualification and disciplinary commissions of the bar.
- formed the personal composition of the regional audit commissions of the bar.
- elected the representatives of regions to the Bar Council of Ukraine and the Higher Qualification and Disciplinary Commission of the Bar.

The Foundation Congress of Advocates of Ukraine:

- elected the UNBA, BCU, HQDCB and HACB leadership.
- adopted the Rules of Advocates' Ethics.
- adopted the Procedure for keeping the Unified Register of Advocates of Ukraine.
- determined the amount of the annual advocates' contributions and the procedure for their payment.
- set up the official BCU web-site.
- adopted the Regulation on the Advocate's Warrant for Provision of Legal Aid.

2013

Established:

UNBA Secretariat is a permanent body responsible for ensuring statutory activities of the Ukrainian National Bar Association, as well as the functions of the Bar Council of Ukraine. The Secretariat's key responsibilities include organizational, expert and analytical, legal, informational, material and technical support of activities of the Ukrainian National Bar Association and the Bar Council of Ukraine, as well as preparation and organization of Congresses of Advocates of Ukraine. The Secretariat ensures interaction between the BCU, the UNBA President and Vice-President with the bar self-government bodies, local, national and international bar associations, law firms, law offices and advocates, public bodies, bodies of local self-government and their officials, citizen associations, enterprises, institutions, organizations and private individuals.



Created:

Unified Register of Advocates of Ukraine (URAU)

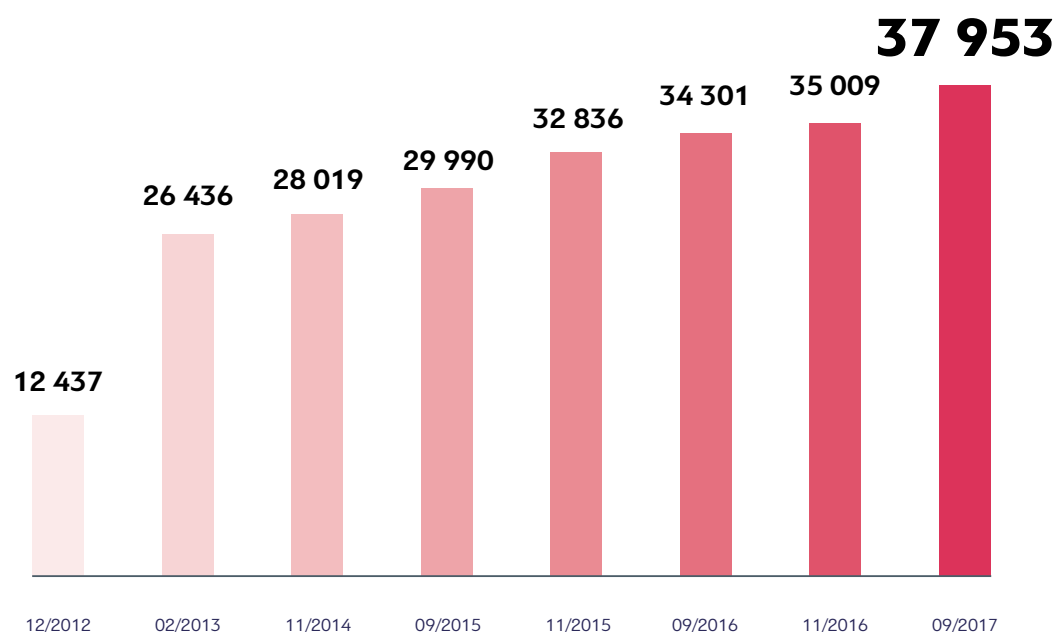
URAU is an electronic database containing information about:

- the number and names of Ukrainian advocates;
- foreign advocates licensed to practice law in Ukraine;
- organizational forms of practicing law chosen by advocates.

During the years of UNBA functioning (2012- 2017), the number of advocates has tripled

- Availability of information in the URAU is mandatory for the advocate's participation in criminal proceedings;
- Data is stored on dedicated servers with backup;
- Electronic copies of all documents are kept;
- There is a two-tier principle of entering and monitoring information that excludes any manipulation and abuse; 23 first level administrators* introduce information to the Register at the regional level;
- 3 second level administrators* check and approve data at the central level;
- UNBA conducts trainings for the URAU administrators.

*Due to the ATO on the territory of Donetsk and Luhansk Regions and the annexation of the Crimea, the information about the advocates of these regions is introduced into the URAU by the second level administrators.



Established:

UNBA Scientific and Advisory Board is a standing consultative and advisory body whose task is to develop scientifically substantiated recommendations on issues related to:

- acquisition of the right to practice law, organizational forms of practice of law;
- types of practice of law, advocates' rights and obligations, professional guarantees;
- suspension and termination of the right to practice law;
- advocates' disciplinary liability;
- bar self-government and practice of law in Ukraine by foreign advocates.

The Scientific and Advisory Board aims at promoting the strengthening and development of the bar institute in Ukraine. The Scientific and Advisory Board tasks also include identification of priority areas of research in the field of the bar and practice of law and promotion of advocates' continuous training.

Established:

Centre for Research on the Bar and Law.

The Centre cooperates with scientific centers, research institutions, higher educational establishments, secondary education schools, lyceums, gymnasiums, law and public organizations in Ukraine and abroad. From the moment of its establishment the Centre:

6 

books on Ukrainian Bar and its history published

8 

books are prepared for publishing

10 

scientific events held

17 

scientific researches conducted and approbations of scientific results made

1 

secondary education school was named after the advocate
(Rakovets secondary school of I-II degrees named after advocate Borys Kozubskyi), in Rakovets Village, Zbarazh District, Ternopil Region

5 

education programs for secondary and higher educational institutions developed

10 

scientific events held

12 

series of radio programs "Bar in the history of Ukraine" broadcasted

32 

partners among higher and secondary educational institutions of Ukraine and Poland, state bodies, archives and museums

Established:**UNBA Methodological Board****Established:****UNBA Expert Council on Accreditation and Certification on issues related to advocates' continuous legal education**

is the UNBA standing collegial body acting with the aim of organizational and methodological support of accreditation of advocates' training events and organizers of such events, certification of persons admitted to participation in such events as speakers, lecturers, trainers or experts, and adoption of decisions on accreditations and certifications. The Expert Council coordinates the work of regional bar councils concerning the continuous legal education of advocates; conducts advanced training events for advocates together with the Bar Council of Ukraine, the regional bar councils, Higher Qualification and Disciplinary Commission of the Bar, regional qualification and disciplinary commissions of the bar and regional training centres for advocates; establishes the procedure and forms of advocates' continuous legal education. The Expert Council also provides guidelines and accreditation standards for the development by the higher education institutions of III and VI levels of the state accreditation of professional training programs for advocates and accreditation of such programs.

Following the results of accreditation or certification the Expert Council issues appropriate certificates to organizers of training events for advocates and persons admitted to participation in such events as speakers, lecturers, trainers or experts.

Established:

Committee on Protection of Advocates' Professional Rights and Guarantees

is the first of the 14 Committees established at the UNBA. It was formed in response to the growing threats to the observance of legitimate advocates' professional rights and guarantees to provide the necessary conditions for effective and high-quality performance by advocates of their professional duties.



The Committee's main tasks are as follows:

- creation and regular improvement of measures necessary for a rapid response to violation of advocates' professional rights, interests and guarantees to practice law;
- consideration of advocates' requests relating to the activities of the Committee;
- representation of advocates in law enforcement authorities, governmental agencies, enterprises, institutions and organizations, courts and public associations;
- taking measures aimed at elimination by the State agencies, local authorities and other entities of violations of advocates' professional rights and guarantees; making proposals concerning elimination of detected violations and shortcomings and bringing to justice those officials responsible for such violations;
- conducting explanatory work among the Bar community concerning methods and practice of protection of advocates' professional rights and guarantees;
- analysis of the observance of law by the law enforcement agencies during the investigations concerning advocates;
- participation in the development and implementation of measures conducted in cooperation with law enforcement authorities for the protection of life, health, honour, dignity and property of advocates and their family members from criminal attacks and other illegal actions;
- ensuring the development of international cooperation in the area of protection of advocates' rights in the part of prevention and combating offenses related to practice of law.

Established:

Committee on International Relations is the UNBA standing collegial advisory body, whose activities are aimed at developing international contacts of the Ukrainian bar and forming its positive image in the world. The main tasks of the Committee include the development and maintenance of relations between the Ukrainian National Bar Association and international organizations, as well as the bars of other countries. The Committee is tasked with the operational management of the UNBA's international activities, the development and coordination of the network of UNBA representative offices abroad.

By virtue of the Committee's efforts the UNBA joined key international professional bar organizations, namely, the Council of Bars and Law Societies of Europe (CCBE), the International Bar Association (IBA) and the International Union of Lawyers (Union Internationale des Avocats, UIA). The development of relations with the affiliate organizations abroad gave the possibility not only to study the best practices of bar organization, but also provided broad international support in defense of advocates' rights in Ukraine. Both in individual cases of violations and in cases of systemic changes that threaten the independence of the legal profession, the UNBA receives a reliable support tool, namely, the intervention letters from the international professional organizations addressed to the leadership of the Ukrainian state.

The UNBA and its Committee on International Relations carry on negotiations with the Department of Consular Service of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Ukraine concerning the signing of the Memorandum, aiming, in particular, to promote the practical implementation of consular protection of rights and legal interests of the citizens of Ukraine, to assist in research, development and dissemination of information aimed at improving the general awareness of the law of a particular foreign country, to provide help, consultative and methodological assistance in obtaining information on the peculiarities of law of the other countries, and assist in the exercise of the right of our citizens to apply to the competent authorities of the host country, etc.



Approved:

- **Memorandum of Cooperation between UNBA and the Ministry of Justice of Ukraine for the provision of legal aid** – the document that laid down the foundation for UNBA involvement in the legal aid system reforming in Ukraine. As a result of the joint efforts of the UNBA Committee on Legal Aid, the Coordination Center for Legal Aid Provision and the public sector, in 2017 the Bar Council of Ukraine approved new Quality Standards for Provision of Secondary Legal Aid in Civil and Administrative Proceedings and Representation in Criminal Proceeding. As part of the reform, the discriminatory conditions for the involvement of advocates in the LA system were abolished. The competition for advocates is replaced with an interview. The advocates' rights and guarantees to practice law have been strengthened. Starting from 2018 the cost of legal aid provided will double.
- **Procedure for ensuring advocates' activities and protection of the advocates' professional and social rights.**
- **Procedure for continuous legal education of Ukrainian lawyers.**

- **Procedure for inclusion of foreign advocates in the URAU** – the system of admission of foreign advocates to the practice of law in the territory of Ukraine was introduced to implement the recommendations of the European experts of the Joint Program of the European Union and the Council of Europe "Transparency and Efficiency of the Judicial System of Ukraine" (Expert Opinion on the Draft Law of Ukraine "On the Bar" of October 13, 2009), as well as the Venice Commission and the Human Rights Directorate as part of the Directorate General for Human Rights and Rule of Law of the Council of Europe (Joint Opinion on the Draft Law of Ukraine "On the Bar and Practice of Law" No. 632/2011 of October 18, 2011).
- Internship program.
- Procedure for publishing the financial reports of the bar self-government bodies.
- Procedure for receiving certificate of right to practice law.
- Branding of the Ukrainian National Bar Association.
- UNBA's incentive awards and prizes.
- Sample form of the certificate of the right to practice law.

Conducted:

8 meetings of the Bar Council of Ukraine

Official web-site:

200 thousand



visitors for the last year

Facebook:

24 thousand



persons are viewing posts on Facebook page per week

YouTube:

150 videos



on official channel

UNBA official web-site and the Journal of the Ukrainian National Bar Association – The decisions taken by the Bar Council of Ukraine on development of the main UNBA's information platforms ensure and guarantee the principle of openness and transparency of the activities of the bar self-government bodies.

1,5 million



views per year (on average)

4000



persons are viewing post per week

330 thousand



views

13 thousand



subscribers for e-mail newsletters

6



information events in 2016

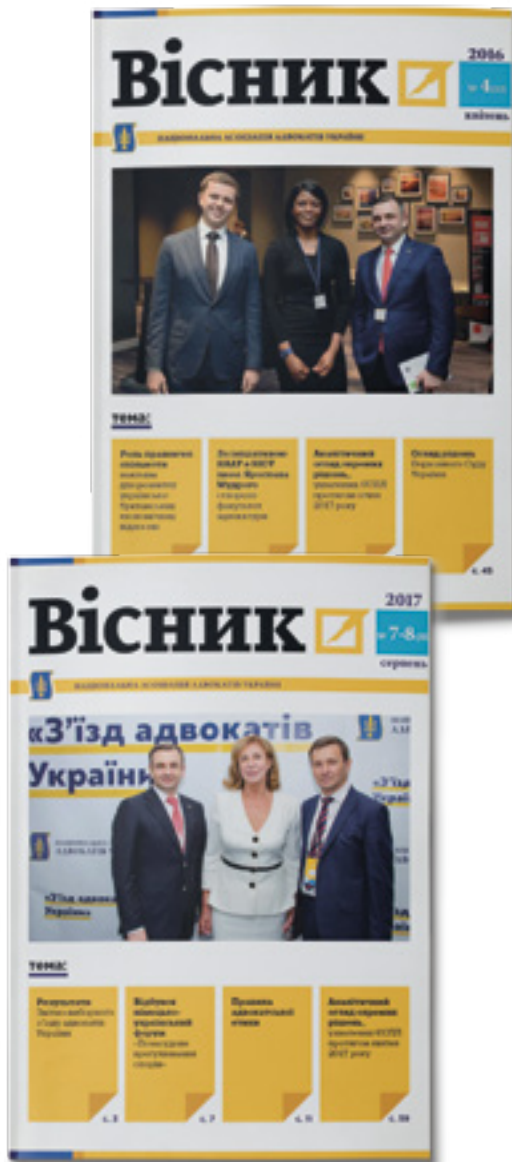
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information events in 2017



2013



Within these 5 years:

39

issues



with up to

96

pages in each issue



having a run of

4,6 thousand

copies each



- UNBA conducts press conferences and round-table discussions, actively cooperates with law, national and regional mass media;
- holds open meetings of all bar self-government bodies;
- promptly responds to media queries, appeals from advocates and citizens. By using its official online resources UNBA informs about the activities of the bar self-government bodies, the possibility to participate in the bar activities;
- publishes statistical reports on the activity of the bar self-government bodies of all levels;
- maintains an open online database of the BCU-adopted regulations;
- maintains the Unified Register of Advocates of Ukraine accessible to all Internet users;
- annually publishes its financial statements;
- publishes advocates' opinions;
- represents the official position of the bar in the form of open appeals and statements. In 2015-2016 UNBA released 8 thematic reports and 4 annual reports on its financial performance. Further expansion of communication channels and information capabilities is aimed at developing interactive interaction with the audience (surveys, webinars, online registration for events) and better involvement of advocates in the UNBA's information activities.



Conducted:

III Congress of Advocates of Ukraine

- **By its decision the Congress of Advocates has elected additionally members of Higher Audit Commission of the Bar**
- **The representative of the bar to the Higher Qualification and Disciplinary Commission of the Public Prosecutors was elected**
- **By the decision of the extraordinary Congress of Advocates the consolidated version of the amended draft Law of Ukraine “On the Bar and Practice of Law” was approved. Later on the text received positive feedback from the Council of Europe experts and was submitted to the Ministry of Justice as the unified position of the Ukrainian Bar regarding further reform of the relevant legislation.**

Established:

- **Committee on the UNBA Strategic Development and Priorities of its Activities** – The Committee aims to promote advocates’ professional development, to present the priority areas of the single professional bar organization in Ukraine and to raise the role of the bar in the Ukrainian and international societies. The Committee has actively participated in the process of preparation of UNBA’s Development Strategy by 2020.
- **Committee on Advocates’ Professional Conduct** – The main principle of the Committee’s functioning is the principle of mediation between the parties to the conflict/problem. The Committee provides clarification and draws attention to the issues of the application of the Rules of Advocate’s Ethics, exercises certain control over the observance of the professional code of conduct, advises on the assessment of the advocates’ behavior in disputed situations related to the application of the Rules. Committee members participate in the CLE seminars, organized by the UNBA. New lecture programs and electronic presentations for more comfortable visual perception of lectures have been developed. Starting from 2016 the meetings of Committee members with regional bar self-government bodies are conducted to discuss relevant issues of professional ethics.
- **Committee on Coordination of Legal Aid to Participants of Anti-Terrorist Operation, their Families and Internally Displaced Persons**
- **Charitable Foundation of Assistance to Advocates**


26

advocates provided with
assistance needed


> 130 thousand Hryvnias

total amount of financial assistance

The Ukrainian National Bar Association, as a non-profit organization, has no right to distribute (allocate) its funds among its members, as well as to provide financial assistance to advocates. The budget of charitable foundation is formed solely at the expense of donors and philanthropists.

2014

Ukrainian advocates become eligible to be admitted as Solicitors of England and Wales

upon successfully passing the QLTS exam. At the request of UNBA, the British Solicitors Regulation Authority (SRA) has included Ukraine in the list of jurisdictions that satisfy requirements of the Qualified Lawyers Transfer Scheme (QLTS) in other jurisdictions. This QLTS scheme has opened the legal market of England for Ukrainian advocates. SRA is the self-governing organization of solicitors in England and Wales, which is responsible for regulating the professional conduct of more than 125 000 solicitors and other authorized persons in more than 11 000 firms, as well as of corporate lawyers in the private and public sectors. The QLTS is a series of tests for the license to practice as solicitor in England and Wales designed for foreign licensed advocates, developed as a shorter way to obtain a solicitor qualification in such jurisdictions as compared to the standard procedure. The QLTS scheme ensures that an advocate, qualified in another jurisdiction, has the necessary level of knowledge and skills of a qualified solicitor in England and Wales.

Approved:

Memorandum of Cooperation between the UNBA and the Yaroslav Mudryi National Law University,

a document provides for a framework of cooperation for with the leading law university in Ukraine. On the UNBA's initiative and on the basis of this Memorandum a separate Faculty of Advocacy was created at the University. The first admission took place in 2017 for the Bachelor's and Master's educational programs. The educational programs at this faculty will be aimed at the in-depth study of academic disciplines related to the organization of the work of the advocates and advocates' associations, relations with public authorities, courts and bodies ensuring the rule of law, the participation of the advocate in criminal, civil, administrative and economic proceedings. Students will undertake their internship at the Ukrainian National Bar Association, the Bar Council of Kharkiv Region and other regions. Practicing advocates will be involved in the educational process through the open master classes. Within the framework of cooperation between the University and the UNBA, the opening of the history room of the Kharkiv Region bar, the introduction of a new discipline on the Bar history, the organization of annual student and teaching conferences and publication of scientific collections are envisaged.

Approved:

- Rules of Procedure of the Higher Qualification and Disciplinary Commission of the Bar
- Annual contributions to be paid by the mobilized and displaced advocates
- Procedure for issue of the duplicates and passing the exams by the advocates from Crimea, Sevastopol, Donetsk and Luhansk Regions
- Simplified procedure for passing a qualification exam (exempt from written examination) by the persons with disability due to complete loss of sight

Created:

- New UNBA's official web-portal

Conducted:

- 6 meetings of the Bar Council of Ukraine

Conducted:**III Congress of Advocates of Ukraine (2-4 stages)**

- **By its decisions the Congress of Advocates approved the personnel rotations in the Bar Council of Ukraine and the Higher Qualification and Disciplinary Commission of the Bar**
- **Elected the bar representatives to the Supreme Council of Justice and the Higher Qualification Commission of Judges**
- **Approved the application for membership in the Council of Bars and Law Societies of Europe (CCBE) and the International Bar Association, together with the consent to the application of the CCBE Rules of Professional Conduct**
- **The Congress of Advocates appealed to the President of Ukraine, the Cabinet of Ministers and the Verkhovna Rada, the Minister of Justice and international organizations concerning the problematic issues related to the legal aid**

International conference “Handyman or Professional?”

Representation by Advocates in Courts” – conference jointly organized by the Ukrainian National Bar Association with the support of three powerful organizations representing European professional legal communities, namely, the International Bar Association (IBA), the Council of Bars and Law Societies of Europe (CCBE) and the European Lawyers’ Foundation (ELF).

The UNBA has reached an agreement with the German Federal Chamber of Lawyers on the settlement of procedures for mutual access to the legal profession in Ukraine and Germany. Ukrainian advocates are now eligible to be included into the Register of German Lawyers on the basis of documents confirming the right to practice law in Ukraine and in the presence of the actual place of employment in the German law office/firm.

The advocate of a foreign state has the right to practice law in the territory of Germany exclusively on matters related to the Ukrainian legislation and international law. Such an advocate does not have the right to render legal assistance to German clients on German law matters.

Established:

- **Committee on Protection of Human Rights**
- **Committee of Legal Aid.** The purpose of the Committee is to monitor the functioning and development of the legal aid system in Ukraine, develop the amendments to the laws of Ukraine on legal aid.
- **Committee on Expert Support of Practice of Law**
- **Annual competition for the best advocate’s practice**
- **Museum of the Bar and Law**

2015



Established:

Higher School of Advocacy was founded by the decision of the Bar Council of Ukraine to carry out scientific activities, conduct trainings, advanced trainings and ensure continuous legal education of advocates. At the moment the School has 18 educational programs in:

- Criminal law and proceedings
- Civil law and proceedings
- Family law
- Expert activities
- Mediation
- Intellectual property law
- Preparation for the bar exam
- Professional (advocate's) skills
- Protection of the advocates' professional rights and guarantees

The Higher School of Advocacy (HAS) has registered its periodical prints, namely, the scientific journals "Scientific Journal of the Higher School of Advocacy of the Ukrainian National Bar Association", "Case Law of the European Court of Human Rights", and an all-Ukrainian newspaper for advocates "Newspaper for Advocates" ("Advokatska Gazeta"). The HAS also supported the publication of edition "Qualification (bar) examination" in 17 volumes, developed in collaboration with more than 50 leading scholars and practitioners from all fields of legal activity. The edition "Bar Standards" is being prepared.

Established:

UNBA representative offices in the United States of America, the Slovak Republic and the Republic of Latvia.

Approved:

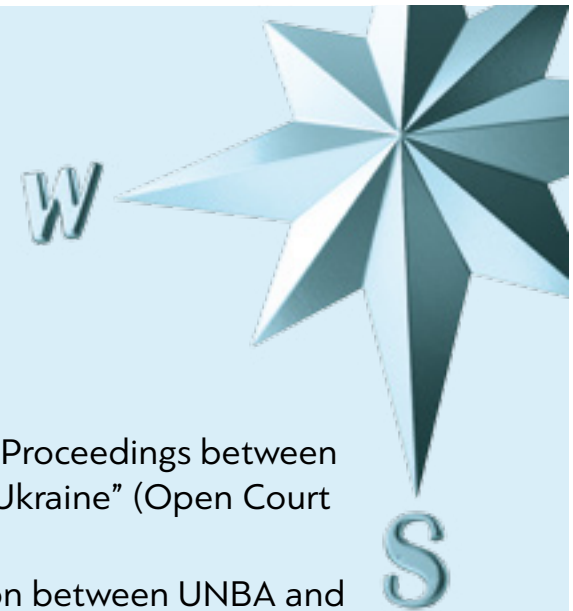
- Procedure for submission of statistical reports on the results of their activities by the bar self-government bodies
- Regulation on the advocates' assistants
- Certificate of advocate's advanced training
- Payment of the annual contributions for 2014-2015 by the advocates of Donetsk and Luhansk Regions
- Memorandum of Cooperation with the Association of Advocates of Georgia
- Memorandum of Cooperation with the Ivan Franko National University of Lviv
- Agreement on practical implementation of the provisions of the Declaration on the Protection

of Human Rights in Criminal Proceedings between the UNBA and NGO "Open Ukraine" (Open Court Project)

- Memorandum of Cooperation between UNBA and NGOs "Association of Lawyers of Ukraine", "Ukrainian Bar Association", "Human Rights Protection" and the Union of Advocates of Ukraine
- Memorandum of Cooperation between UNBA and the Institute of Jurisprudence and Psychology of the Lviv Polytechnic National University
- Memorandum of Cooperation between UNBA and the Institute of Criminal Executive Service

Conducted:

6 meetings of the Bar Council of Ukraine



Ukrainian bar fought its way through to the introduction of the exclusive right to representation in courts – on September 30, 2016 the amendments to the Constitution of Ukraine related justice came into force. As a result of judicial reform the exclusive right of advocates to representation in courts was introduced. From January 1, 2017 the advocates only will have the representative powers at the Supreme Court, from 2018 – in specialized courts and court of appeal, from 2019 this practice will spread to the courts of first instance, and from 2020 all interests of the public bodies will be represented in courts by advocates only.

This innovation for the bar, which was introduced by the constitutional amendments, is primarily in the interest of effective protection of citizens' rights. As a result of this reform, everyone will be put on an equal footing in courts and will apply to professional defenders.

The advocates' exclusive right in litigation is a principle which operates in the US and in most European countries. In many aspects, its adaptation is also the merit of the Ukrainian bar, which promoted and supported this reform and received expertise of foreign partners on the practical implementation of this principle.

The Ukrainian National Bar Association gave a positive expert opinion to the Constitutional Court regarding the said reform as an implementation of the relevant European practices. In the system of justice the exclusive advocates' right to litigation gives the Ukrainian bar the status equal to the one of the bars of the old European countries. Moreover, Ukraine outran many countries in the Eastern Europe and the CIS with this reform.

The UNBA's European partners, especially the Council of Bars and Law Societies of Europe, have favorably rated this reform in Ukraine.

This success of the Ukrainian bar inspires our international partners' confidence in us. These are these effective efforts that strengthen our reputation in Europe as a young, ambitious and efficient organization and motivate Europeans for further practical support of our reforms.



Ukrainian National Bar Association became an observer member of the Council of Bars and Law Societies of Europe (CCBE)

- The CCBE is an international non-profit organization founded in 1960. It is the “voice of the legal profession”, which speaks on behalf of more than 1 million European advocates and bar associations of 45 countries. Ukraine became the 11th observer member of the CCBE.
- The CCBE is a recognized representative of the bar in relations with the EU institutions, Council of Europe and international organizations worldwide. Through its cooperation with the European Parliament and European Commission, the organization has influence on the development of legislation on the bar, criminal and corporate legislation; it provides information on changes in procedures before the European Court of Justice and the European Court of Human Rights.

Benefits of membership in the CCBE:

- Advanced international tools
- Protection of professional rights
- Enhanced expert support for the bar reform
- More opportunities for learning and sharing experience as related to the bar activities and self-government
- Expansion of contacts with colleagues across the Europe



Established:

- **Committee on Legislative Initiatives on the Bar**
- **Committee on Mediation**
- **Committee on Physical Training and Sports**

UNBA's representative offices began their work in the Republic of Cyprus, Republic of France, Hungary, Russian Federation, Republic of Poland, Republic of Turkey, Kingdom of Spain, the United Arab Emirates, Australia, the United Mexican States and the Italian Republic.

2016

Approved:

UNBA's Annual Report for 2015 – the first full report on the activities of the whole system of the bar self-government bodies. The information graphics present statistical information, financial reporting, peculiarities of functioning and dynamics of changes in the URAU, the scope of work on the continuous legal education of advocates. The document is printed in Ukrainian and English languages.

Report on Violation of the Advocates' Rights in 2012-2016 consolidates information about numerous violations of the professional rights and guarantees of advocates, threatening the observance of the right to a fair trial in Ukraine. The

defense and rights to a fair report contains the main findings and suggestions of the UNBA for the effective elimination of violations of the advocates' professional rights and guarantees and, as a result, for strengthening the protection of human rights and the rule of law in Ukraine. The Report is printed in Ukrainian and English languages.

Report on "Legal Aid

System in Ukraine: Current Problems and Recommendations for its Reform"

was released in May 2016 as a response to the systemic weaknesses of the legal aid system. The UNBA pointed to inefficiency, bureaucracy and restrictions on human rights and professional rights of the advocates. The document contains UNBA's comprehensive proposals for reforming the legal aid system in accordance with European standards.

Development Strategy of the Ukrainian National Bar Association by 2020, a document that defines the strategic aims and tasks of the UNBA, in particular:

- develop the UNBA into a strong, united and authoritative organization, whose members have wide opportunities to participate work of the bar self-government bodies at the national and regional levels;
- ensure active participation of the bar in the development of constitutional changes and implementation of judicial reform;
- improve the system of legal regulation of the advocates' professional rights and duties, as well as provide guarantees for the practice of law. Introduce effective mechanisms for bringing officials to justice for violation of the advocates' guarantees of independence;
- introduce qualitative changes into the professional development system and improve the process of the advocates' advancement;
- simplify the procedure for citizens' access to legal aid;
- promote cooperation with international professional organizations of advocates.



Introduced:

- **UNBA Partnership Program** – developed for the first time, the UNBA Partnership Program envisages business cooperation for different participants of the legal, banking and insurance market, providing with exclusive privileges of:
 - General partner of the UNBA;
 - Partner of the UNBA;
 - Partner of the UNBA section;
 - Event sponsor;
 - Partner bank;
 - Partner insurance company;
 - General partner of the Higher School of Advocacy;
 - Partner of the “Journal of the Ukrainian National Bar Association”;
 - Edition/publication sponsor.
- **National program “Perpetuation of the memory of Ukrainian advocates”**
- **Results of the qualification exams are now published on the UNBA official web-site**

Conducted:

- **9 meetings of the Bar Council of Ukraine**
- **I Ukrainian-German Forum of Lawyers**, conducted jointly by the UNBA and the German Federal Chamber of Lawyers. The event was supported by the German Foundation for International Legal Cooperation. Forum was devoted to the regulation of the legal advice market in Germany and Ukraine; the exclusive right of advocates for representation in courts; insurance of professional liability.
- **II Ukrainian-German Forum of Lawyers**, conducted jointly by the UNBA and the German Federal Chamber of Lawyers. The event was supported by the German Foundation for International Legal Cooperation. The participants discussed the particularities of access to justice in Germany and Ukraine and provision of legal aid. Particular attention was paid to the appointment of legal aid advocates in criminal proceedings.

- National Football Tournament among the Advocates – **UNBA Cup 2016** – was held. The best players became part of a team of Ukrainian advocates that have for first time represented Ukraine in the World Championship “MundiAvocat 2016”, and won the bronze cup of this international competition.

Approved:

- Revised program for taking the qualification exam;
- Regulation on forms’ samples of the Ukrainian advocate’s ID card and other official ID cards;
- Memorandum of Cooperation between the UNBA and the Ternopil Region State Archive.

Ensured:

- **The realization by the disabled advocates of their right to professional activity.** The status of technical assistant to such advocates is defined.

Reporting and Election Congress of Advocates held:

By the decisions of the Reporting and Election Congress of Advocates:

- **Lidiia Izovitova** is for the second time elected the Chairwoman of the Bar Council of Ukraine (by virtue of her position of the President of the Ukrainian National Bar Association);
- **Valentyn Gvozdiy** is for the second time elected the Deputy Chairman of the Bar Council of Ukraine;
- Report of the Bar Council of Ukraine approved;
- Report of the Higher Qualification and Disciplinary Commission of the Bar approved;
- **Liubov Krupnova** and **Andrii Misiats** are elected the Deputy Chairmen of the HQDCB;
- Opinions of the Higher Audit Commission of the Bar approved;
- **Maksym Boldin** is elected the Chairman of the HACB;
- HACB members elected;
- Amendments to the UNBA Statute introduced;
- **Revised Rules of Advocates' Ethics** approved;
- Regulation of the HQDCB amended;
- Report on utilization of budget of the Bar Council of Ukraine and the Ukrainian National Bar Association approved;
- Report on utilization of budget of the Higher Qualification and Disciplinary Commission of the Bar approved;
- Budget of the Bar Council of Ukraine and the Ukrainian National Bar Association approved;
- Budget of the Higher Qualification and Disciplinary Commission of the Bar approved.



Congress Resolutions:

- Appeal to the President of Ukraine concerning the inadmissibility of the attacks against the bar
- Resolution on the legal aid calls for system independence from the state, the abolition of discriminatory competitions for advocates, and defying clear criteria for legal aid provision to citizens
- Resolution on amendments to the Law “On the Bar and Practice of Law” calls for transparency of the bar reform and strengthening of the bar self-government, as well as of the advocates’ professional rights and guarantees. The resolution also provides for the submission of a draft law on amendments to the aforementioned law to the UNBA
- Appeal to the Verkhovna Rada not to support the draft law, which proposes to simplify access to the legal profession by the law enforcement officers

Established:

- Committee on Medical and Pharmaceutical Law and Bioethics
- Committee on Information Policy and Information Security
- Committee on Ukrainian Bar Approximation to European Legal Standards
- UNBA representative offices in the United States of America, the State of Israel, Portugal, the Czech Republic, Spain

Conducted:

- 10 meetings of the Bar Council of Ukraine
- English Law Day Forum in Kyiv, organized by the Law Society of England and Wales, the British Embassy in Ukraine, the Ukrainian National Bar Association and the British-Ukrainian Law Association
- UNBA and the Council of Bars and Law Societies of Europe (CCBE) held a joint international conference in Kyiv on “Advocates’ rights and obligations in investigative proceedings”
- National football tournament among advocates “UNBA Cup 2017” took place in Odesa with the participation of 19 regional teams.

2017 рік

Approved:

- UNBA Annual Report for 2016
- Package of BCU decisions for holding Reporting and Election Conferences of Advocates of regions to form regional bar self-government bodies for a new term
- Quality standards for provision of secondary legal aid in civil and administrative proceedings and representation in criminal proceeding. New standards will come into force after approval by the Ministry of Justice.
- Advocate's profile in the Unified Register of Advocates of Ukraine is upgraded in 2017 with new technical capabilities and now contains textual and visual information:
 - advocate's photo;
 - advertising banners;
 - advocate's experience;
 - fields of practice;
 - compliance with the requirements for advanced training;
 - ranks and awards;
 - addresses, telephone numbers and other means of communication, etc.



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1. Прізвище, ім'я та по батькові адвоката	Костюк Тетяна Романівна
2. Номер і дата наданої свідоцтва про право на заняття адвокатською діяльністю	МР-Хмельницька 188 Дата: 22.11.2004 Видано: Закарпатська область КДР/А
3. Номер і дата прийнятого рішення про відкликання свідоцтва про право на заняття адвокатською діяльністю	МР-Хмельницька 12 Дата: 29.05.2004
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7. Посада в органах адміністративного контролю	---
8. Інформація про припинення або припинення права на заняття адвокатською діяльністю	---
9. Інформація адвоката	---
10. Заступний статус адвокатської діяльності	З 2004 року
11. Категорія надання послуг	Кваліфікація (прав)
12. Підприємство кваліфікації	2015 рік - 10 балів 2016 рік - 10 балів 2017 рік - 10 балів
13. Інші відомості, пов'язані з адвокатською діяльністю	---

UNBA's mission and vision

- Promote the development and independence of the bar self-government in Ukraine.
- Promote the strengthening of the role and authority of the bar within Ukrainian society, enhancing the status of the legal profession and trust into profession from the part of Ukrainian society.
- Represent interests of the bar in relations with state authorities, local self-government, public associations and international organizations.
- Contribute to raising the level of legal culture and legal consciousness of the society.
- Encourage the involvement of the bar in the process of law-making and implementation of legal reforms.
- Defend the advocates' professional interests and ensure the guarantees for practice of law.
- Promote the improvement of the level of professional training and advancement of the advocates, as well as ensure the observance of ethical standards of the practice of law.

UNBA is a strong and authoritative professional organization, devotedly serving the advocate, legal profession and society, which has gained national and international recognition, is an effective tool for protecting the rights of citizens, a guarantor of the independent status and professional freedom of every advocate in Ukraine.

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