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DECISION No. 100

On approval of the Regulations on the peculiarities of the activities of a foreign lawyer on the territory of Ukraine

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Plavia, Lviv Region

The Bar Council of Ukraine, having considered the agenda item on the approval of the new version of the Regulations on the list of documents and the procedure for including a foreign state lawyer in the Unified Register of Advocates of Ukraine; on the consideration of the electronic appeal of P. Bondarchuk with a request to provide clarification on the professional rights of a foreign state lawyer in Ukraine and clause 4.1. of the Regulations on the list of documents and the procedure for including a foreign state lawyer in the Unified Register of Advocates of Ukraine; on the consideration of the appeal of the advocate A. Tsurkan regarding clarification on the compliance of the provisions of the Law of Ukraine 'On the Bar and the Practice of Law' and the Regulations on the list of documents and the procedure for including a foreign state lawyer in the Unified Register of Advocates of Ukraine; taking into account the proposal of the Vice President of the Bar Council of Ukraine, Gvozdyy V. A., to approve the Regulations on the peculiarities of the activities of a foreign lawyer on the territory of Ukraine, notes the following.

The legal basis for the activities of the Bar of Ukraine is the Constitution of Ukraine, the Law of Ukraine 'On the Bar and Practice of Law' (hereinafter referred to as the Law), the Rules of Professional Conduct for Advocates, and other legislative acts of Ukraine.

In accordance with Part 1 of Article 59 of the Law, a lawyer from a foreign state may practise law in Ukraine, subject to the specific provisions of the Law.

When a lawyer from a foreign state practises law in Ukraine, he or she is subject to the professional rights and obligations of the advocate, the guarantees of practice of law and the organisational forms of legal practice specified in this Law (part 6 of Article 59 of the Law), i.e. the types of legal practice, the rights and obligations of the advocate and the guarantees of practice of law specified in Articles 19-25 of the Law.

In compliance with the requirements of the Law, on 1 June 2013, by Decision No. 155 of the Bar Council of Ukraine, the Regulations on the list of documents and the procedure for including a foreign lawyer in the Unified Register of Advocates of Ukraine were approved, which defined the requirements for foreign lawyers and the list of documents to be submitted by them to obtain the right to practise law in Ukraine; the procedure for including a foreign lawyer in the Unified Register of Advocates of Ukraine; and the specifics of the status of a foreign lawyer.

At the same time, the Bar Council of Ukraine believes that in order to ensure mutual cooperation and exchange of experience between Ukrainian and foreign lawyers, harmonisation of national legislation on the legal profession with European Union law, it is necessary for the Ukrainian National Bar Association to fulfil the objectives of the Roadmap on the Rule of Law, approved by Order of the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine No. 475-r of 14 May 2025 'Certain Issues of Ensuring the Negotiation Process on Ukraine's Accession to the European Union under Cluster 1 'Fundamentals of the EU Accession Process', recognise the Regulations on the list of documents and the procedure for including a foreign state lawyer in the URAU as invalid, and to approve the Regulations on the peculiarities of the activities of a foreign lawyer on the territory of Ukraine.

The proposed new version of the Regulations has been developed taking into account the provisions of Council Directive 77/249/EEC of 22 March 1977 to facilitate the effective exercise by lawyers of freedom to provide services and Directive 98/5/ EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 16 February 1998 to facilitate practice of the profession of lawyer on a permanent basis in a Member State other than that in which the qualification was obtained.

Taking into account the above, considering the proposals of the members of the Bar Council of Ukraine, guided by Articles 55 and 57 of the Law of Ukraine 'On the Bar and Practice of Law', the Regulations on the Bar Council of Ukraine, and the Rules of Procedure of the Bar Council of Ukraine, the Bar Council of Ukraine **has decided:**

1. To recognise the Regulations on the list of documents and the procedure for including a lawyer from a foreign state in the Unified Register of Advocates of Ukraine approved by Decision No. 155 of the Bar Council of Ukraine dated 1 June 2013, as having lost its force.
2. To approve the attached Regulations on the peculiarities of the activities of a foreign lawyer on the territory of Ukraine.
3. Assign the head of the Secretariat of the Ukrainian National Bar Association (Secretariat of the Bar Council of Ukraine), Krasnyk V.V., to send responses to the applicants, taking into account this decision.
4. The Acting Secretary of the Bar Council of Ukraine shall inform advocates on the official website of the Ukrainian National Bar Association and applicants of the decision taken.

President of the Bar Council of Ukraine

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Lidiya IZOVITOVA

Acting Secretary of the Bar Council of Ukraine

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