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Dear colleagues!

Ukrainian National Bar Association annually publishes a report reflecting its activities, which is the most complete and systematic strategic document describing the state of advocacy in Ukraine.

The report traditionally contains analytical data about the work of higher and regional bodies of the Bar self-government, their financial indicators, as well as information about dynamics of changes in the Unified Register of Advocates of Ukraine.

Presenting the results of 2019, we must keep in mind the context

of the large-scale changes taking place throughout the entire country. The legal profession, as a constitutionally established institution, faced new social challenges, as well as a completely different dynamic of amendments to the national legislation and the Constitution of Ukraine. The landmark institutional reforms in the justice sector were the consequence of these challenges. The Bar faced the prospect of losing its constitutional right to exclusive representation in the courts, which was a step towards the implementation of the European standards of human rights and their protection in Ukraine.

This report demonstrates that we mounted adequate response against the attempts to limit the professional rights of advocates at the legislative level and tackled certain cases of violations of the rights of our colleagues. UNBA effectively interacted with international partners and strengthened the support of the independent and unimpeded exercise of the legal profession and Bar self-governance in Ukraine.

In the course of 2019, UNBA actively followed the trends of information transparency and digitalization, which have already reached the system of justice and other public authorities. We also provided a fair response to the ever-complicating legislative changes and fulfilled the demand for highly professional defenders in the trials that become increasingly complicated. Also, there were introduced new services for advocates, modernized continuing legal education system, updated regulations for traineeships, qualification exams, and Rules of Professional Conduct.

We managed to strengthen the independent status of the single professional organization of advocacy and improve the standards of legal practice. In strict compliance with the principles of professionalism, with piety to the corporate spirit and consolidation of the advocacy, we have become an even more effective professional organization that can protect every advocate and proudly represent the Bar of Ukraine both at home and abroad.



Sincerely,

President of Ukrainian National
Bar Association, Bar Council of
Ukraine

Lidiya Izovitova

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Lidiya Izovitova', written in a cursive style.



LEADERSHIP IN ADVOCACY

Structure. How is UNBA organized?

• **Ukrainian National Bar Association Bar (hereinafter – UNBA)** is a legal entity that operates through organizational forms of advocates' self-government, as provided by the Law of Ukraine "On the Bar and Practice of Law" (the Law). The constituent document of the Ukrainian National Bar Association is the Statute, approved in the updated version by the Reporting and Election Congress of Advocates of Ukraine on June 09, 2017. (parts 3 and 5 of Article 45 of the Law).

• **Congress of Advocates of Ukraine** is the highest body of advocates' self-government, which is formed from among delegates, elected by the conferences of advocates of the regions by a relative majority of the delegates participating in the conference.

• **Bar Council of Ukraine** – in between the Congresses of Advocates of Ukraine it performs the functions of the highest body of advocates' self-government. There are 30 members in the Bar Council of Ukraine: one representative from each region, elected by the Conference of Advocates of the Region and a Chair and two Vice-Chairs, elected at the Congress of Advocates of Ukraine.

• **Higher Qualification and Disciplinary Commission of the Bar** – is a collegiate body tasked to review appeals against the decisions, actions, or inaction of the Qualification and Disciplinary Commissions of the Bar. The HQDCB is under the control and accountable to the Congress of Advocates of Ukraine and the Bar Council of Ukraine. The HQDCB is composed of 30 members: one representative from each region elected by the Conference of Advocates of the region, a Chair and Vice-Chairs elected by a vote at the Congress of Advocates of Ukraine.

• **Higher Audit Commission of the Bar** – a body that is formed and acts to control the financial and economic activity of Ukrainian National Bar Association, its bodies, the Bar Councils of the Regions, the Bar Council of Ukraine, Qualification and Disciplinary Commissions of the Bar, Higher Qualification and Disciplinary

Commission of the Bar, activities of the Regional Audit Commission of the Bar. The HACB is under the control and accountable to the Congress of Advocates of Ukraine. Membership: Chair and Members of HACB are elected by the Congress of Advocates of Ukraine for a term of 5 years. The number of HACB members is determined by the Congress of Advocates of Ukraine.

• **Conference of Advocates** – the supreme body of advocates' self-government in the Autonomous Republic of Crimea, regions, cities of Kyiv and Sevastopol. The Conference is composed of advocates whose workplace is located respectively in the Autonomous Republic of Crimea, regions, cities of Kyiv and Sevastopol, and registered in the Unified Register of Advocates of Ukraine.

• **Bar Council of the Region** – a body that performs self-government functions in the region in the meantime between Conferences of Advocates of the region. The Bar Council of the Region is under the control and accountable to the Conference of Advocates of the Region. The Chair and the Members of the Bar Council are elected at the Conference of Advocates.

• **Qualification and Disciplinary Commission of the Bar** – a body formed to determine the level of professional qualifications of persons who have expressed their intention to obtain the right to practice law as well as resolving issues of the disciplinary liability of advocates. The QDCB is under the control and accountable to the Conference of Advocates of the Region. The QDCB's Chair and Members are elected by Conferences of Advocates of the Regions.

• **Regional Audit Commission of the Bar** – a body that is formed and acts to oversee the financial and economic activities of the Bar Council of the Region and the Qualification and Disciplinary Commission of the Bar. RACB is under the control and accountable to the Conference of Advocates of the Region. The Chair and Members of the RACB are elected by the Conference of Advocates of the Region.



Structure of UNBA/BCU Secretariat

Approved by the decision of the BCU
№ 141 of June 11, 2016

PRESIDENT OF UNBA/BCU

Head of UNBA/BCU Secretariat ★

Department for activity support of UNBA/BCU

Financial division

- Accounting
- Budgeting
- Financial reports
- Payroll
- Other

Legal branch: ★

Legal division

- Working with acts of UNBA/BCU (systematization and communication)
- Development and control of joint inter agency acts
- Other

Division for representation in courts

- Representation in courts
- Other

Administrative division

- Office support
- Procurement
- Car Fleet
- Other

Document management and record keeping division

- Incoming and outgoing correspondence
- Archives
- Other

IT division

- Support for web resources
- Service of servers and networks
- Other

Personnel division

- HR
- Other

Department of self-government

Division of Advocates' self-government

- Ensuring BCU activity
- Preparation for the Congress of Advocates of Ukraine
- Coordination of work and communication with Higher and regional BoAS (bodies of advocates' self-government)
- Access to the profession (qualification procedures, traineeship)
- Issues of disciplinary procedures

URAU Division

- Unified Register of Advocates of Ukraine
- Annual fees
- Statistics
- Other

Division for support of UNBA structural units

- Support of activity of structural units of UNBA, BCU
- Supporting the activities of UNBA Charitable Foundation, BCU
- Coordination and control over the activities of the Higher School of Advocacy
- Ensuring activities of the Scientific Advisory Board
- Providing support to the Center for Advocacy and Legal Studies
- Support for activities of UNBA Next Gen
- UNBA Representative Offices abroad
- Support of the Expert Council
- Support of the Nomination Committee
- Other

★ — Direct subordination to President of UNBA/BCU

**Deputy Head of UNBA/BCU
Secretariat****Department of Communications****Public Relations Division** ★

- Relations with the media
- Social media
- Speech/News writing
- Copywriting
- Questioning, processing and analysis of results
- Other

Division of creative services

- Design
- Layouts
- Web design
- Other

Web Resources Division

- Web content development and support
- Newsletters
- Other

Publishing division

- Preparation and printing of guidelines
- Preparation of promotional and informational materials
- Preparation and release of UNBA Bulletin
- Newsletters of committees, sections, working groups
- Case law news
- Other

Partnership Program

- Coordination and support of partnership programs
- Other

Other

- Translation
- Support for UNBA events
- Photographer
- Other

Department of the Profession**Division for facilitating practice of law**

- Assistant advocate
- Foreign advocates
- Certificates of the right to practice law
- Advocate's ID
- Organizational forms of the practice of law
- Taxation of legal practice
- Warrant
- Career Center
- URAU issues (submission of information, extracts, etc.)
- Management of advocate's web-cabinet
- Social initiatives for advocates
- Other

Support for UNBA/BCU sections

- Criminal law and process
- Civil law and process
- Economic Law and Process
- Administrative law and process
- Family law
- Labor law
- Land Law
- Agri law
- Corporate Law
- Tax and customs law
- International law
- ECtHR practice
- Practical aspects of advocacy
- Mediation
- Banking, financial and insurance law
- Constitutional law
- IT law
- Intellectual property rights
- Other

Event management division

- Activities of UNBA/BCU
- CLE
- BCU meetings (logistics)
- Congresses of Advocates of Ukraine (logistics)
- Other

UNBA's accomplishments worldwide

In 2019, the Ukrainian National Bar Association continued to deepen cooperation with international partners.

In 2019, the Ukrainian National Bar Association has been working to expand cooperation with colleagues from all around the world. UNBA International Relations Committee has significantly expanded the geographic presence of Ukrainian advocacy in the world (including through the opening of six new representation offices and the continuing practice of institutional visits) and has ensured continuous representation of UNBA in the key international organizations representing Bars and law societies from all over the world. Long-term cooperation with international institutions has allowed UNBA to fully assert the interests of the Ukrainian advocacy, which is constantly threatened by manipulative restrictions of the State. At the end of 2019, UNBA became the first organization in the territory of Ukraine that initiated participation within the framework of the international program "One Belt, One Road" under the auspices of the People's Republic of China, so joining the community of advocate communities from all over Europe, Africa and Asia in this format of cooperation, effectively opening a new market for Ukrainian advocates.



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30 January 2019

Meeting of the International Relations Committee (IRC)

A meeting of the International Relations Committee took place. The Committee Chair Ivan Grechkivsky announced the main priorities of the Committee work for 2019 in the context of the recently signed Memorandum of Cooperation between UNBA and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Ukraine. In connection therewith, the activities of the UNBA representative offices were discussed, along with their coordination and reporting procedures. The Committee Board has decided to recommend the Bar Council of Ukraine to found two new foreign representative offices of UNBA – in Denmark and Portugal (Portu). During the meeting, the further development of relations with the Council of Bars and Law Societies of Europe (CCBE), the International Bar Association (IBA), and the International Union of Advocates (UIA) was at the focus of discussion. Besides, the advocates analyzed the ongoing international activities of UNBA – a now-traditional English Law Day, which was held jointly with the Bar Council of England and Wales, as well as the Committee's support of a team participating in Philip Jessup International Law Moot Court Competition.



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1-3 February 2019

IRC UNBA supported the Ukrainian team at Phillip Jessup Competition

Once again, Phillip Jessup International Law Moot Court Competition was held in Kyiv. This tournament is considered to be the most complicated one among all of the litigation debate contests, and its finals are held every year in Washington, D.C. (USA). Jessup Moot (Philip C. Jessup International Law Moot Court Competition) Court Competition - is a contest for law students in public international law, where the written and oral debates are held under the procedure of the International Court of Justice - the key judicial body of the United Nations Organization. Ukrainian National Bar Association sponsored the tournament, while members of the UNBA Youth Committee - "UNBA NextGen" and the International Relations Committee gathered donations to finance the trip of the winning team to Washington, D.C.

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18 February 2019

The Director of the UNBA Representative Office in Spain visited Ukraine

The Head of the UNBA Foreign Representative Office in Spain Liliya Mykolayiv paid a working visit to Ukraine. During the meeting with the Head of UNBA/BCU Secretariat Vadym Krasnyk and Vice-Chair of UNBA International Relations Committee Vitalii Vlasuk they discussed several issues concerning further development of the relations between the Bars of Ukraine and Spain. Particular attention was paid to building joint cooperation with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Ukraine based on the previously concluded Memorandum of Cooperation: protection of rights of Ukrainians in Spain, the issue of free legal aid, exchange of experience on resolving some problematic issues.

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27 лютого 2019 року

UNBA continues cooperation within the Norlau project

The meeting took place between UNBA leadership and the representatives of the project implemented by the Ministry of Justice and Public Safety of Norway and the Embassy of Norway in Ukraine. The project aims to develop a legal framework for expanding the use of alternative sanctions, not related to deprivation of liberty, to decrease the number of inmates and reduce the recurrence of crimes. The meeting was attended by the President of UNBA, BCU Lidia Izovitova, the Chair of HQDBC Sergiy Vylkov, the Head of UNBA/BCU Secretariat Vadym Krasnyk; the Head of the Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs Project Cooperation Department, Martin Møller; senior advisor to the Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs Hilde Austad and the 'Norlau' Project "Supporting Judicial Reform in Ukraine Through Full-scale Probation



Implementation in Ukraine" leader Willie Gill. The main topic of the meeting was the continuation of Bar cooperation towards the implementation of the project in Ukraine. The next stage of the project is the development of an electronic monitoring system within the framework of the work of the Working Group on Improvement of Legislation in the Field of the Use of Criminal Penalties not Related to Imprisonment (established by the order of the Ministry of Justice of February 22, 2019). The concept should be approved by the Ministry of Justice shortly.

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1 March 2019

Representatives of MFA of Ukraine and UNBA meet to discuss the implementation of the Memorandum of Cooperation

At the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the meeting took place between Chair of UNBA International Relations Committee Ivan Grechkivsky, Vice-Chair of the Committee Vitalii Vlasniuk, and Deputy Directors of the Strategic Communications Dept. at MFA of Ukraine Natalia Kostenko and Yuriy Rubashov. The central issue of the meeting agenda was the practical implementation of the Memorandum of cooperation between the MFA of Ukraine and UNBA, concluded in November 2018. Ivan Grechkivsky and Vitalii Vlasniuk informed the colleagues about the institutional capacity of UNBA to promote the image of Ukraine, attract investments into the national economy, protect the rights and freedoms of our compatriots abroad. The parties agreed to continue the consultations concerning the development of the relevant practice of interaction on the issues outlined.

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4 March 2019

Meeting of representatives of UNBA and ICJ

Vice-Chair of UNBA, BCU Valentyn Gvozdiy presented a report on the state of affairs in advocacy of Ukraine, during the 47th Conference of Presidents of Bars of Europe. The event is being held annually in Vienna under the auspices of the Austrian Bar Association. This year the conference's topic was the rule of law. The Federal Minister of Constitutional Matters, Reforms, Deregulation, and Justice and the Mayor of Vienna took part in the conference. The conference program included discussions of country reports on the state of affairs in advocacy and reports of the Council of Bars and Law Societies of Europe (CCBE) and the International Bar Association (IBA).

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Meeting of UNBA and ICJ

A meeting of UNBA leadership with the delegation of the International Commission of Jurists (ICJ) took place, which came to Ukraine with an informational mission. The meeting was attended by Vice-President of UNBA, BCU Valentyn Gvozdiy, Vice-Chair of the Committee on Protection of Advocates' Rights Igor Kolesnikov and Committee Member Oleg Garnyk, Vice-Chair of UNBA International Relations Committee Vitalii Vlasnyuk, Head of UNBA/BCU Secretariat Vadym Krasnyk, Member of the Bar Council of Kyiv City Ganna Lytvyn. From ICJ – Director of the ICJ Programs in Europe and Central Asia Róisín Pillay, Acting President of the Netherlands Bar Association Monika Bremer, a Swiss advocate Joseph Alcat, Senior Legal Adviser of the European Integration Program Timur Shakirov, and legal counsel for the Program Maria Rudko. The topic of the meeting was the observance of advocates' rights in Ukraine. In this regard, the parties discussed the reasons for the emergence of the draft Law "On the Bar and Practice of Law" #. 9055, as well as the threats thereof to an effective defense and providing legal aid to all citizens of Ukraine, the existence of independent Bar self-government. In the course of the meeting, it was emphasized that authoritative human rights organizations, such as the Ukrainian Helsinki Human Rights Union, the Kharkiv Human Rights Group, the Center for Civil Liberties, the Regional Center for Human Rights, the Open Dialog Foundation strongly opposed this draft. Also, the UN Special Rapporteur on the Independence of Judges and Advocates submitted his remarks to the said draft law. Among other aspects of the Bar reform discussed were changes in the procedure of access to the profession. Concerning the subject of violations of rights of Ukrainian advocates, the parties agreed to exchange updated systematized data about such facts. Besides, it was underlined that for the most part the law enforcement officers themselves violate advocates' professional rights, and that is the one reason why the effectiveness of liability for harassment of advocates remains minimal. Following the results of their stay in Ukraine, the ICJ mission prepared a package of recommendations:

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21 March 2019

English Law Day

In March 2019, in Kyiv, the third English Law Day Forum opened in Kyiv, which has been traditionally jointly held by the Ukrainian National Bar Association, the Bar Council of England and Wales, and the British Embassy in Ukraine. The event is a platform for the integration of professional communities of Ukrainian and British advocates, legal business development. The Forum brings together leaders of the legal services market from the United Kingdom and Ukraine under the auspices of leading professional organizations. At the same time, the event has reached out well beyond the professional objectives of advocates, as it directly contributes to the further shift of relations between the two nations, increases trust between the business communities, and facilitates the inflow of investments. This year the forum was devoted to Ukrainian startups, small and medium enterprises on the British market, as well as resolving litigation disputes in the UK and Ukraine and cooperation of the ad-



vocates of the two countries in international matters. "Advocates play an important role in the development of international business and ensure that disputes are resolved fairly and effectively. Great Britain is very proud that its representatives in the legal profession have made a significant contribution to the adoption of these principles. On the other hand, there is an increasing number of Ukrainian law firms that compete effectively in the international legal market, and many of them are present here today. We see that the legal sector in Ukraine is growing and we continue to actively promote cooperation with British colleagues. I'm sure this event will intensify trade relations between advocates of both countries and I hope that it will become permanent in the diaries of advocates who are seriously involved in bilateral legal issues", - said the First Secretary of the British Embassy in Ukraine Cathy Cottrell opening a formal part of the event. President of the Law Society of England and Wales Cristina Blacklaws said that she was in Kyiv for the first time on the occasion of the opening of a joint forum for Ukrainian and British advocates. Presenting the mission and vision of the professional organization of more than 200,000 British advocates, she stressed that international cooperation is one of the key areas of strategy and Law Society of England and Wales. "We never work in isolation - we are part of the global legal community and cooperate with colleagues abroad. London is home to almost one hundred jurisdictions and we host about 200 foreign law firms working in English law and the laws of other jurisdictions", - said Cristina Blacklaws. She emphasized that for foreign law firms, the English system of law is one of the most favorable: it is very open and gives access to business almost without restrictions. From the standpoint of qualification procedures, foreign advocates may qualify for practice through a qualifying transfer scheme. In addition, the transparency, legal certainty, and stability of the English legal system have the credibility of legal institutions to resolve complex legal disputes. "It's a jurisdiction that many chose to solve complex disputes, even if the issue in question is not related to our regional jurisdiction", - said the President of Law Society of England and Wales. She noted the high level of mutual interest of professional communities in establishing contacts and developing cooperation, which is due to both the clear rules of the British market and the growth of business activity and investment.



Meeting of Bar leadership of Ukraine and England and Wales

Within the framework of English Law Day held in Kyiv, supported by the Law Society of England and Wales, the British Embassy in Ukraine, and UNBA, the meeting of the leadership of the two Bars took place. President of UNBA, BCU Lidiya Izovitova, Vice-President of UNBA, BCU Valentyn Gvozdiy, Chair of HQDCB Sergiy Vylkov, Chair of the UNBA International Relations Committee Ivan Grechivsky and Vice-Chair of the Committee Vitalii Vlasuk, Head of UNBA/BCU Secretariat Vadym Krasnyk took part in the conversation on behalf of UNBA. During the conversation with the President of the Law Society of England and Wales Christina Blacklaws and Foreign Policy Advisor Chika Muorah discussed the structure of professional organizations of advocates, the procedure of access to the profession, the realization of independent qualification and disciplinary procedures, conduct of professional training. In particular, the structures of the national level of law-enforcement self-government in Ukraine and the structure of the Law Society of England and Wales are similar in many ways and provide for the independence of individual bodies created on the



principle of functional distribution and the presence of a central regulator of the profession. Elimination of gender discrimination in the legal profession was also part of the discussion. An informal event preceding the opening of the English Law Day Forum was dedicated to this very topic. The participants of the meeting "Women in the leadership of the legal professions" were representatives of leading law firms and professional organizations. UNBA was represented by advocate Olga Prosyanyuk, who heads the newly formed UNBA Committee on Gender Policy. Summing up the discussion, the President of the Law Society of England and Wales proposed UNBA to conclude a Memorandum identifying priorities of cooperation. One of the purposes of the Law Society is to support the development of professional advocacy organizations in other countries and to protect the rights of advocates worldwide.

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4 – 5 April 2019

4th International Forum of Advocates in Berlin

In 2019, President of UNBA, BCU Lidiya Izovitova and Vice-President of UNBA, BCU Valentyn Gvozdiy took part in the 4th International Forum of Advocates in Berlin on 4 and 5 of April. The forum is organized by the German Federal Bar (BRAK) every two years. This event is an extremely important platform for discussing the whole spectrum of issues of the legal profession throughout the world. This year Forum was dedicated to the attorney-client privilege. The forum was called "Confidentiality - Lawyers' Worry."



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11-13 June 2019

UNBA representatives visited Spain

The UNBA delegation, led by President of UNBA, BCU Lidiya Izovitova, paid an introductory visit to Spain. In the course of the visit, the President of UNBA, BCU Lidia Izovitova met with the President of the General Council of the Spanish Bar Victoria Ortega Benito. The parties reached the principle agreement on further cooperation. Also, the Ukrainian delegation met with representatives of the Spanish Bar and Bar Council of Madrid: familiarized with the organization of their work, discussed many relevant issues of institutional interaction with Ukrainian advocates. The particularly interesting aspect of such cooperation is the provision of free legal aid: the Spanish model has convincing advantages and deserves further research to study the possibility of implementation of some of its components in Ukraine. The topic of free legal aid was central during a meeting of the UNBA delegation with the Ministry of Justice of Spain. The UNBA delegation was also received at the Supreme Court, which is currently considering cases involving participants in the conflict around Catalonia. In this context, the experience of advocates' interaction with justice authorities in landmark cases was discussed, and it was emphasized that the primacy of law is unconditional. There was



also a study tour for Ukrainian advocates at the Parliament of the Kingdom of Spain. The delegation included: Chair of the UNBA International Relations Committee Ivan Grechkivsky and Vice-Chair of the Committee Vitalii Vlasniuk, Chair of HQDCB Sergiy Vylkov, Chairs of Regional Bar Councils Viktoriia Gayvoronska, Tetiana Leshchenko, Galyna Yakuba, and Head of UNBA/BCU Secretariat Vadym Krasnyk. President of BCU Lidiya Izovitova noted the productive efforts of the Director of the UNBA Representative Office in Spain Lilia Mykolaiv and the UNBA International Relations Committee towards the organization of the visit and its program and expressed gratitude to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Ukraine and the Embassy of Ukraine in Spain for their support of the visit.

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19 July 2019

Ukrainian-German Forum in Kyiv on defense in criminal proceedings

UNBA, HQDCB, UNBA International Relations Committee, the UNBA Section on Criminal Law jointly with the German Federal Bar held an information and discussion event about criminal law and procedure.

The discussion was initiated by President of UNBA, BCU Lidiya Izovitova, and International Cooperation Director of the German Federal Bar Dr. Veronika Horrer.



- 14 The seminar was devoted to legal practice in criminal proceedings in Germany and Ukraine.

The main speaker leading the discussion was advocate Otmar Kury, who delivered a presentation about the peculiarities of criminal procedure in Germany. The two discussion panels focused on comparative analysis of the peculiarities of defense from the unfair procedural activity of an investigator and prosecutor in Ukraine and Germany, as well as the activity of the advocate in criminal proceedings at the stage of working out the strategy of work with evidence in Ukraine and Germany.

The Chair of the UNBA Section on Criminal Law Anzhelika Moiseyeva made a presentation on the peculiarities of defense against the unfair procedural activity of the investigator and the prosecutor. Member of the Bar Council of Ukraine Oksana Kadenko spoke about the activities of an advocate in criminal proceedings and working out the strategy of working with evidence. The discussion ended with the topic "Defense in criminal proceedings – the experience of the German Federal Bar".

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The reaction of the international community's to violations of advocates' rights in Ukraine

Another visit to Germany of the UNBA delegation took place in July 2019. The purpose of the working trip to Berlin was to study the experience of the German Federal Bar (Bundesrechtsanwaltskammer - BRAK) in the development of the self-governing institu-



tion of advocacy, organization of the system of continuing legal education, access to the profession, carrying out of disciplinary procedures. The discussion also focused on budgeting, contract management, and legal support of IT business, professional rights of advocates, general meetings, and committees' work within the professional organization of advocacy.

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19 September 2019

Ukrainian-German Forum of Legal Defense in Criminal Proceedings in Odesa

Ukrainian-German forum of legal defense in criminal proceedings was held in Odesa. The event was organized by the Ukrainian National Bar Association together with the German Federal Bar (BRAK) and German Foundation of International Legal Cooperation (IRZ). The event massive both in terms of the number of participants, as well as the speakers' professionalism. More than 200 best advocates have arrived at the event from all over Ukraine. Germany was represented by the International Cooperation Director of the German Federal Bar Dr. Veronika Horrer, Representative of the German Foundation for International Legal Cooperation (IRZ) Gennadiy Ryzhkov, and Members of the Criminal Law Committee of the German Federal Bar, Prof. Dr. Jan Bokemül and Dr. Annette von Stetten. Opening the event, the President of UNBA, BCU Lidiya Izovitova thanked German colleagues for the continuing cooperation, which has been already existing for more than 7 years, and also spoke about how powerful and professional this discussion was going to be. "Today two members of one of the most authoritative committees of the German Federal Bar, namely Criminal Law Committee have visited us. They are very authoritative advocates in the area of criminal law and procedure. Just to let you know, there are 12 people in this Committee - and they are the best in their job. They are so well-known and important, that the conclusions of their committee have a huge impact on the German Parliament and sometimes their thoughts are conveyed into certain bills and passed as laws" - emphasized Lidia Izovitova. Dr. Veronika Horrer stressed that the German Federal Bar worked closely with colleagues in 40 countries and noted the high level of advocacy in Ukraine. «We are not aware of any other Bar Eastern Europe developing as quickly and qualitatively as Ukrainian one does. And in this happens largely thanks to bodies of advocates' self-government, especially UNBA. In so many aspects, your self-governing bodies have found unique solutions and created systems that we haven't. In particular, the personal electronic cabinet and electronic system of continuing legal education", said Veronika Horrer. Gennadiy Ryzhkov emphasized the importance of the experience exchange between Ukrainian and German advocates for the latter, as Ukrainian advocates, in his opinion, adapt well to extreme conditions. "This event is supported by the German Federal Ministry of Justice and co-financed by the German Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Thus, one may understand the level of support and cooperation between the two organizations, which is of great importance to Germany as well. The cooperation is not limited to CLE, but also includes the exchange of essential experience. Ger-



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man advocates can learn from Ukrainian colleagues, for example, how to act in extreme conditions, which became everyday routine for advocates in Ukraine”, – said Gennadiy Ryzhkov. During the forum, the issues of pre-trial investigation, defense in complex criminal cases, execution of sentences were also discussed. There was also discussion concerning the balance of powers favoring prosecution over the defense, the means of contesting certain activities, the possibility of reconsideration of cases, etc.

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October 2019

UNBA representatives visited the international conference in Baku

The UNBA delegation took part in the International Conference "The Strong and Authoritative Institution of Advocacy – the Requirement of Time", which was held in Baku, Azerbaijan. Organizers of the event were Azerbaijani Bar Association together with the German Society for International Cooperation – GlZ. During the conference held in two sessions, the speakers touched upon the topics of the organization of the advocate's work, professional conduct, legislative novelties and modern challenges for advocacy. Also, the event participants conducted a comparative analysis of the requirements and conditions, which are to be respected by advocates in the process of defending human rights in various countries of the world.

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15 October 2019

UNBA has commended the contribution of the President of the Portuguese Bar Association Guilherme Figueiredo towards bilateral cooperation

Ambassador of Ukraine to Portugal Inna Ognivets, and Director of the UNBA Representative Office in Portugal, Victor Arkhipov presented the UNBA Commendation Award to the President of the Portuguese Bar Association (Bastónario da Ordem dos Advogados) Guilherme Figueiredo. It was awarded in recognition of his outstanding contribution to the establishment of cooperation between the Portuguese Bar Association and the Ukrainian National Bar Association. During the meeting, issues of further cooperation and signing certain instruments between OAP and UNBA were also discussed. The award ceremony took place at the Embassy of Ukraine in the Portuguese Republic in Lisbon.

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28 October 2019

UNBA Representative Office in Prato, Italy commenced its work

Ukrainian National Bar Association has opened a representative office in the Italian city of Prato, in Tuscany. The decision to this effect was adopted on September 21, 2019, during the meeting of

the Bar Council of Ukraine in Odesa. Olena Riabenko became the Director of the Representation Office. It is the 34th UNBA Representative Office abroad and the third – in Italy. Offices in Italy are also functioning in the cities of Genoa and Milan. The Representative Offices abroad were set up to improve the work of UNBA in the international arena, according to the current legislation of Ukraine, UNBA Statute, and the Regulation on the Bar Council of Ukraine. UNBA Representative Office abroad is not a legal entity, operates on self-financing, and carries out independent activities in the interest of UNBA and within the confines of the legislation of the residence country.

11 November 2019

Meeting with the delegation of Venice Commission

On November 11, the President of UNBA, BCU Lydia Izovitova met with members of the Delegation of the Venice Commission who came to Ukraine with the purpose of analyzing and advising on the law "On Amendments to Certain Laws of Ukraine Concerning Operation of bodies of Judiciary Self-Government". UNBA was also represented by Vice-President of UNBA, BCU Valentyn Gvozdiy, Head of UNBA/BCU Secretariat Vadym Krasnyk, ex-member of the HQCJU Oleksandr Drozdov. The subject matter of the dialog was the atmosphere of discussion of the further adoption of legislation in the sphere of justice. Following the meeting held upon the invitation of the Council of Europe Office in Ukraine, the President of UNBA presented advocacy's consolidated position on Draft law №1008 and №1013 bills (regarding the abolition of the advocacy monopoly).



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7-10 November 2019

63rd UIA Congress in Luxembourg

UNBA delegation took part in the work of the 63rd Congress of Union International des Avocats (UIA) held in Luxembourg. The annual UIA Congress unites around 1000 advocates from all over the world to discuss important legal issues. This year two main topics were considered:

Innovation and Law: Where the Passion meets the mind. Business and human rights.

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7-10 November 2019

5th Economic Forum Ukraine-Lithuania

Director of UNBA Representative Office in Lithuania Sergiy Bedryga participated in the 5th Economic Forum Ukraine-Lithuania, organized by the Ukrainian Union of Industrialists and Entrepreneurs (UUIE). The event was held on 27-28 November in Vilnius. The forum was attended by President of Ukraine Volodymyr Zelenskyy and President of Lithuania Gitanas Nausėda. The event



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was attended by over 150 entrepreneurs from both countries. The issues of the State of Ukrainian-Lithuanian trade-Economic and investment cooperation, as well as promising mutual guide-are not the forms of further joint work, were discussed. Participants of the Forum noted that Ukraine is actively adopting the experience of Lithuania on adapting to the European standards and technical regulations, without which there is no possible neither industrial modernization nor expansion of domestic exports. Previously, Sergiy Bedryga took part and delivered a separate report at the regular meeting of the Public Council at the Embassy of Ukraine in the Republic of Lithuania with the participation of the Ambassador of Ukraine in the Lithuanian Republic Volodymyr Yatsenkovskiy, leadership and membership of Ukrainian public organizations of Lithuania.

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8 December 2019

UNBA participated in the "One Belt, One Road" cooperation format and Global Lawyers' Forum

Upon the invitation of the Chinese colleagues, on December 8, 2019, the delegates of Ukrainian National Bar Association, namely Vice-Chair and Secretary of the UNBA International Relations Committee advocates Vitalii Vlasuk and Oleh Klymyuk participated in the Constituent Congress of the international lawyers' association Belt and Road International Lawyers' Association (BRILA) and the GLF (Global Lawyers' Forum). This event was preceded by arduous preparatory work, in which UNBA also took part. Celebrations took place in the Guangzhou BaiYun International Convention Center, which usually hosts the conventions of the Guangdong People's Congress. The participants of the event were 63 delegates from 25 countries, including the USA, China, Russian Federation, Spain, Italy, Turkey, Poland, and other States. During the Constituent Congress was elected governing bodies of the association, approved the organization statute and outlined the priority plans for further activities. The President of the All-China Lawyers Association, Member of the Constitutional Commission of PRC, advocate Wang Junfeng was elected to lead the newly-established organization. The Chair of the Law Society of Singapore Gregory Vijayendran SC, the President-Elect of the Bar Association of India Mr. Prashant Kumar, Chair of the Korean Bar Association Chan-Hee Lee, Vice-president of the All-China Lawyers Association Zhang Xuebing. Minister of Justice of the People's Republic of China Fu Zhenghua made greeted the delegates with a welcoming speech. The event was widely covered by local and international media. Presenting UNBA memorabilia to the newly-elected BRILA President, Wang Junfeng, Vitalii Vlasuk noted the readiness of the Ukrainian side to participate in constructive work within the framework of this organization. Besides that, Vitalii and Mr. Wang agreed to make a two-way exchange of official visits in the coming year. "Ukrainian advocacy is ready to cooperate with the whole world for the sake of mutual development and prosperity. We welcome and will be inspired to participate in any initiatives that correspond to the values and interests of the Ukrainian advocacy and business circles," – emphasized Vitalii Vlasuk.

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11 December 2019

UNBA IRC delegates visited UAE

The Vice-Chair of the UNBA International Relations Committee Vitalii Vlasiiuk and the Secretary of the Committee Oleh Klymyuk visited the United Arab Emirates (UAE) upon the invitation of the Director of UNBA Representative Office Sergiy Karpenko. During the visit, there were official meetings with the Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Ukraine to the UAE Yurii Polurez and Consul Oleksandr Khomovych, during which the practical aspects of the co-operation between UNBA and the MFA were discussed, based on the previously signed by Memorandum. In particular, Vitalii Vlasiiuk stressed the readiness of advocacy to promote the protection of the rights of our compatriots living in the UAE. In their turn, Ukrainian diplomats agreed that advocates could help not only to protect the rights of Ukrainians but also attract investments to Ukraine, develop interstate-related relations between Ukraine and the United Arab Emirates, etc. Ambassador drew special attention to the cases of abuse of trust when Ukrainians agree to transport controlled medical substances to UAE. However, in reality, these medications are prohibited for importation in the UAE, so many Ukrainians fall by lattices. The parties also discussed the government's initiative to introduce dual citizenship in Ukraine. The parties agreed that the issue of employing foreigners needs further legal regulation in Ukraine to avoid any abuses in this area by unfair intermediaries in Ukraine. Vitalii Vlasiiuk separately noted the effective work of the UNBA Representative Office, presided by Sergiy Karpenko: "We are now sure that our Representative Office in the city of Dubai is among the leaders in accomplishing tasks that UNBA has set for its representative offices. This is also confirmed by the high appraisal by the diplomatic institutions of Ukraine in the UAE. We hope that our other Representative the office will not lag far behind. However, we will visit them and make sure of it." UNBA and the leadership of the International Relations Committee Ivan Grechkivsky and Vitalii Vlasiiuk, pay special attention to the development of a network of well-functioning foreign representative offices of UNBA.

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17 December 2019

Deepening cooperation with the Bar of Azerbaijan

The meeting between UNBA/BCU Vice-President Valentyn Gvozdiy and the Head of the Hurdalan District Bureau of Azerbaijani Bar Association Aykhan Rustamzade. During the meeting, parties discussed the deepening of cooperation between the two Bars of the two countries and the participation of national associations in the work of international advocacy organizations and international projects. Valentyn Gvozdiy assured that UNBA is ready to share the experience of developing international activities and consistently support the aspirations of Azerbaijani Bar to integrate into various international formats and organizations of European advocacy. In this context, it was agreed to prepare the opening of the UNBA Representative Office in Azerbaijan. Specifying the lines of future interaction, the parties discussed the holding of a joint event dedicated to various topics, in particular, medical law. Vadym Krasnyk, Head of UNBA/BCU Secretariat, and Oleh Klymyuk, International Relations Committee Secretary also took part in the meeting.

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UNBA cooperates with foreign Bars and international organizations



Council of Bars and Law Societies of Europe



International Bar Association



Union Internationale des Avocats



German Foundation for international Legal Cooperation



Council of Europe



USAID - United States Agency for International Development



American Bar Association



British Embassy in Ukraine



Ukrainian American Bar Association



Canadian Bar Association



German Federal Bar



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Bar Council of England and Wales



Law Society of England and Wales



Georgian Bar Association



Belarusian National Bar Association



National Bar Council of Italy



National Bar Council of France



Federation of Law Societies of Canada



Lithuanian Bar Association



Azerbaijani Bar Association



All China Lawyers Association



Belt and Road International Lawyers Association



Expanding UNBA partnerships

In 2019, Ukrainian National Bar Association launched cooperation with ten national and international organizations

Ukrainian National Bar Association and Legal Development Network have signed a Memorandum of Cooperation

Ukrainian National Bar Association and Legal Development Network have signed a Memorandum of Cooperation that will facilitate the involvement of advocates by local self-government for providing free legal aid, as well as the development of "Pro Bono" services. Also, the joint activity will be aimed towards increasing awareness of citizens about defending their rights, in particular, the right to free legal aid. The cooperation involves joint events, preparation, and implementation of joint projects, dissemination of information about the cooperation.

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UNBA and Coordination Center for Legal Aid Providing have agreed on cooperation

Ukrainian National Bar Association signed a Memorandum of Cooperation with the Coordination Center for Legal Aid Providing. The document envisages joint measures for the professional development of advocates. The parties may attract educational and scientific institutions, international, charitable, and public organizations, to promote joint CLE activities of the regional Bar councils and UNBA Higher School of Advocacy, regional legal aid centers.

<https://bit.ly/2ROXuLm>



UNBA has signed a Memorandum of Cooperation with the Notary Chamber

Ukrainian National Bar Association agreed on cooperation with the Notary Chamber of Ukraine. The Memorandum was concluded to intensify interaction and exchange of information between the self-governing organizations of the two legal professions, as well as the carrying out scientific activities and facilitation of the development of family law, ensuring effective protection of the rights of subjects of family relations.

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UNBA and Association of Family mediators signed a Memorandum of Cooperation

Memorandum of Cooperation between Ukrainian National Bar Association NGO "Association of Family Mediators". The purpose of the cooperation is an exchange of information and experience, ensuring effective protection of the rights of the subjects of family legal relations, deepening of practical experience in the creation of algorithms and strategies of extrajudicial protection of rights and interests of the participants of family legal relations. The document provides for the development of joint proposals and 22 recommendations on draft laws and other regulatory acts, State programs, and action plans aimed at assuring the quality of family mediation services in Ukraine.

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UNBA and the League of Mediators of Ukraine have agreed on the coordination of efforts and joint projects

Ukrainian National Bar Association and the League of Mediators of Ukraine signed a Memorandum that serves as a framework for cooperations and consolidation of efforts of the parties aimed at the implementation of measures for the spreading awareness about mediation among advocates, exchange of information and experience, popularization of mediation as a way of peaceful resolution of conflicts in Ukraine. The parties will contribute to the creation and joint certification of mediation training programs for advocates and joint ventures aimed at improving the skills of advocates.

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UNBA, CFLS, and MLS have agreed on co-operation

The Memorandum of Cooperation concluded between the Ukrainian National Bar Association and the Center of Family and Law Studies. The aim is to share information and experience, analyze existing problems of family legal relations and develop and carry out projects, aimed at resolving them. The document also provides for joint research in the field of family law and conducting educational and scientific activities for the study of family legal relations based on the best European and world practices.

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UNBA and the Ukrainian Society of Construction Law agreed on cooperation

Another Memorandum on Cooperation between Ukrainian National Bar Association signed with the NGO "Ukrainian Society of Construction Law". The Memorandum of Cooperation will aid the implementation of modern international construction legal norms and rules of operation in the construction sector and related industries, participation in the development of legal acts, training and continuing education of the specialists in the field of construction law. The purpose of this Memorandum is to support the introduction of modern international construction norms and rules of operation in the construction sector and related industries, to participate in the development of normative legal acts, training and professional development of specialists (professionals) in the field of construction law.

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UNBA and UTC Association signed a Memorandum of Cooperation

In addition, Ukrainian National Bar Association signed a Memorandum of Cooperation with the Association of United Territorial Communities. The project became possible thanks to the aid of the Council of Europe, which launched the interaction between UNBA and UTC Association. The parties agreed to cooperate in enhancing the legal culture of Ukrainians, the improving of the professional level of the deputies and officials of the local councils, and to strengthen the interest of the society towards state affairs at the local level and adopting legislation with the uniform practice of its application.

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UNBA and the World Association for Medical Law agreed to deepen cooperation

Ukrainian National Bar Association has signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the World Association for Medical Law. The parties have agreed to cooperate with the purpose of promotion and support of international cooperation in the field of medical law, pharmaceutical law, bioethics, the law of public health, in the field of education and professional development of advocacy.

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UNBA and the National Association of Insolvency Receivers of Ukraine have agreed on cooperation

The Memorandum defines the following areas of cooperation: the analysis of the laws on bankruptcy, facilitating the amendments thereto for better legislative regulation of this process; monitoring and assessment of compliance with the requirements of the Code of Ukraine on Bankruptcy Procedure and legislation of Ukraine in general of the participants of bankruptcy proceedings; implementation of the Strategy for Reforming the Judicial System, Justice and Ancillary 24 Institutions; to promote the development of the legislative framework for private legal professions, in particular, advocates and insolvency receivers.

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Partnership program 2020

Ukrainian National Bar Association unites more than 55 thousand advocates all over Ukraine as the official professional organization authorized by the State to carry out several functions. Our representative offices work in 18 countries all over the world.

Intensive UNBA contacts with foreign professional associations and national Bars of respective countries help promote the international reputation of Ukrainian advocacy and open up new opportunities for expanding activity.

Within Ukrainian National Bar Association some committees and sections focus their activities on resolving current issues of both bar self-government and the formation of European advocacy in Ukraine, as well as on the development of various branches of the law.

The Partnership Program of the Ukrainian National Bar Association started in 2016 and currently offers some cooperation formats that grant exclusive privileges of:

- **UNBA General Partner;**
- **UNBA Partner;**
- **Partner of UNBA Section;**
- **Event Partner;**
- **Partner Bank;**
- **Partner Insurance Company;**
- **General Partner of the Higher School of Advocacy;**
- **“UNBA Bulletin” Partner;**
- **Publication/Book Partner.**

Participation in the Partnership program provides real opportunities to contribute to the creation of a key component of a legal state — independent advocacy, to directly participate in the development of the bar self-government and elaboration legislation. UNBA Partners have the opportunity to join the work of the Committees, Sections, and Representative offices of UNBA abroad. Also, the cooperation under the Program provides benefits for the professional growth for Partner's staff, which may act experts at UNBA events and/or improve their qualification via Continuing Legal Education.

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You may find the latest edition of the Partnership program via the link:

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PRIORITIES OF UNBA ACTIVITY IN 2019

Constitutional reform and amendments to the legislation on the Bar

The status of single professional Bar organization in the eyes of society and the State makes UNBA the Voice of the Profession. This is crucial for consolidated response against attempts to restrain the advocates' rights by legislative changes that do not meet international standards for the protection of human rights.

During 2019, UNBA systematically opposed the authorities' attempts to impose the new edition of the core law on the profession. Draft Law №9055 became a symbol of advocates defending their right to autonomy within the justice reform when the authorities encroached on the rights of advocates and the independent status of the Bar self-government. It was a difficult battle for the right to be heard.

"Were we driven by corporate interest? No! In the democratic state ruled by law, the reform of the Bar should be carried out in compliance with international standards for regulating the legal profession and protecting human rights. Amendments to the core professional legislation should contribute to the promotion of the constitutional right of citizens to legal aid and free choice of the defender, enhance the human rights toolkit in general. The draft law №9055 had no such goals. Moreover, it created windows of opportunity for corruption. It would have had a devastating effect on the system of Bar self-government, prestige of the profession, standards of legal practice. We won that battle," – believes UNBA/BCU President Lidiya Izovitova.

In February 2019, the Congress of Advocates of Ukraine urged the Parliament to return the Draft Law №9055 "On the Bar and Practice of Law" to the subject of the legislative initiative.

"We cannot agree that a draft law developed in a secretive and non-transparent way, filled with corruption risks and limitations of advocates' professional rights is the true reform of the advocacy. The critical position of the Bar towards Draft Law #9055 is expressed in numerous statements of the Bar Council of Ukraine, resolutions of regional Bar Councils, resolutions of the regional Conferences of Advocates, public speeches delivered by many of our colleagues. We understand the legislator's intent to divide the single self-governing Bar into small principalities that will be too weak to confront an offensive against the Bar and to protect every colleague whose rights have been violated. We clearly understand the agenda aimed at turning advocates into simple spectators, puppets of decorative purpose, dependent on judges and law enforcement agencies", said UNBA/BCU President.

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Systemic analysis of the Draft law provisions is indicative of a crackdown against the rights of advocates:

- risks of losing professional rights and guarantees via proposed amendments to be introduced towards certain provisions of procedural codes (package);
- erosion of the confidentiality principle;
- limitation of constitutional rights of citizens to legal assistance by undermining the right to the free choice of one's defender;
- restricting citizens' access to the legal profession;
- wreaking havoc to the balance of powers within the single professional self-regulated organization of advocates (created in response to PACE 1995 recommendation, as part of international obligations of Ukraine assumed upon acceding to the Council of Europe);
- numerous corruption risks recognized by the relevant Parliamentary Committee.



The international response towards Draft Law №9055 was negative.

In his letter to the president of Ukraine Petro Poroshenko, the UN Special Rapporteur on the Independence of Judges and Lawyers Mr. Diego García-Sayán objected to the contents of the Draft Law "On the Bar and Practice of Law" №9055. First of all, it was pointed out that some of the provisions within the Draft Law №9055 "On the Bar and Practice of Law" did not meet international standards. The absence of proper consultations with the legal community during the legislative process is in itself a violation of the principle of independence of the legal profession. The letter stated that the bill includes several provisions that could threaten the free and independent exercise of the legal profession and the ability of the Ukrainian National Bar Association to defend the interests of its members and independence of the legal profession as a whole. Remarks by the UN Special Rapporteur to the text of the draft law span over 7 pages. In particular, they relate to such sections of the Draft Law as access to the profession, disciplinary proceedings, incompatibility requirements, and independence of the professional organization of advocates. In connection therewith, according to the Mandate of the UN Human Rights Council, the Special Rapporteur recommended "reconsider the draft law "On the Bar and Practice of Law" to ensure its compliance with existing international human rights standards relating to the independence of the legal profession". In general, recommendations contain 4 paragraphs and a separate comment on the procedure for drafting amendments to the draft law.

Since the establishment of the mandate, several Special Rapporteurs on the Independence of Judges and Lawyers

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28 have highlighted the fact that professional associations of advocates have a fundamental role to play in promoting and protecting the independence and the integrity of the legal profession and safeguarding the professional interests of advocates. This particular role was at the center of the Report of the UN Special Rapporteur, submitted to the United Nations General Assembly in October 2018.

The Special Rapporteur also noted that in this case the participation of the Ukrainian National Bar Association in the development of the Draft Law on the Bar and rejection of the concerns expressed by representatives of the Bar concerning access to the legal profession and disciplinary proceedings may be considered a violation of the independence of the Bar Association.

According to the information received, during the development of the Draft Law text, consultations with the representatives of the Bar, both individual and collective (through the professional associations) were limited. As stated, only a few representatives of the Ukrainian National Bar Association had the right to participate in a consultation process, therefore their views were not taken into account on the course of draft law preparation. Also, the final edition of the draft law was announced by the Office of the President, without allowing the national bar association to provide comments concerning its provisions.

"The lack of adequate consultation with the legal profession during the law-making process is a source of concern.", – referred to in the letter. The legislation regulating the role and activity of advocates should be aimed at strengthening independence, self-regulation, and integrity of the legal profession.

"The mandate of the Special Rapporteur has stressed on several occasions that the legislation concerning the legal profession should be developed by the legal profession itself. When



established by law, the legal profession should be duly consulted at all stages of the legislative process", – the document reads.

In March 2019, during the roundtable "International Mechanisms for Protection of Advocates' Rights and Legal Practice Guarantees" held jointly by UNBA and International Commission of Jurists in Kyiv, advocates have addressed the ICJ with a request to indicate in their report the threats to independent advocacy that could result from the possible adoption of the Draft Law "On the Bar and Practice of Law" No.9055.

Ganna Boryak, Chair of the Committee on the Protection of Advocates' Rights, said that the Draft Law would turn advocates into backbenchers of the legal proceedings, given the proposed severe restriction of their professional rights. **Secretary of the Bar Council of Ukraine Igor Kolesnikov** said that the bill posed a real risk of taking away the necessary tools used to protect the rights and freedoms of the citizens.

Committee Secretary Yuriy Grygorenko reminded that a number of the draft law provisions were the basis for the conclusion that it is itself 'corruptiogenic', as adopted by Verkhovna Rada Committee on Anti-Corruption Policy. In particular, the windows of opportunity for corruption include vesting the entire access to the profession with the Higher Qualification Commission of the Bar. "The access to the profession will be concentrated in the hands of this body, and this gave grounds to conclude the corrupt nature of the draft law", – Mr. Grygorenko stressed. The new system of subordination between the regional Bar Councils and Qualification and Disciplinary Commissions of the Bar is also corrupt since both bodies will end up under the control of the Chair of the Regional Chamber.

The advocates stressed that the highest body of the Bar self-





Video of the Roundtable, held on March 6, 2019, at the Ukrinform News Agency, available here:

<https://bit.ly/2Jzu2l2>

The mission to Ukraine included members of the ICJ Secretariat, as well as representatives of the Amsterdam and Geneva Bar Associations. The meeting was held with leading legal advocacy NGOs, international governmental organizations, members of the Ukrainian National Bar Association, and representatives of the Ministry of Justice of Ukraine. **Summing up the visit, "ICJ is concerned about the adoption process of the Draft Law №9055 "On the Bar and Practice of Law", developed without the due consultation and participation of the main stakeholder**

— Ukrainian National Bar Association, which strongly opposes the adoption of the draft law in the current iteration. Unacceptable in this context is the status of this draft law as 'urgent' as it was brought before Verkhovna Rada; the need for this is doubtful, says ICJ."

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"If this draft law is passed without the necessary consultations and approval of the Bar Association, it may pose a threat to the independence of advocacy in Ukraine and the ability of civil society, including human rights defenders, to do their important work," as stated by International Commission of Jurists.

As a result of the consolidated efforts of the legal community and thanks to international support garnered by UNBA, the Draft Law №.9055, submitted by President Petro Poroshenko as 'urgent', was not included into the agenda for voting at Verkhovna Rada. Thus, the document submitted to the Parliament in September 2018, was recalled on 20 May 2019, on the day of the inauguration of the newly elected Head of State.

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governance, that is - Congress of Advocates, adopted on February 15 a resolution concerning the inadmissibility of the Draft Law №9055 and urged to return it to the subject of legislative initiative. The resolution summarized comments on the content of the draft law and was sent to each member of Verkhovna Rada.

Igor Kolesnikov stressed that the process of drafting legislation, as well as its content, contradicts international principles and practice of the ECHR. Advocate Volodymyr Bogatyr reminded about the letter from the UN Special Rapporteur on the Independence of Judges and Lawyers, criticizing the draft. At the same time, this document, it seems, hasn't reached the addressees at the Presidential Administration, Ministry of Justice, and Ministry of Foreign Affairs, which is further proof of the State's disregard of the international reaction concerning Bar reform.

The Chair of the Bar Council of Zakarpattia Region Oleksiy Fazekosh recalled that all the regional Bar conferences and the regional Bar Councils appealed to the Parliament about the inadmissibility of Draft Law №9055.

"We ask for help, objectivity and the European approach because the existence of advocacy must comply with European standards and European choice", - stressed Oleksiy Fazekosh, while addressing representatives of ICJ. Another significant risk that he identified is drastic changes to the system of Bar self-government. "Confederate model", according to him, is not viable in practice due to the ill-conceived procedures of election to the bodies of the Bar self-government. Therefore, the current system will be dismantled, and the new one is unlikely to appear. Oleksiy Fazekosh called on to try to reform the Bar in the broad context of the law enforcement system reform, which itself wasn't overly successful. "Today, we can state that the so-called law enforcement system reform failed. The ineffective judicial system, completely ineffective reform of the Ministry of Interior and Prosecutor's Office. All that's left is to reduce the independence of the institution of advocacy and we won't have to talk about European choice anymore. That is, the happenings around the Bar in the context of reforming the legal system are simply signs of the destruction of the sheer basis for the functioning rule-of-law State", Oleksiy Fazekosh said.

Round Table "International Mechanisms for Protection of Advocates' Professional Rights and Legal Practice Guarantees" held with the participation of the Director of the Europe Regional Programme at ICJ Róisín Pillay, acting President of the Netherlands Bar Monika Bremer, an advocate from Switzerland Joseph Alkatu, Senior Legal Adviser of the European Regional Program at ICJ Timur Shakirov, legal consultant of the program Maria Rudko.

However, attempts to limit the constitutional status of the Bar were renewed with the introduction of the "Turbomode".

On 29 August 2019, President Volodymyr Zelenskiy registered as 'urgent' the draft law No.1013 "On Amendments to the Constitution of Ukraine (Concerning the Abolition of Advocacy Monopoly).

UNBA defended the preservation of the current version of the Constitutional provisions before the Verkhovna Rada Committee on Legal Policy, as well as the Constitutional Court; UNBA representatives – Chair of the UNBA Committee for the Rule of Law Maryna Stavniychuk and Member of BCU Oksana Kadenko led the effort.

On November 13, 2019, Verkhovna Rada Committee had approved the draft law for adoption at the next session of the Parliament, which began its work in February 2020. The Bar continues to work with the Parliamentary Corps and convey its position to MPs. It is also logical for this draft to be assessed by the Venice Commission.

UNBA sent to the CCU the official conclusion concerning the draft law No.1013 conforming to the provisions of the Constitution.

UNBA's open letter to the President of Ukraine and Verkhovna Rada.

Summary of all the steps carried out by UNBA towards defending advocates' exclusive rights to court representation may be found at UNBA official website, section titled 'UNBA against draft No.1013'.

On October 31, 2019, the Constitutional Court, according to the Constitutional appeal of Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine requesting its conclusion to confirm the constitutionality of the Draft Law No.1013 "On amendments to the Constitution of Ukraine" and the amendments contained therein. CCU found that the said draft law conforms with the requirements of Articles 157 and 158 of the Constitution of Ukraine. Furthermore, the Conclusion of the CCU included 5 dissenting opinions of the judges of the Constitutional Court.

The conclusion of the Constitutional Court of Ukraine in the case upon Constitutional Appeal of Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine requesting its conclusion to confirm the constitutionality of the Draft Law No.1013 "On amendments to the Constitution of Ukraine (Concerning the Abolition of Advocacy Monopoly) (Reg. No.1013) and conformity with the requirements of Articles 157 and 158 of the Constitution of Ukraine.

Dissenting Opinion of Judge Gorodovenko V. V. regarding the conclusion of the Constitutional Court of Ukraine (CCU) № 4-В/2019

Dissenting Opinion of the Judge Melnyk M. I. regarding the Conclusion of the Constitutional Court № 4-В/2019

Dissenting Opinion of Judge Lytvynov O. M. concerning the conclusion of the Constitutional Court № 4-В/2019



Dissenting Opinion of Judge Slidenko I.D. on the conclusion of the Constitutional Court № 4-В/2019

Dissenting Opinion of Judge Pervomaiskyi O.O. regarding the conclusion of the Constitutional Court No 4-В/2019

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"The conclusion of the Constitutional Court "has a political pretext", given 5 dissenting opinions of the CCU judges, that is, a third of the judges that participated in the case expressed some stand-alone arguments. In favor of political expediency of this amendment to the Constitution speaks also the speed and quality of the discussions around draft law №1013. Despite this, a total of 7 drafts were adopted in the Parliament in the same way, all of which pro-vide for non-systematic changes to the Fundamental Law ", - said Maryna Stavniychuk. The Chair of UNBA Committee, expert of the European Commission for the Democracy Through Law reiterated



that the Constitutional reform must conform with well-defined goals and occur within the conditions of wide public professional discussion concerning its very necessity. At the time of initiation of the Draft Law No.1013, these requirements were not fulfilled.

"All the draft laws relating to the amendments to the Constitution of Ukraine and the protection of human rights require a comprehensive analysis by the European (Venice) Commission for Democracy Through Law. Ukraine has a long-term agreement with this Commission stating that all draft laws in this area must undergo a prior examination before the final adoption. And I insist and ask the Parliament to refer the relevant bills for consideration," – said Maryna Stavniychuk, commenting on the adoption of draft law No. 1013 on "Advocacy Monopoly" and No. 1008 on the restart of judicial governance bodies.

Maryna Stavniychuk also noted that in Ukraine the exclusive right of advocates to representation before the courts was introduced in 2016 by the adoption of amendments to the Constitution of Ukraine. At that time, the draft law passed was broadly discussed and received a positive assessment of the Venice Commission. This proves that Ukraine is ready to introduce the European legal system.

"Back then, Ukraine has constitutionally declared as the European standard the status of advocacy as the defender. And it is the European standard to have an advocate in the course of criminal proceedings. Subsequently, a formula was introduced that the advocate may undertake any type of case, including defense of the State, as well as local self-government. It was a comprehensive and systematic approach to the reform, which received a positive assessment of the Venice Commission," reminded Maryna Stavniychuk.

Video of Marina Stavniychuk's speech delivered on "Politika. UA" TV-show at RADA Channel:

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"As we all well know, the advocacy monopoly does not exist and thus cannot be canceled. In this case, the form and content of the debate have terminological inconsistency, but it did not prevent the Constitutional Court to acknowledge the draft as compliant with the Constitution. In this case, the CCU believes that the draft on the abolition of the advocacy monopoly somehow expands the means of representation in court. Strangely enough, but 3 years ago, at the beginning of 2016, the Constitutional Court made conclusions concerning the introduction of the exclusive right of advocates to represent clients in courts and also claimed that it was to expand the means of representation. It means that the Consti-



tutional Court gave two entirely opposing opinions concerning the so-called monopoly itself, as well as its abolition," – said the UNBA/BCU Vice-President Valentyn Gvozdiy.

Video of the speech by Mr. Gvozdiy delivered on "Politika. UA" TV-show at RADA Channel:

<https://bit.ly/2RFFjev>

Dialogue with the Parliament is an important part of UNBA's daily work. We strive to maintain communication in professional spirit, particularly because numerous draft laws are written by inexperienced advocates that bravely attempt to tackle rather complicated matters of justice and advocacy.

"We are closely tracking the latest legislative initiatives that are constantly appearing at the Parliament's website. Many of the advocates-members of UNBA Committees are involved in the working groups that draft legislation; we direct our proposals to the relevant committees; we have partners in the Legal Policy Committee", – convinced UNBA Representative to Verkhovna Rada, Mykhailo Diadenko.

At the same time, UNBA supports the dialogue with scientific circles. In November 2019 two scientific-practical conferences took place, discussing the topics "Abolition of Advocacy Monopoly. What's next?" at Taras Shevchenko National University of Kyiv (co-hosted by UNBA, Bar Council of Kyiv Region, Department of Justice at the University, Academy of Advocacy of Ukraine) and Legislation Institute of Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine "Reform of the Legislation on the Bar and Practice of Law: International and European Experience". The event was held jointly with Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine Committee on Legal Policy UNBA insisted that it is necessary to refrain from unjustified amendments to the Constitution of Ukraine in the sphere of justice. In this context, the future decision of Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine on draft No.1013 (regarding the abolition of advocacy monopoly) should be considered taking into account possible negative implications for the constitutional right of citizens to professional legal assistance, in case of its approval.

Only advocates possess the unique set of instruments granted by law to be used in the provision of legal aid, including the institution of advocate's letter of inquiry; possibility to collect the information about the facts that can be used as evidence; possibility to request, receive and seize items, documents, copies thereof in accordance with the law; the right to certify copies of documents in the cases that they conduct; right to receive the written conclusions of specialists, experts concerning issues that require special knowledge etc.



It is necessary to refrain from the ill-considered and non-systematic changes of the Constitution of Ukraine relating to the system of justice in general and advocacy as an indispensable element of its functioning, in particular.

The abolition of the "advocacy monopoly" on the representation of another person in court generates the need for a radical transformation of the whole array of procedural legislation of Ukraine, thus creating a threat to the destabilization of the justice system.

The norms of procedural codes, which not so long ago underwent a substantial modernization, are still subject to debate and are being mastered by judges to ensure the sustainability and uniformity of judicial practice. Their chaotic and hasty amendment will lead to a violation of the rights of parties to the process of justice, which addressed the court for the defense of their rights at different points in time; this, consequently, is a violation of the principle of legal certainty, which is a baseline element of the rule of law.



protection of human rights, to be members of local, national, and international organizations.

In such a context, it is necessary to establish at the legislative level the mandatory involvement of the professional organization representing the Bar (that is, Ukrainian National Bar Association) into consultations regarding the development of amendments to Ukrainian legislation on human rights protection and advocacy.

Implementation of the provisions of the DCFTA Agreement with the European Union (EU) requires ensuring the strict and irreversible European and Euro-Atlantic course, the declared in the Constitution of Ukraine.

Ukraine's adherence to the criteria that are fundamental to those of the Member States of the European Union, is important for the approximation of the national legal system to the modern European system of law and relevant institutions. This, in particular, involves bringing all institutions and current legislation in line with the standard of the rule-of-law state. First of all, the European integration strategy concerns the strengthening of institutions, which are vested with the Constitutional function of protection of human rights and freedoms. However, the draft law No.1013 on the abolition of the advocacy monopoly, in case of its adoption, may negate all the achievements and turn our country around. Exclusive court representation of clients by advocates is in effect throughout most European countries and the USA. In countries such as Turkey, Spain, Italy, and Germany the advocacy acts exclusively at all levels of judicial representation. From among 48 European states exactly, 33 have the monopoly in place in respect of defense of the accused, and 22 states – also provide the same for the defense of the interest of the victim. Regarding civil cases, advocates enjoy a monopoly in 18 countries. In administrative proceedings advocacy monopoly exists in 14 European states.

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International standards, which must be implemented and upheld by Ukraine as a part of its international obligations, enshrined in particular, in the UN Basic Principles On the Role of Lawyers, adopted by the Eighth United Nations Congress on the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders, Havana, Cuba, 1990, other international instruments, including recommendations of the European Commission "For Democracy Through Law" (Venice Commission), recognize the right of the Bar to rely on recognition of their role and defense on the part of society and government, since their role should be considered as an indispensable instrument of administration of justice and the pillar of civil society. Lawyers have the right to participate in public discussions on matters relating to the law, the exercise of justice, and the promotion and



Protection of advocates' rights and guarantees of legal practice: national and international tools. Statistics

Every year, the Ukrainian National Bar Association receives hundreds of letters about violations of advocates' professional rights and guarantees. The majority of appeals relate to interference with professional activities in the course of advocates' participation in the proceedings. Most violations occur in criminal proceedings. Cases of non-sanctioned searches, arson, murder, and threats are not uncommon.

UNBA has systematically opposed violations of the advocate's professional rights and guarantees. Strengthening trends of pressure against advocates may become a major obstacle in the conduct of further reforms of the Ukrainian legal system.

Ukrainian National Bar Association takes all necessary measures to prevent violations of the advocate's rights, and also closely cooperates with international non-governmental and professional organizations for the creation of an international system for the defense of the members of the legal profession.

UNBA also has a dedicated Committee on Protection of Advocates' Professional Rights and Guarantees.

The advocates' professional rights and guarantees legal practice are regulated by national legislation and international standards.

International standards

Established by the International Bar Association in 1990, the standards of legal practice were reflected in the norms of the national legislation of Ukraine and thus require compliance on the part of the representatives of the executive, legislative and judicial branches of power. These international standards are widely recognized in every state governed by the rule of law and, inter alia, include:

- creation of conditions allowing any person to have the possibility of obtaining legal assistance from an independent advocate of their own choosing for defense (exercise of legal, economic, social, cultural, civil and political rights);
- professional advocates' associations play a key role in maintaining professional and ethical standards, in defending their members against unreasonable restrictions and violations, in providing legal assistance to all those in need thereof, as well as in cooperation with governmental and other institutions for achieving goals of justice;

- In accordance with the established rules, standards and ethics, advocates carrying out their duties must always act freely, honestly and fearlessly, according to the legitimate interests of the client and without any interference or pressure from the authorities or the public;
- prohibition of the identification of an advocate with his client or case by the authorities and the public, regardless of how popular or unpopular may be the case;
- no advocate shall be subjected to criminal, civil, administrative or other sanctions or threat of their application as a result either of advocate's counseling or representing the interests of the client in accordance with the law;
- neither the court, nor an administrative body should deny recognition of rights of an advocate properly admitted to the profession in the relevant region to represent client before the specific court or authority;
- advocate should be entitled to a reasonable objection to the participation, or to continued participation of a judge in a specific case, or against litigation or any proceeding.

Also, the rights and guarantees of legal practice are defined in the UN Basic Principles on the Role of Lawyers (1990) and envisage that Governments should provide advocates:

- ability to carry out their professional duties without intimidation, obstacles, troubles or undue interference;
- freedom of movement and advising clients within the country and abroad;
- exclusion of sheer possibility to subject an advocate or threaten him to be subjected to punishment or charges, administrative, economic or other sanctions for actions undertaking in the course of exercising recognized legal duties, standards and ethics;
- where the security of advocates is threatened in regard to their carrying out of their professional duties, they must be adequately protected by the authorities;
- advocates should not be identified with their clients and their affairs in connection with the performance of professional duties;

- a court or an administrative authority shall not deny the right of an advocate admitted to practice to represent the interests of his client unless he has been disqualified in accordance with the national law and applicable case law concerning these provisions;
- an advocate shall have criminal and civil immunity from persecution for statements concerning the case, written or oral, made in good faith while carrying out his professional duties at the court, tribunal or other legal or administrative authority;
- the obligation of competent authorities is to provide an advocate with the possibility of timely access to information, documents and materials of the case, and in the criminal proceeding – not later than the end of the investigation, prior to the trial;
- governments must acknowledge and observe the confidentiality of communications and consultations between the advocate and client within the relationship relating the performance of the advocate's own professional duties.
- it is forbidden to demand from an advocate, his assistant, trainee, employee of an advocate, law office, law firm, as well as from a person whose right to practice law is suspended or terminated to provide information, which is covered by professional privilege. These persons cannot be questioned about the said information, unless the person that entrusted an advocate with the information has released him from the obligation maintain the privilege in the manner prescribed by law;
- Carrying out of the advocate of investigative and investigative activities or investigative actions that can be carried out exclusively from the Court of Justice shall be carried out on the basis of a court decision, in the petition of the General Prosecutor of Ukraine, his deputies, the Prosecutor of the Autonomous Republic of Crimea, the city of Kyiv and the city of Sevastopol;
- it is prohibited to review, disclose, seize or remove documents related to the legal practice;
- it is forbidden to identify an advocate with the client;

National legislation

International standards and principles applicable to the role of advocates and dedicated recommendations of the Council of Europe have been reflected in national legislation. In particular, in the law of Ukraine "On the Bar and Practice of Law".

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Thus, it is pointed out that the practice of law is a legal term, which is defined by Articles 1, 3 of the Law of Ukraine "On the Bar and Practice of Law" and stand for the lawful professional activity of a person with a special status, acting based on the legislation of Ukraine. That is, the law defines three main elements of advocate's status: social (the independent professional activity of a self-employed person), legal – activity as such is possible only within the framework of law, and special – the State is obliged to uphold professional guarantees of legal practice. The latter implies, among other things, the proper level of the competence and the liability of the pre-trial investigation agency and the court in taking action against an advocate.

Upholding professional guarantees of legal practice means both absences of unlawful influence on an advocate exerted anyone, as well as the state's compliance with special guarantees guarding advocate's professional activity, which include inviolability of the professional privilege and the special procedure of criminal proceedings against the person with the special status – an advocate.

Law of Ukraine "On the Bar and Practice of Law" defines rights, professional duties and guarantees advocacy of legal practice. In particular, Article 23 provides: "Professional rights, life, health, honor, and dignity of an advocate are guaranteed and protected by the constitution of Ukraine, this Law, and other laws, in particular:

- it is prohibited to interfere and intervene with legal practice;
- it is forbidden to identify an advocate with the client;
- disciplinary proceedings against the advocate are carried out pursuant to a special procedure;
- the peculiarities of conducting individual investigative actions and interim measures in criminal proceedings against the advocate are defined in part tow of this Article. In case of conducting search or inspection of housing, other possession of an advocate, his office where he practices law, gaining temporary access to things and documents of the advocate the investigating judge, the court in its decision is obliged to indicate the list of things, documents intended to be found, discovered or removed during the investigative action or application of the interim measure in the criminal proceedings, as well as taking into account the requirements of ss.2–4 of part 1 of this Article.

The statutory guarantees of the legal practice are listed in the Criminal Code of Ukraine (CCU), establishing criminal liability for:

- violation of the right to defense by way of non-admission or failure to promptly to grant a defender, as well as other grave violation of the rights of a suspect, accused, defendant's right to defense, committed by investigator, prosecutor or judge (Article 374);
- interference with the activity of a defender or representative of a person through committing in any form of interference to the legitimate activities of a defender or representative of a person providing legal advice or breach of the statutory guarantees of their activities and professional privilege (Article 397);
- threats of murder, violence, destruction or damage of defender's or representative's property of the person, as well as their close relatives' in connection with their activities related to the provision of legal advice (Article 398);
- intentional destruction or damage of property belonging to the

child or of defender/representative person or their close relatives, in connection with rendering legal advice (Article 399);

- attempts on the life of a defender/representative in connection with activities related to the provision of legal advice (Article 400).

UNBA Support in action

In December 2019, Ukrainian National Bar Association contributed the required amount of bail in the amount of 768 400 UAH for an advocate Oleksandr Chibirdin, detained and held since March 2017, at Pre-Trial Detention Facility in Odesa City. In early December, UNBA President announced a public fundraising campaign for the bail money needed to liberate the advocate. Donations were accumulated in the UNBA Charitable Foundation. The funds donated were not enough, so with the assistance of the Higher School of Advocacy, it became possible to post bail

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Cooperation with the International Commission of Jurists

In 2019, Ukrainian National Bar Association continued cooperation with the International Commission of Jurists (ICJ), announced in November 2018 upon the conclusion of the Memorandum on Cooperation in the field of international protection of advocates' professional rights and legal practice guarantees.

Thus, in March 2019 a meeting of UNBA leadership and ICJ delegation took place, while the delegation visited Kyiv with an introductory mission. The topic of the meeting was the observance of advocates' rights in Ukraine. In connection therewith, the reasons for the emergence of the draft law "On the Bar and Practice of Law" No.9055 were discussed, as well as the threats it posed for advocates, effective defense, rendering of legal advice to all the

citizens of Ukraine, the sheer existence of independent advocate's self-governance.

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Advocates appealed to the representatives of the International Commission of Jurists with a request to reflect in their report the possible threats to the independence of advocacy posed by the draft law "On the Bar and Practice of Law" No.9055. It was articulated on 6 March 2019, during a roundtable "International Mechanisms for Protection of Advocates' Professional Rights and Legal Practice Guarantees" held with the participation of the Director of the Europe Regional Programme at ICJ Róisín Pillay, acting President of the Netherlands Bar Monika Bremer, an advocate from Switzerland Joseph Alkatu, Senior Legal Adviser of the European Regional Program at ICJ Timur Shakirov, legal consultant of the Program Maria Rudko.

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In August 2019, the International Commission of Jurists (ICJ) called Ukrainian authorities to investigate the murder of an advocate Oleksandr Ivanov, murdered on August 22 with automatic weapons near Pre-Trial Detention Facility No. 6 in Kropyvnytsky City. The drive-by shoot was perpetrated by unidentified assailants. The advocate died on the spot. Another victim was hospitalized in a critical state. On this occasion, UNBA appealed to the leadership Prosecutor's General Office of Ukraine and the Ministry of Internal Affairs with a call to investigate this crime, take it in under personal control.

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Also, in August 2019, the representative of the International Commission of Jurists Maria Rudko, during the roundtable in Kyiv, where the state of compliance with professional rights and guarantees was discussed, spoke about the results of the ICJ mission in Ukraine. Thus, after monitoring the system of advocacy and observance of the rights of advocates, ICJ concluded that the state of affairs is unsatisfactory and is on par with the countries of Central Asia, and under conditions where the advocacy system

remains one of the most vulnerable in Ukraine, further restriction of advocates' rights is categorically unacceptable.

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In September 2019, upon invitation of the International Commission of Jurists, representatives of UNBA participated in the discussion of effective international mechanisms for the protection of professional rights of advocates at the OSCE discussion in Warsaw. Lawyers of the overwhelming majority of European countries expressed their vision of this problem. The main accents during the speeches of the event participants were aimed at the problems of preserving professional rights and guarantees in Kazakhstan, Moldova, and Ukraine.

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Also in September, representatives of UNBA acted as trainers during the training on the protection of advocates' rights and legal practice guarantees in Dushanbe (Tajikistan), organized by the International Commission of Jurists (ICJ) in cooperation with the Tajikistan Union of Lawyers. Ukrainian delegation has shared best practices and recommendations for overcoming challenges arising in the work of the Bar self-government in this area of activity.

Address to Council of Bars and Law Societies of Europe (CCBE)

In 2019, UNBA directed 4 appeals to the Council of Bars and Law Societies of Europe (CCBE). In particular, about the precedence of the principles of advocates' practice in the course of rendering legal advice (adopted in response to violations of advocates' rights by the judges of the High Anti-Corruption Court), interference with the work of QDCB in Odesa, regarding the BCU Decision No.162 of Ukraine from December 13, 2019 "On the Appeal to the Law Enforcement Authorities Regarding Interference and Impeding the work of QDCB of Odesa region" and BCU Decision of No.169 dated December 13, 2019 "On Clarification of the Precedence of Principles of Advocates' Practice in the Course of Rendering Legal Advice". The latter two appeals were reviewed by CCBE during the PECO Committee ("Platform for Exchange, Cooperation and Outreach" (PECO) hearing. This Committee is specifically tasked with dealing with issues about the protection of advocates' rights in Europe.

European colleagues supported UNBA, in particular, by stressing that it is unacceptable for illegal interference in legal practice to even exist, and expressed their concern that the number of such cases in Ukraine does not decrease.

As a reminder, UNBA has observer status at the CCBE and is a party to the Memorandum on Mutual Recognition of Lawyers' Cross Border Continuing Professional Development, which provides Ukrainian advocates with the possibility to score points from studying abroad towards mandatory Continuing Legal Education certification in Ukraine.

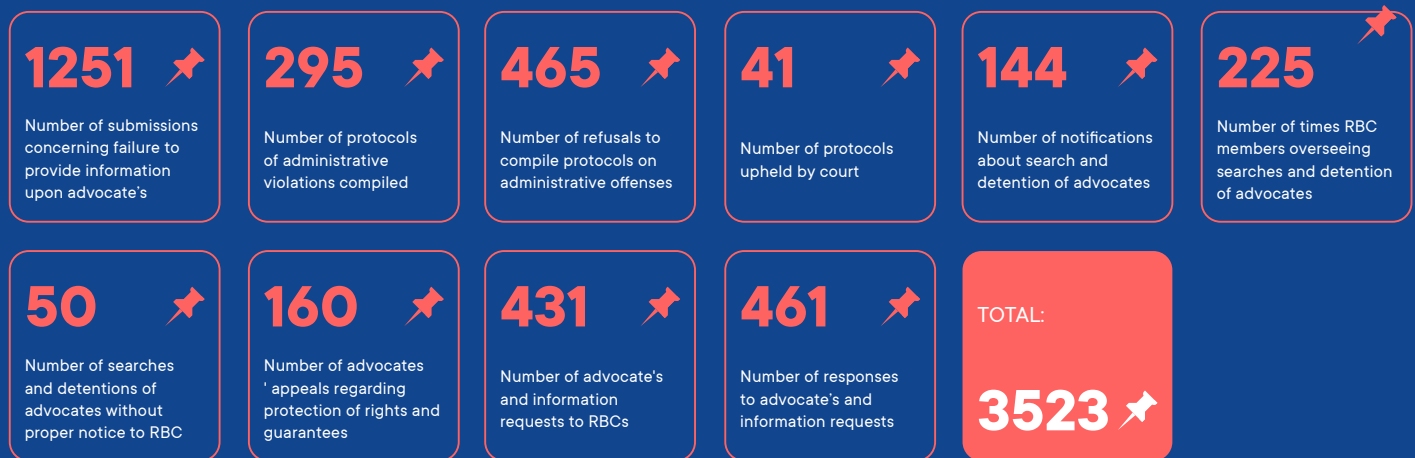
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Statistics

In 2019, the Bar Council of Ukraine received **106** submissions concerning violations of advocates' rights. 52 of those were sent to the law enforcement agencies, **101** – to the UNBA Committee on the Protection of Advocates' Rights.

In 2019, Regional Bar Councils received **3523** submissions concerning violation of advocates' rights. of those:



At the same time, in 2019, the UNBA Committee on Protection of Advocates' Professional Rights received **88** submissions concerning violations of advocates' professional rights and guarantees.

The Committee received submissions about:



In response, the Committee sent **101** appeals, **54** of those – to the leadership of law enforcement agencies with demands to cease violations of the advocates' rights and conduct official investigations against violators, to prosecute them as provided by law.

Activities of the UNBA Committee on Protection of Advocates' Professional Rights and Guarantees in 2019

In 2019, 88 submissions alleging violations of advocates' professional rights and legal practice guarantees were received by the UNBA Committee on Protection of Advocates' Professional Rights and Guarantees.

As to the above-mentioned submissions, the Committee sent 101 responses, 54 of which were addressed to the leadership of law enforcement agencies with the demands to stop the violations of the advocate's rights and pursue violators – by conducting official investigations and to bring them to disciplinary liability.

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- Destruction of advocate's property – 4
- Threats to advocates – 14
- Physical assault against advocates – 8
- Intervention into the legal position of an advocate – 30
- Covert investigative actions – 4
- Criminal prosecution of advocates – 11
- Assassination attempts – 3
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In 2019, the Committee held 23 events, among which:

- 14 Regular Committee meetings;
- 6 Emergency Committee meetings;
- Press conference;
- 2 roundtables.

The Committee took part in 5 events organized by international organizations:

- 10.08 – Participation in the Round Table (held in Kyiv), dedicated to the presentation of the project "Strengthening the Rule of Law in Ukraine", organized by the rights group International Society for Human Rights.
- 15.08–18.08: participation in the Prague Club meeting in Berlin;
- 26.09 – participation in the discussion seeking for effective international mechanisms to protect the rights of advocates held at the OSCE site in Warsaw;
- 27.09–28.09 participation in the training for protection the advocates' professional rights and guarantees in the city of Dushanbe, Tajikistan;

The Committee is working on the prevention of violations of the professional rights of advocates and guarantees of legal practice by law enforcement officers. In particular, there has been reached a mutual understanding with the National Anti-Corruption Bureau of Ukraine (NABU), the Specialized Anti-corruption Prosecutor's Office, the Qualification and Disciplinary Commission of Prosecutors, the State Criminal Execution Service of Ukraine, the Main Investigative Department of the National Police of Ukraine for the prevention of further violations of advocate's rights and guarantees. The leadership of the above-mentioned bodies appointed officers, responsible for the compliance with and protection of professional rights of advocates and guarantees of legal practice. At present, there is a possibility for swift prevention of advocates' rights and guarantees violations via telephone.

¹ This statistic, is based upon solely on the submissions filed to the UNBA Committee for the Protection of Advocates Professional rights and Guarantees. Consequently, in 2019 there were significantly more cases of advocates' professional rights violations than stated in this very Report.





The Committee prepared the address to the Deputy Chair of the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine Committee on Human Rights, National Minorities and Inter-ethnic Relations Logvynskyi G.V. The subject of the address was systematic violations of advocates' professional rights and guarantees of legal practice by public authorities. The address described more than fifty cases featuring violations of advocates' professional rights and guarantees of legal practice.

The Committee organized several training seminars for advocates in different cities of Ukraine. The seminars were devoted to the protection of advocates' professional rights in criminal proceedings. The Committee members, some of the most experienced criminal advocates spoke at the seminar. The above-mentioned seminars were conducted with the support of regional Bar Councils.

On 22 January, the Committee held a press conference "Persecution and attacks on advocates - the current reality of the State of Ukraine". The event was attended by advocates, representatives of public organizations, and authorities.

On March 6, the Committee held a roundtable discussion "International Mechanisms for Protection of advocates' rights and legal practice guarantees". The roundtable was held with the participation of the Director of the ICJ Programs in Europe and Central Asia Róisín Pillay, Acting President of the Netherlands Bar Association Monika Bremer, a Swiss advocate Joseph Alcat, Senior Legal Adviser of the European Integration Program Timur Shakirov, and legal counsel for the Program Maria Rudko.

The delegation of the International Commission of Jurists and Committee leadership met on March 6. The meeting was dedicated to the strengthening of the collaboration for the effective protection of advocates' professional rights and guarantees of legal practice.

On August 10, representatives of the Committee took part in the round table dedicated to the presentation of the project "Strengthening the Rule of Law in Ukraine", organized by the international human rights organization "International Society for Human Rights". As a result of the event, the above-mentioned organization started monitoring the case of advocate Oleksandr Chibirdin, whose professional rights and guarantees were grossly violated.

On March 29, the Committee held a roundtable discussion "Do advocates enjoy too many rights?". The event participants discussed the state of observance of advocates' rights and guarantees of legal practice; necessity for expanding the additional

guarantees of advocate's independence, his personal safety enshrined in legislation; mitigation of risks of limiting advocates' procedural rights by the further implementation of the judicial reform.

26 September, upon the invitation of the International Commission of Jurists, Members of the Committee, together with the supervisor of the NGO "Association for Defending Rights of Lawyers" D. Pylypenko, took part in the discussion seeking for effective international mechanisms to protect the rights of advocates, held at the OSCE site in Warsaw; The participants of the meeting have vowed their support for the creation of the International European Convention to Protect Lawyers and the establishment of an international Committee for Protection of Lawyers' Rights..



On 27, 28 September, Members of the Committee spoke as trainers at the training on the protection of advocates' rights and guarantees of legal practice held in Dushanbe (Tajikistan), organized by the International Commission of Jurists (ICJ) jointly with the Tajikistan Union of Lawyers. Committee members have shared best practices and recommendations for overcoming challenges arising in the work of the Bar self-government in this area of activity.

27 november, the Committee, jointly with HSA and NABU, held a joint scientific and practical discussion on the protection of advocates' rights in criminal proceedings. Advocates and detectives of the National Anti-Corruption Bureau of Ukraine took part in the discussion. After discussing several current issues regarding the violation of the rights of advocates in the criminal procedure, the participants reached the following conclusion: Despite the adversarial principle, both investigator and advocate carry out a socially important function – protection of the rights and freedoms of natural and legal persons, society at large and the State. The actions of an advocate or investigator aimed at the humiliation of the procedural opponent are not acceptable.

In 2019, the Committee representatives twice took part in the meetings of the Prague Club (in Berlin and Prague). At the said events, the problems of protection of advocates' rights, prospective institutional developments for the Bar were discussed.

Committee members carried out and continue-keep the provision of legal assistance to advocates who addressed the Committee, in particular:

- Members of the Committee took part in court proceedings re-

viewing the indictment in Primorsky, Kyiv, Malinovsky, and Su-
vorov District Courts of Odesa in the criminal case concerning
the advocate O. Chibirdin. In the course of the proceedings,
multiple violations of professional guarantees of legal practice
occurred. Thanks to the development and implementation of
the defense strategy executed by the Committee members,
six motions to recuse judges were granted, three courts were
changed, a motion for an alternative measure of restraint (bail)
was granted, which was subsequently paid by the HSA and
UNBA Mutual Aid Fund.

- Participation in criminal proceeding No.12018100090006474
from 12.06.2018 concerning advocate Shalimov L.O., within
which the professional guarantees of legal practice were vio-
lated. Members of the Committee took part in developing the
strategy, defense tactics, personally rendered legal assistance
to the colleague, thus achieving the desired result: Notice of
Suspicion to advocate Shalimov L.O. was canceled by the de-
cision of investigating judge Vyshnyak M.V. on 24.12.2019. Pro-
fessional guarantees of legal practice have been thus restored.
 - Personal participation of Committee members in the case of
Korkh O. I., that faced obstacles to his professional activity cre-
ated by the judge, which essentially preclude him from the ef-
fective defense of his client's interests.
 - The Committee members carry out legal support in the crimi-
nal proceeding against advocate V. Bogatyr. The Committee
devised the defense plan, filed requests to the authorized
state bodies. The Committee regularly takes action to render
legal assistance to advocate O. Bogatyr.
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- Participation in the criminal case against advocate V. Lyushik.
The Committee developed strategy and tactics for defense in
proceedings, which resulted in the release of advocate from
custody, and restoration of professional guarantees.
 - Participation in criminal proceedings against advocate K.
Pysarenko, who addressed the Committee asking for legal aid.
The advocate informed that the Prosecutor of Lviv Region at-
tempted to unlawfully serve him the Notice of Suspicion. The
above-mentioned action was meant to remove an advocate
from the case in criminal proceedings, where he provided legal
assistance. Violation of professional rights and guarantees of
legal practice was thus eliminated, the Notice of Suspicion was
not served.
 - As instructed by UNBA, Committee members participated
in the consideration of complaints under Art. 303 of CPC of
Ukraine about the failure to enter into URPI information con-
cerning criminal offense committed against an advocate.
 - The Committee provides numerous legal consultations to col-
leagues in the field of criminal prosecution of advocates: con-
cerning the detention of an advocate, service of the notice of
suspicion, election of a preventive measure, interrogation as a
witness, a search for an advocate's office, etc.

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High-profile cases of violation of advocates' professional rights and guarantees 2019:

1. **Ivanov O.V.:** Murdered on 22.08.2019 in Kropyvnytsky City, near Pre-Trial Defense Facility. Unidentified assailants committed a drive-by shooting with automatic weapons. The advocate died on the spot. The murder is associated with the professional activity of advocate Ivanov O.V.;



2. **Petriv M. Y.** advocate and his wife were murdered on 28.05.2019 (both had a thorax gunshot wounds). After the murder, his house was set on fire. The bodies were found in one of the rooms of the house. The murder of advocate Petriv and his wife is deemed to be connected with his professional activity.



3. **Vyshnevyi O.V.:** On 10.07.2019 an attack was carried out against the advocate: two unidentified assailants brutally beat the advocate near his office with a metal rod to the head and the body. The advocate was able to defend and stay alive. On 25.08.2019 the repeated attack occurred. The advocate sustained knife injury to the thorax. The strikes were made from behind, the advocate did not see the at-



tacker.

4. **Nesvitailo O. M. :** A group of 7-8 people attacked the advocate on 20.05.2019 at the time the advocate carrying out his professional duties. The police failed to swiftly respond to a distress call, so the assailants could not have been detained at once. The advocate was brutally beaten, also his personal possessions were damaged. Currently, the case is under court consideration, a group of suspects identified.



5. Riabenko P.K., Riabenko D.P., Riabenko V.P.: Голова Chair of the Bar Council of Kyiv City, advocate Riabenko P.K. and his sons Riabenko D.P. and Riabenko V.P. on 19.05.2019 advised a client in a traffic accident in the city center of the capital of Ukraine. The conflict occurred with the policemen that arrived at the site of the accident to compile the relevant protocol. As a result, advocates sustained bodily injuries and barely avoided transfer to the police department.



6. Kolesnyk G.M.: When the advocate, to provide legal advice to her client, tried to approach him, the police officer used brute force against her, having pushed the advocate and twisted her hands. Another police officer ripped the phone out of the hands of advocate Kolesnyk G.M. The above occurred on 24.06.2019. After the husband of advocate Kolesnyk G.M. started filming the actions of police officers with a cell phone camera, the police officers pushed the man down to the ground, twisted his hands, and ripped the cell phone from his hands. Police officers began to conduct a groundless inspection of personal belongings the advocate's husband, and his funds in the amount of 28,000.00 UAH went missing as a result.



7. Lazorenko L.V.: As a result of participation in the judge murder case, the advocate regularly receives death threats to him and his family members. In particular, through one of the Internet of messengers, on 25.09.2019, the advocate received a message that he and his family "will have problems".

8. Chibirdin O.V.: A preventive measure in the form of deten-

tion was against the advocate as a result of the gross identification of an advocate with his client. Advocate spent more than 30 months in the Odessa Pre-Trial Detention Facility, not having been served with a Notice of Suspicion by an authorized person (as acknowledged even by the court) and in the absence of evidence supporting charges. Thanks to the Members of the Committee, acting as defenders of advocate Chibirdin in this case, the six motions for recusal of six judges were granted, the case transferred three times by different courts. Finally, the court found it possible to elect an alternative measure of restraint in the form of bail. In December 2019, advocate Chibirdin left the PDF, after more than 700 thousand UAH bail was posted thanks to the charitable donations of advocates, the Higher School of Advocacy, UNBA Charitable Foundation.



9. Bogatyr V.V.: The officers of the Department of Special Investigations at Prosecutor General's Office of Ukraine have violated the procedure for the service of the Notice of Suspicion to advocate Bogatyr, that enjoys a special status.

The attempt of service was made by the investigator, not the Prosecutor General of Ukraine or its deputy, as required by the provisions of Articles 480–481 of the CPC of Ukraine and paragraph 13 of article 23 of the Law "On the Bar and Practice of Law". The advocate himself was on a business trip abroad, and he informed the PGOU representatives accordingly. The officers, in turn, failed to comply with the special procedure for notification of persons staying outside Ukraine.

Disregarding and ignoring statutory guarantees of legal practice, Prosecutor General's Office of Ukraine illegally assigned the status of a suspect to an advocate, and unlawful persecution against him continues for three years straight. Prosecutors, contrary to the requirements of Article 50 of the Criminal Procedure Code of Ukraine, demand (extort) from the advocate to furnish additional documents as a confirmation of his powers as a defender, in particular - the written consent of Volodymyr Bogatyr to carry out the defense in this criminal proceeding, who was questioned earlier in

the presence of the same advocates.

European and Ukrainian human rights organizations on numerous occasions noted the violation of rights of advocate Volodymyr Bogatyr in criminal proceedings and the political nature of his persecution. However, the Prosecutor's Office continues to grossly violate his rights. Thus, Prosecutor's General Office refuses to comply with the numerous decisions of the national courts (namely, 23 rulings of investigating judges) which is not only outrageous but also violates the main principles of legal proceedings of as established by Article 129 of the Constitution of Ukraine "Binding nature of court's decision". Former Deputy Prosecutor General of Ukraine A. Stryzhevska pointed out in writing, that in her own opinion, these decisions are illegal and unsubstantiated and therefore may not be complied with. As a point of law, these numerous court decisions came into force, and such behavior on the part of law enforcement is not acceptable. It should be noted that failure to comply with a court decision is a criminal offense.

Advocates of Bogatyr V.V., as a result of illegal actions of the law enforcement authorities, still have not been granted access to materials of the criminal proceeding, and their powers are not recognized.



2019 Congress of Advocates

On 15–16 February 2019, Congress of Advocates of Ukraine convened

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The agenda of the 2019 Congress of Advocates of Ukraine included the following points:

- Approval of the Rules of Procedure for the 2019 Congress of Advocates of Ukraine;
- Approval of the Agenda of the 2019 Congress of Advocates of Ukraine;
- Report of the President of the Bar Council of Ukraine;
- Report of the chair of the Higher Qualification and Disciplinary Commission of the Bar;
- Report of the Chair of the Higher Audit Commission of the Bar;
- Consideration of the Conclusions of the Higher Audit Commission of the Bar;
- Approval of the Budget Fulfillment Report of the Bar Council of Ukraine, Ukrainian National Bar Association;
- Approval of the Budget Fulfillment Report of Higher Qualification and Disciplinary Commission of the Bar;
- Election (appointment) of two Members of the High Council of Justice, replacing those whose term of office ended in 2019;
- Election (appointment) of a Member of the Higher Qualification Commission of Judges of Ukraine whose term of office expired in 2019;
- Election of Members of the advocates' self-government, whose appointment is vested with the Congress of Advocates of Ukraine;
- Miscellaneous

BCU Decision No. 198 "On convocation of the 2019 Congress of Advocates of Ukraine"

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BCU Decision No.199's "On establishing delegate's representation quota for 2019 Congress of Advocates Of Ukraine"

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BCU Decision №.200 regarding organizational measures facilitating the conduct of 2019 Congress of Advocates of Ukraine

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BCU Decision No.201 "On convening the Conferences of Advocates of the Regions, establishment of representation quotas, approval of the delegate's nomination and election procedure for the Conference of Advocates of the Region and their Rules of Procedure (as amended by the Bar Council of Ukraine No.226 from 14 December 2018)

Video of the speech delivered by UNBA/BCU President Lydia Izovitova:

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Results of the 2019 Congress of Advocates of Ukraine

KEY APPOINTMENTS:

- **Pavlo Grechkivsky and Oleksiy Malovatskyi** were elected to HCJ
- **Oleksandr Drozdov** elected to the Higher Qualification Commission of Judges
- **Sergiy Vylkov** was elected the head of the High qualification and Disciplinary commission of advocacy
- **Vasyl Rayko** (Zakarpattia region), **Ruslan Nadyon** (Kharkiv), **Iryna Sachaveva** (Kherson), **Igor Mokin** (Kherson) and **Andrii Karas** (Kherson) are elected to the Higher Audit Commission of the Bar*
- **Pavlo Lutsyuk** dismissed from HQC
- **Oleksandr Gotin** elected as UNBA Vice-President**



Pavlo Grechkivskyi (right), Oleksiy Malovatskyi (left) and Oleksandr Drozdov (center).



Sergiy Vylkov

RESOLUTIONS:

- regarding the inadmissibility of the adoption of the draft Law of Ukraine "On the Bar and Practice of Law" №. 9055
- concerning Non-admissibility of infringement of the rights of Ukrainian advocates providing free legal aid
- on the regulation of social security of advocates

APPROVED:

- CONCLUSIONS OF THE HIGHER AUDIT COMMISSION OF THE BAR
- BUDGET FULFILLMENT REPORT OF THE BAR COUNCIL OF UKRAINE, UKRAINIAN NATIONAL BAR ASSOCIATION
- BUDGET FULFILLMENT REPORT OF THE HIGHER QUALIFICATION AND DISCIPLINARY COMMISSION OF THE BAR
- AMENDMENTS TO THE RULES OF PROFESSIONAL CONDUCT

* Newly elected HACB Members will start their work in November of the current year

** In case of this office becomes vacant

Several decisions were adopted during the Congress. In particular, the Congress elected Pavlo Grechkivsky and Oleksiy Malovatskyi as Members of the High Council of Justice. In favor of Grechkivsky – 161 votes of 178 delegates in total. In favor of Malovatskyi – 142 delegates voted.

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Oleksandr Drozdov was elected as the representative to the Higher Qualification and Disciplinary Commission of Judges. New members of the Higher Audit Commission of the Bar elected – Vasyl Rayko (Zakarpattia region), Ruslan Nadyon (Kharkiv), Iryna Sachayeva (Kherson), Igor Mokin (Kherson), and Andriy Karas (Chernihiv), as well as Sergiy Vylkov. The latter was appointed as the Chair of the Higher Qualification and Disciplinary Commission of the Bar.

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Besides, the Congress of Advocates of Ukraine urged Verkhovna Rada to return the draft law "On the Bar and Practice of Law" №9055 to the subject of the legislative initiative. 161 delegates voted in favor of the corresponding resolution.

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The advocates insisted that the adoption of the draft law №. 9055 will render the protection of the rights, freedoms, and interests of the persons by members of independent (non-aligned politically) Bar impossible. The resolution expressed a remark about the key novelties of the draft law and amendments to the Criminal Procedural Code contained in the Transitional Provisions. The advocates believe that adoption of the draft law №. 9055 would contradict the general logic of the European choice of Ukraine, numerous international instruments, and actually – the Strategy of Reforming the Judiciary, Justice and Ancillary Legal Institutions, approved by the Order of the President №. 276 dated May 20, 2015.

Video comment of the Chair of the UNBA Committee on Approximation of Ukrainian Bar to the European Legal Standards Oleksandr Dulskeyi on the draft law №. 9055

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On Friday, February 15, 2019, 2019 Congress of Advocates of Ukraine supplemented Section II of the Rules of Professional Conduct. Added was Art. 121 "Honesty and integrity of reputation", and amendments made to arts. 44, 65. The principle of advocates' honesty and integrity of reputation is a recognized international standard for exercising legal practice, which is reflected in the ethical codes for advocates in various countries. Active international activity of the Ukrainian National Bar Association allowed achieving such important results as joining the international professional organization of advocates – International Bar Association (IBA) and the Council of Bars and Law Societies of Europe (CCBE). For the members of these organizations, the principle of honesty and professional integrity are binding. Thus, Congress upheld the initiative of the Odesa region delegation and approved changes to the Rules of Professional Conduct.

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2019 Report of the Bar Council of Ukraine



Number of convened and conducted meetings of the Bar Council of Ukraine in 2019: 11
(of which 4 - by means of electronic communication and using electronic voting (survey)):

14.02.2019;	13.06.2019 (survey);	20-21.09.2019;
15.02.2019;	26 - 27.06.2019;	15.11.2019;
25.02.2019 (extraordinary);	06.08.2019 (extraordinary);	13.12.2019.
12 - 13.04.2019;	05.09.2019 (extraordinary);	

Number of decisions approved by the Bar Council of Ukraine: 178

Key decisions of the Bar Council of Ukraine in 2019:

1. BCU adopted a decision approving the Regulations on the Registration of Delegates to the 2019 Congress of Advocates of Ukraine.
 - Rules of Procedure of the Higher Qualification and Disciplinary Commission of the Bar, approved by the decision of the Bar Council of Ukraine dated 4-5 July 2014 №.78 (as amended);
2. BCU adopted a decision upon consideration of the letter of the Chair of the Higher Qualification and Disciplinary Commission of the Bar Drozdov O.M. №.176 from 07.02.2019, by which amended:
 - Regulation on the Procedure of Acceptance and Consideration of Complaints regarding Improper Behavior of an Advocate, which may result in Disciplinary Liability, adopted by the decision of the Bar Council of Ukraine from August 30, 2014 №.120 (as amended);
 - Rules of Procedure of the regional Qualification and Disciplinary Commission of the Bar approved by the Bar Council of Ukraine on December 17, 2013 №.268 (as amended);
 - Rules of Procedure of the Regional Bar Council, approved by the resolution of the Bar Council of Ukraine on October 25, 2014 №.178 (as amended).



3. BCU adopted the decision upon consideration of the letter filed by the Deputy Head of the Main Investigative Department of the National Police of Ukraine Dudarets R.M. №. 23683/24/413–2018 of 30 November 2018, on the revision of the decision denying the request, asking to reconsider the decision of the Bar Council of Ukraine №.203 dated September 23, 2017.
4. BCU decided to create a Working Group on developing methodological recommendations on the procedure for consideration of advocate's inquiries, drafted by the National Police of Ukraine.
5. BCU decided to create a Working Group on developing methodological recommendations for the provision of legal aid to persons with visual impairments.
6. BCU decided to draft the Resolution concerning non-admissibility of infringement of the rights of Ukrainian advocates providing free legal aid for it to be considered by the 2019 Congress of Advocates of Ukraine.
7. BCU decided to establish a UNBA Representative Office in the Republic of Portugal (Portu).



8. BCU decided to establish bonuses for Members of the Higher Audit Commission of the Bar in 2019, in particular:

- to establish for the Members of the Higher Audit Commission of the Bar in 2019 a bonus in the amount of 50% of the minimum level of subsistence established as of January 1 of each corresponding calendar year where the bonus falls due, for each day of Commission's work.
- to establish that the payout of bonuses to the Members of the Higher Audit Commission of the Bar in the prescribed amount for the year 2019 to be carried out from January 1, 2019, onwards.

9. BCU decided to approve the 2019 Partnership Program of the Ukrainian National Bar Association.
10. BCU has decided to establish a Working Group on the preparation of the training program for advocates who wish to exercise defense in the field of war crimes and the



procedure for obtaining admission to such cases.

11. BCU decided to establish a Working Group on the preparation of amendments to the Rules of Professional Conduct approved by the 2017 Congress of Advocates of Ukraine on 09 June 2017.
12. BCU decided to draft the Resolution concerning the settlement of advocates' social security to be considered by the 2019 Congress of Advocates of Ukraine.
13. BCU adopted the decision to implement corruption prevention measures, in particular:
 - to instruct Members of the Bar Council of Ukraine acting as Members of the Monitoring Committee on the Control of Compliance with Legislation and Carrying out Decisions of the Bar Council of Ukraine, to provide information to the Bar Council of Ukraine about corruption risks identified in the activities of the regional bar self-government.
 - Representative of the advocates of Khmelnytskyi region at the Bar Council of Ukraine Kadenko O. O. to draft and prepare the Committee Program as per Clause 2 of this Decision regarding identifying and analyzing on



prevention and countering corruption in the activities of Bar self-government.

14. BCU decided to approve the new edition of the Procedure for the Continuing Legal Education of Ukrainian Advocates:

- to approve the new edition of the Procedure for Continuing Legal Education of Ukrainian Advocates, which enters into force on 01 Apr 2019;
- to align the provisions of the Regulation on the UNBA Expert Council for Accreditation and Certification of CLE, by adopting the new edition of the said instrument, which enters into force on April 1, 2019;
- to align the Procedure for Maintaining the Unified Register of Advocates of Ukraine approved by the BCU decision №26 dated December 17, 2012, as amended, complementing it with the ss.3.1.8;
- to cancel effective from April 1, 2019, accreditation of the events and certification of persons, previously accredited and certified by the Expert Council on Accreditation and Certification of CLE for Advocates under the Procedure of CLE for Advocates of Ukraine, approved by the Bar Council of Ukraine decision №85 from 16 February 2013, as amended;
- to decide, that all events that have been accredited by the UNBA Expert Board on Accreditation and Certification of CLE for Ukrainian Advocates, under the preceding Procedure and scheduled to be held on or before 01 July 2019, may be conducted and the CLE points, certificates, etc. confirming the professional development of advocates, received on or before July 01, 2019, are counted in for the corresponding period.

15. BCU decided to approve the draft Resolution concerning the settlement of advocates' social security, draft Resolution on the inadmissibility of the adoption of the draft law of Ukraine "On the Bar and Practice of Law" №9055 the draft of Resolution concerning Non-admissibility of infringement of the rights of Ukrainian advocates providing free legal aid for it to be considered by the 2019 Congress of Advocates of Ukraine.

16. BCU decided to accept the statement of resignation by Grechkivsky Pavlo Mykolayovych from the office of the Secretary of the Bar Council of Ukraine and Member of the Bar Council of Ukraine effective 15.02.2019, in connection with his election by the 2019 Congress of Advocates of Ukraine as Member of the High Council of Justice.

17. BCU decided to elect as the Secretary of the Bar Council of Ukraine for the term of five years the Member of the Bar Council of Ukraine from the Lugansk region Igor Valeriyovych Kolesnykov.

18. BCU decided to approve an Open Statement of the Bar Council of Ukraine on the situation in the Notary and express support to the Notaries of Ukraine, as well as voiced its concern regarding the upcoming legislative regulation of the notary service, developed without public consultation with the professional organization of the notaries and provides for violation of their professional rights.



19. BCU adopted the decision "On approval of clarification of certain issues about the representation of a client in court under Power of Attorney", where it is indicated that a person providing legal assistance being an advocate (which is confirmed by the presence of the certificate of the right to practice law and excerpt from the URAU), regardless whether it is stated in a Power of Attorney or not, has the possibility of exercising all rights and possibilities associated with this status.

20. BCU adopted the decision "On approval of the procedure for certifying the copies of documents by an advocate".

21. It has also approved Clarification concerning the possibility for interrogation of a translator as a witness, stating that the information received by the translator or by another person undertaking translation, as a result of the provision of translation services intermediating advocate-client communication is covered by professional privilege and belongs to other types of legally privileged information, and therefore any attempts to gain access to the information obtained in this way are unlawful and violate the guarantees of legal practice and requirements of the legislation on the maintenance of advocate-client confidentiality.



22. A Working Group was established to tackle the issue advocate's success fee for the purpose and develop additional rules for determining the amount and procedure for paying out the success fee for the legal advice rendered, taking into account the current legislation of Ukraine and recognized international practices.
23. BCU adopted a decision concerning the use ratings of advocate, law offices, and law firms in the course of the public procurement procedure for sourcing professional legal advice, which clarified that the incorporating any soft of ratings for advocates, law offices, and law firms as qualifying criteria for selection is completely unacceptable and is in itself a highly discriminatory in nature.
24. BCU adopted a decision aimed at elimination of indebtedness to advocates providing the services within the free legal aid system and uphold their rights, by the following means:
 - to address the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine and the Ministry of Justice of Ukraine requesting to immediately seize violations of the right of FLA advocates acting on behalf of the authority (establishment) authorized law to provide free secondary legal aid, which is manifested in violation of advocates' right to receive due remuneration for rendering the free secondary legal aid, and prevent any such future violations of the rights and guarantees of legal practice;
 - to instruct the UNBA Committee on Free Legal Aid to prepare a sample Draft Claim for debt collection to be used by FLA advocates, and recommend all FLA advocates whose rights were thus violated to file the claims to court.



25. BCU adopted the decision "On measures to unblock and ensure the proper functioning of the Bar Council of Kyiv City".
 26. BCU approved the new edition of the Regulation on the Warrant for Rendering Legal Advice, which introduced the procedure of the electronic generation of advocate's warrants by advocates themselves via the personal electronic cabinet at the official UNBA website.
 27. The decision adopted upon consideration of the work of the Special Interim Commission for verification and studies of materials on convening the Conference of Advocates of Dnipropetrovsk Region on December 07, 2018, in particular:
 - to oblige advocate Verba M.I. to transfer (under the Deed of Transfer and Acceptance) the entire archive of the Qualification and Disciplinary Commission of the Bar in Dnipropetrovsk Region to the Chair of Higher Qualification and Disciplinary Commission of the Bar Vylkov S.V.;
 - to extend the mandate of the Special Interim Commission for verification and studies of materials on convening the Conference of Advocates of Dnipropetrovsk Region on December 07, 2018.
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28. UNBA Representative Office was established in the Kingdom of Denmark (Holstebro City).
 29. BCU has created under the auspices of the Ukrainian National Bar Association:
 - Committee on Electronic Justice and Cyber Security of Legal Practice, to study the issues and practices of implementation of the means and methods of cybersecurity and the protection of information, communications, automated systems, telecommunication and electronic systems and networks, electronic evidence, computer equipment used by advocates in the provision of legal assistance, contain information that is subject to professional privilege and development of effective means of protection for such information, electronic documents, electronic evidence, professional privilege, electronic data that is owned by advocates



and/or were received by them in the course of legal practice (ensuring the cybersecurity of legal practice).

- Committee on Customs and Tax Law, with aim of development of Customs and Tax law, monitoring of effective protection of human rights in the field of customs policy and taxation, adherence to the principle of legality and presumption of innocence, development of programs for filling legislative gaps in the customs and tax law.

30. BCU approved the Regulation of the Committee on Strategic Development and Defining Activity Priorities of the Ukrainian National Bar Association.

- 52 31. BCU amended the Procedure for the Publication of Financial Reports of the Bar Self-government, approved by the Bar Council of Ukraine № 253 dated December 17, 2013, approving the new edition of the instrument: reporting form for the Regional Bar Councils, the Reporting Form for the Qualification and Disciplinary Commission of the Bar, the reporting form for the BCU, UNBA, and HQDCB.

32. BCU approved the new wording of the Statute of the Private Organization (institution, establishment) the Higher School of Advocacy of Ukrainian National Bar Association.

33. As a result of consideration of the submission of the Chair of the Bar Council of Ukraine of Ternopil region regarding the pressure exerted against advocates officials of the Centers for the FSLA (Free Secondary Legal Aid), the decision was adopted, by which BCU decided to address:

- the Ministry of Justice of Ukraine with the request to taken measures within their competence in order to eliminate any biased actions of the FSLA Centers officials, like non-conclusion or conclusion of short-term contracts with advocates or making changes to the procedure of assignment distribution among FLSA advocates, deliberate payouts to advocates for rendered services and creating indebtedness to advocates.
- to address the National Agency for Prevention of Corruption with the request to take measures within

their powers for the elimination of corruption risks in the work of the Ternopil Regional Center for FLSA.

34. BCU adopted a decision "On approval of the draft methodical recommendations on the procedure of consideration of the advocate's inquiries".
35. The decision adopted canceling the decision of the Bar Council of Kyiv Region №71 of 12 June 2019 on declaring a temporary local preventive strike throughout the territory of the Kyiv region by advocates registered with the Bar Council of the Kyiv region and advocates providing legal assistance in the FLSA Centers throughout Kyiv region in criminal proceedings, as contravening the constitutional rights of citizens to legal aid and guarantees of independent legal practice.
36. BCU adopted the decision to "On establishing a Working Group on drafting methodological basis of traineeships and related issues".
37. BCU adopted the decision to address the Council of Judges of Ukraine as the body of judicial self-government, the State Judicial Administration of Ukraine requesting to draw the attention of judges of all instances to the need of compliance with the requirements of the Law of Ukraine "On the Bar and Practice of Law", ensuring guarantees of legal practice and the right of an advocate to certify copies of documents, including the warrant, as well the BCU decision from June 26, 2019, "On the use of a copy of the warrant for providing legal aid" at the official websites of the Council of Judges of Ukraine and the State Judicial Administration of Ukraine.



38. BCU Decision adopted to address the Ministry of Finance of Ukraine with a letter concerning further planning of expenditures from the State and local budgets for 2020 for the advocates' representation of the state and local self-government bodies in the courts of all instances and defining the approximate range of the fees and hourly rates for legal services in budgetary requests, after receiving relevant information from the Chairs of regional Bar Councils.



39. BCU decision approved Clarification of the application of the blank form of advocate's warrant for rendering legal aid.
40. BCU adopted decision and: instructed the Chair of the Bar Council of Ukraine Lidiya Izovitova to address the Prosecutor's General Office of Ukraine and Ministry of Internal Affairs with a request to take measures within their competence to eradicate violations of advocate's rights and guarantees in respect of the Chair and Members of the HQDCB, as well as take under personal control the pre-trial investigation, opened in criminal proceeding registered upon statement filed by the Chair of HQDCB S.V. Vylkov from 24 April 2019; to contact the administrator of the Facebook social network with a request to take action within their powers and report public posting of. On April 23, 2019, users Rafalska I. V., Truskavetskyi R.S., Korniyenko O.P. posted comments with calls for violence in the group of advocates' community "COUNCIL OF ADVOCATES OF UKRAINE".



41. According to the results of the consideration of the letter filed by Chair of UNBA Committee on Legal Aid Vylkov S.A. concerning the collective complaint of the Volyn Region FLSA advocates dated April 09, 2019, on human rights violations committed by the Regional Center for Free Secondary Legal Aid in Volyn region against advocates that provide free secondary legal aid in Volyn region, as well as pressure on advocates exerted by the Head of the mentioned Center, which is a violation of the guarantees of the independent legal profession, BCU decided:

- To address the law enforcement agencies with the request to take measures against the misuse of public funds by the regional FLSA Centers and against violations of advocates' rights to receive due remuneration for their services;
- To approve an Open Statement of the Bar Council of Ukraine regarding ensuring observance of the advocates' rights and professional guarantees within the system of free secondary legal aid, including settlement of debts owed to advocates that render free secondary legal aid and preventing pressure against advocates that Heads of such regional Centers may wish to mount.

42. The Bar Council of Ukraine adopted the decision "On the establishment of the Committee on Interaction with Civil Society" at the Ukrainian National Bar Association" and entrust the representative of the advocates from Khmelnytskyi region, Member of the Bar Council of Ukraine Kadenko O. O., Vice-Chair of HQDCB advocate Misiats V.P. to develop the Regulation on the Committee on Interaction with Civil Society.
43. According to the results of the consideration the People's Deputy request of Lutsenko I.V. with the request to facilitate the resolution of the situation around violation of the rights of Ukrainian citizens Nazarchuk S.M., Yatsenko A.P., and other 23 accused, as well as the statements of advocate Dulsky O. L. from May 07, 2019, concerning violation of the rights of advocate and professional guarantees, the BCU decided:

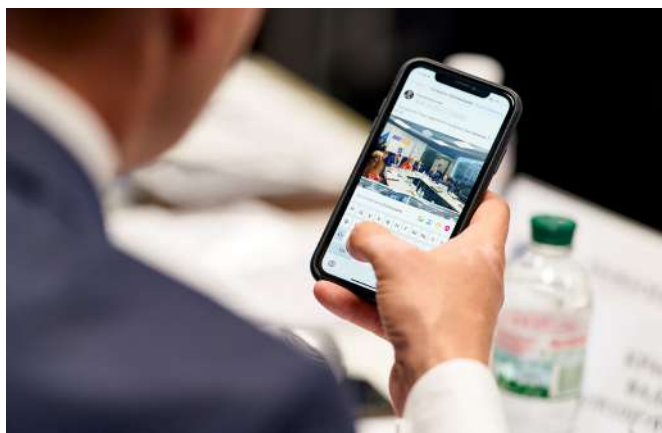
- to draw attention to the need for the creation of proper conditions for the temporary workplace of an advocate allowing to carry out the representation of a person in court, which complies with sanitary and construction norms and rules, ensures the possibility for an advocate to communicate with the client without intervention; allows the possibility of using modern technical means for work with electronic documents.
- to address the State Judicial Administration of Ukraine, the Council of Judges of Ukraine, the President of Ukraine, Prosecutor's General Office of Ukraine, the Supreme Court, the Ukrainian Parliamentary Commissioner for Human Rights with a request to facilitate within their powers prevention of violations of the right of a person to professional legal assistance rendered by advocates by way of providing adequate working conditions for representation in courts.

44. BCU decided to establish a UNBA Representative Office in the Arabic Republic of Egypt (Hurghada City) ".
45. BCU adopted the decision to amend the Rules of Procedure of the Higher Qualification and Disciplinary Commission of the Bar approved by the decision of the Bar Council of Ukraine №.78 dated 4-5 July 2014 (as amended).



46. BCU adopted the decision to amend the Rules of Procedure of the regional Qualification and Disciplinary Commission of the Bar, approved by the decision of the Bar Council of Ukraine on December 17, 2013, №268 (as amended).

47. BCU adopted the decision to amend the Procedure for Admission to the Qualification Examination, the Procedure for Passing the Qualifying Examination and the Methods of Evaluating the Results of the Qualification Examination for the acquisition of the right to practice the law in Ukraine, approved by the decision of the Bar Council of Ukraine dated 17 December 2013 №270 (as amended).



48. BCU adopted the decision on amending the Regulation on the Procedure for Acceptance and Consideration of Complaints concerning the misconduct of an advocate, which may result in his disciplinary liability, adopted by the decision of the Bar Council of Ukraine from August 30, 2014 №120 (as amended).

49. BCU obligated the advocates' trainees to take the Adaptation Course for the Profession of Advocate at the UNBA HSA and approved changes to the Regulation on Organization and Procedure of Traineeships for Obtaining a Certificate of right to practice law, approved by the decision of the Bar Council of Ukraine №80 dated June 01, 2018.

50. BCU adopted the decision to amend the Procedure for Organization of Continuing Legal Education of advocates of Ukraine (new edition), approved by the decision of the Bar Council of Ukraine on February 14, 2019, and instructed UNBA/BCU Vice-President Valentyn Gvozdiy to prepare a presentation concerning issues around implementation of the new Procedure for official publication at UNBA's official website. Chairs of the regional Bar Councils

- to count CLE points - to bring it to the attention of the advocates of the region that they need to submit to the Bar Council of the region the CLE points accounting card. for points received for the period between 01 January and 30 June 2019;



- carry out constant explanatory work and direct assistance to advocates regarding practical implementation of CLE in the regions of Ukraine, including until the end of 2019, if necessary, to hold IT courses for advocates.

51. The law of Ukraine approved the decision on approval of the Order of the award and election of the delegates of the conference.

52. BCU adopted the decision to dismiss Drozdov Oleksandr Mykhailovych from the post of the First Vice-Rector of the Higher School of Advocacy of the Ukrainian National Bar Association.

53. BCU adopted clarification on the moment when the traineeship may begin and explained that the regional Bar Council is obliged to consider the application for appointing the traineeship within the time which does not exceed the validity date of the certificate of passing the qualification exam, and to appoint the advocate-supervisor of the traineeship, issue traineeship appointment certificate, approve an individual traineeship plan and set deadlines for the trainee to submit relevant reports, if, on the day of

the address to the Regional Bar Council, the person was in possession of a valid certificate of passing the qualification exam.



54. Following to the results of consideration of the letter sent by the Chair of the Bar Council of Ternopil region Budz T.V. №. 55 of 31 July 2019, BCU adopted the decision to amend the Regulation on Organization and Procedure of Traineeships for Obtaining a Certificate of right to practice Law, (new edition), approved by the decision of the Bar Council of Ukraine №.80 of 1 June 2018, as amended.
55. BCU decided to address the Head of the State Audit Service of Ukraine Gavrilo L.V. with a letter in which to highlight the reasoned legal position of the Bar Council of Ukraine about issues raised in the letter №. 25-14/447-2019 from 06.07.2019. The Bar Council of Ukraine believes that an advocate, irrespective of the time of the occurrence of documents, has the right to access all documents generated by the controlling entity during the exercise of the State financial control (deeds, reports, conclusions, etc.), as the advocate devises a legal position for defense except for documents that were generated under the Criminal Procedure Code of Ukraine.



56. The BCU approved the clarification concerning the issuance of the advocate's warrant in case the advocate was involved by a law office or a law firm on a contractual basis. In the case where a law firm attracts outside advocates to the performance of the previously concluded legal services contracts on the contractual basis, the attracted advocate

can either issue a warrant himself (as stipulated by the contract between him and the law firm) or act based on the warrant issued by the law firm on its behalf.

57. The BCU approved a clarification on the completion of the mandatory fields of the legal aid warrant.
58. The BCU decided to recommend the regional Qualification and Disciplinary Commissions of the Bar to provide the necessary financial support to the Bar Councils of the regions, subject to a motivated submission of the Chair of the regional Bar Council, to ensure continuity of their activities by way wire transfer of funds specifically for this purpose in the amount set in the relevant decision of the Qualification and Disciplinary Commission of the Bar.
59. Upon consideration of the address of the Chair of the Bar Council of Kyiv City Riabenko P.K. dated September 17, 2019, №.579, BCU made a decision terminated the BCU decision from September 21, 2019, "On payment of the annual fee for the implementation of the advocate's self-government in 2018" dated December 15, 2017 №.283 and the BCU decision "On payment of the annual fee for the implementation of the advocate's self-government in 2019" of 13 December 2018 №. 216 in the part concerning a separate procedure for paying the annual fee for ensuring the implementation of advocate's self-government for advocates of Kyiv City, allowing it to be wired as a single payment to the current bank the account of the Ukrainian National Bar Association in the amount of 100% annual fee.
60. BCU adopted a decision approving the clarification concerning the mandatory use of the seal of the law firm in filling out the warrant.
61. BCU adopted the decision "On Approval of the Procedure for Nemination and Election of Delegates of the Reporting Conference of Advocates of Khmelnytskyi region, the Rules of Procedure for the Reporting Conference of Advocates of Khmelnytskyi region and establishing a quota of representation".
62. BCU adopted a decision "On Approval of the Procedure for Nemination and Election of Delegates of the Reporting Conference of Advocates of Sumy region, Rules of Procedure for the Reporting Conference of Advocates of Sumy region and establishing a quota of representation".
63. BCU adopted a decision "On Approval of the Procedure for Nemination and Election of Delegates of the Reporting Conference of Advocates of Chernihiv region, the Rules of Procedure for the Reporting Conference of Advocates of Chernihiv region and the establishing a quota of representation".
64. Upon consideration of the letter sent by the Chair of the



Bar Council of Kharkiv Region Gaivoronska V.V. dated 01 August 2019, №. 525 BCU made a decision "Regulation on Organization and Procedure of Traineeships for Obtaining a Certificate of right to practice Law".

65. BCU decided to appeal to The President of Ukraine, the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine, the Head of Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine, the Chair of Verkhovna Rada Committee on Legal Policy, Chair of the Committee on Organization of State power, local self-government, regional and urban development, Chair of the Committee on Budget, Chair of the Committee on Anti-Corruption Policy, Chair of the Committee on Integration of Ukraine with the European Union, factions and groups of Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine, as well as international organizations, including the Monitoring Committee of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe, concerning the draft Law of Ukraine "On amendments to certain laws of Ukraine concerning the operation of bodies of judiciary self-government" №.1008 of 29 August 2019.

66. BCU decided to establish a UNBA Representative Office in the Italian Republic (Prato City).

67. Following to the results of consideration of the letter sent by the Chair of the Bar Council of Ternopil region Budz T.V. №.65 of 11 September 2019 and the letter of the Chair of the Bar Council of Vinnytsia region Tereschenko O.V. №. 227 of 15 August 2019, the BCU decided:

— To approve the new edition of the Procedure of CLE for Advocates of Ukraine (attached) and to consider



the preceding version of the said Procedure, approved by the decision of the Bar Council of Ukraine №.20 of 14 February 2019 (as an amended new edition) following the BCU decision №.67 from 26 June 2019 to have been terminated.

— To amend the Regulation on Assistant Advocate approved by the decision of the Bar Council of Ukraine on September 25, 2015 №.113, as amended.

68. The BCU adopted the decision to approve the new edition of the Programme of Qualification Examination; the program to be enacted in the edition on 01 January 2020; the qualification examination program approved by the Bar Council of Ukraine on February 26, 2016 decision №.68, lapses on the same moment as the new Programme comes into force.



69. BCU approved clarification on the presence of the conflict of interests during providing legal assistance to clients with different procedural status in criminal proceedings.

70. Upon consideration of the following appeals: letter of the Chair of the Bar Council of Volyn region Rudenko G.A. №.51/11 dated September 16, 2019, the statement by advocate Kudenchuk A. A. dated October 04, 2019, on the violation of professional guarantees of legal practice, interference and impediments to his legal practice and letter of the Chair of the Lutsk District City Court of Volyn region Pakholiuk A.M. №.51/11 dated September 16, 2019, the statement by advocate Kudenchuk A. A. dated October 04, 2019, on the violation of professional guarantees of legal practice, interference, and impediments to his legal practice and letter of the Chair of the Lutsk District City Court of Volyn region Pakholiuk A.M.

— To submit to the Council of Judges of Ukraine the request to take steps within their competence to prevent violations of the rights of advocates and guarantees of legal practice, interference, and impediments to legal practice exercised by an advocate.

— To address the Prosecutor General's Office of Ukraine with a request to take measures within the scope of their authority to counter violations of the advocate's rights and guarantees of legal practice, prevent interference and remove obstacles to the legal practice exercised by an advocate.



- To inform the Head of the Lutsk District City Court of Volyn region Pakholiuk A.M., in the context of his letter №.03-16/482/2019 dated September 03, 2019, that consideration of applications (complaints) submitted by judges beyond the confines of the procedural legislation of Ukraine, is subject to a fee for organizational and technical support of their consideration.



of the Bar of the region, approved by the decision of the Bar Council of Ukraine on December 17, 2013 №.268 (as amended).

76. Upon consideration of the letter of the Chair of Qualification and Disciplinary Commission of the Bar in Odessa Region Rudnytska N.A. BCU decided to amend the Regulation on the Procedure of Acceptance and Consideration of Complaints regarding Improper Behavior of an Advocate, which may result in Disciplinary Liability, adopted by the decision of the Bar Council of Ukraine from August 30, 2014 №.120 (as amended).
77. BCU decided to establish a UNBA Representative Office in the Swiss Confederation (Geneva).
78. BCU decided to establish a UNBA Representative Office in the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland (London).
79. BCU adopted the decision "On Approval of the Procedure for Nominating and Election of Delegates of the Conference of Advocates of Chernivtsi region, the Rules of Procedure for the Conference of Advocates of Chernivtsi region and the establishing a quota of representation".



71. The BCU adopted Clarification on the validity of involving an advocate to confidential cooperation with the pre-trial investigation authorities with the client's consent.
72. The BCU approved Clarification on the possibility for an advocate to represent the client's interests before the Treasury in matters related to the executions of court decisions on the collection of funds awarded to the client based on a warrant or contract.
73. The BCU approved Clarification on some issues concerning advocate's fees/remuneration.
74. The BCU approved the new edition of the Regulation on the Qualification and Disciplinary Commission of the Bar of Ternopil Region in connection with the change of the QDCB's registered address.
75. Upon consideration of the letter to the Chair of Qualification and Disciplinary Commission of the Bar in Odesa Region, Rudnytska N. A. BCU decided to amend the Rules of Procedure of the Qualification and Disciplinary Commission

80. BCU adopted the decision "On Approval of the Procedure for Nominating and Election of Delegates of the Reporting Conference of Advocates of Donetsk region, the Rules of Procedure for the Reporting Conference of Advocates of Donetsk region and the establishing a quota of representation".
81. BCU adopted the decision "On Approval of the Procedure for Nominating and Election of Delegates of the Annual Conference of Advocates of Poltava region, the Rules of Procedure for the Annual Conference of Advocates of Poltava region and establishing a quota of representation".
82. BCU adopted the decision "On convening the Conferences of Advocates of Vinnytsia Region, Approval of the Procedure

for Nominatation and Election of Delegates of the Conference of Advocates of Vinnytsia region, the Rules of Procedure for the Conference of Advocates of Vinnytsia region and the establishing a quota of representation".

83. BCU adopted the decision "On Approval of the Procedure for Nominatation and Election of Delegates of the Conference of Advocates of Zakarpattia region, the Rules of Procedure for the Conference of Advocates of Zakarpattia region and the establishing a quota of representation".



84. BCU adopted the decision "On convening the Conference of advocates of Ivano-Frankivsk Region, Approval of the Procedure for Nominatation and Election of Delegates of the Conference of Advocates of Ivano-Frankivsk Region, the Rules of Procedure for the Conference of Advocates of Ivano-Frankivsk Region and the establishing a quota of representation".

85. BCU adopted the decision "On convening the Conference of Advocates of Kirovograd Region, Approval of the Procedure for Nominatation and Election of Delegates of the Conference of Advocates of Kirovograd region, the Rules of Procedure for the Conference of Advocates of Kirovograd region and the establishing a quota of representation".

86. BCU adopted the decision "On convening the Conference of Advocates of Mykolayiv Region, On Approval of the Procedure for Nominatation and Election of Delegates of the Conference of Advocates of Mykolayiv region, the Rules of Procedure for the Conference of Advocates of Mykolayiv region and the establishing a quota of representation".

87. BCU adopted the decision "On Approval of the Procedure for Nominatation and Election of Delegates of the Election-Reporting Conference of Advocates of Ternopil region, the Rules of Procedure for the Election-Reporting Conference of Advocates of Ternopil region and establishing a quota of representation".

88. BCU adopted the decision "On Approval of the Procedure for Nominatation and Election of Delegates of the Annual Conference of Advocates of Kherson region the Rules of

Procedure for the Annual Conference of Advocates of Kherson region and establishing a quota of representation".

89. BCU adopted the decision "On Approval of the Procedure for Nominatation and Election of Delegates of the Reporting Conference of Advocates of Kharkiv region, the Rules of Procedure for the Reporting Conference of Advocates of Kharkiv region and the establishing a quota of representation".

90. BCU adopted the decision "On convening the Conference of Advocates of Rivne Region, On Approval of the Procedure for Nominatation and Election of Delegates of the Conference of Advocates of Rivne region, the Rules of Procedure for the Conference of Advocates of Rivne region and the establishing a quota of representation".

91. The BCU adopted the decision "On amending the decision of the Bar Council of Ukraine №102 dated September 20, 2019

"On Approval of the Procedure for Nominatation and Election of Delegates of the Reporting Conference of Advocates of Khmelnytskyi region, the Rules of Procedure for the Reporting Conference of Advocates of Khmelnytskyi region and establishing a quota of representation".

92. BCU adopted the decision "On convening the Conference of Advocates of Volyn Region, On Approval of the Procedure



for Nominatation and Election of Delegates of the Conference of Advocates of Volyn region, the Rules of Procedure for the Conference of Advocates of Volyn region and the establishing a quota of representation".

93. BCU adopted the decision "On Approval of the Procedure for Nominatation and Election of Delegates of the Reporting Conference of Advocates of Lugansk region, the Rules of Procedure for the Reporting Conference of Advocates of Lugansk region and the establishing a quota of representation".

94. BCU adopted the decision "On Approval of the Procedure for Nemination and Election of Delegates of the Conference of Advocates of Lviv region, the Rules of Procedure for the Conference of Advocates of Lviv region and the establishing a quota of representation".



95. BCU adopted the decision "On Approval of the Procedure for Nemination and Election of Delegates of the Election-Reporting Conference of Advocates of Ternopil region, the Rules of Procedure for the Election-Reporting Conference of Advocates of Ternopil region and establishing a quota of representation".

96. BCU adopted the decision "On Approval of the Procedure for Nemination and Election of Delegates of the Conference of Advocates of Cherkasy region, the Rules of Procedure for the Conference of Advocates of Cherkasy region and the establishing a quota of representation".

97. BCU adopted the decision "On convening the Conference of Advocates of Kyiv City, Approval of the Procedure for Nemination and Election of Delegates of the Conference of Advocates of Kyiv City, the Rules of Procedure for the Conference of Advocates of Kyiv City and the establishing a quota of representation".

98. BCU adopted the decision to "To amend the Procedure for Admission to the Qualification Examination, the Procedure for Passing the Qualifying Examination and the Methods of Evaluating the Results of the Qualification Examination for the acquisition of the right to practice law in Ukraine"

99. Upon consideration of the address of the Chair of the Bar Council of Odesa Region Bronz Y.L. of 12 December 2019 №. 447/0/9-19, BCU decided to appeal to the Prosecutor General, National Police of Ukraine, CCBE, President of Ukraine, Ukrainian Parliamentary Commissioner for Human Rights with a request to take measures within competence towards finding and prosecution of perpetrators, paying attention to the need to prevent the inaction of the law enforcement authorities in ensuring the security of regional Qualification and Disciplinary Commissions of the Bar upon their request.

100. Upon consideration of the appeal of the Chair of UNBA Committee on the coordination of legal assistance to participants of anti-terrorist operation, their families, and internally displaced persons Ostrovska M. A., BCU decided:

- To relieve advocates that participated in the ATO/UFO and have the status of a war veteran (war veteran, combat veteran, disabled war veteran) from paying the advocates' annual fees for the implementation of the advocates' self-government respectively.
- To grant the of the regional Bar Councils, pursuant to the advocates that were forced to leave their place of permanent residence due to ATO/UFO to decide on relief, reduction of delaying the payment of the annual fees for the implementation of the advocates' self-government for the entire length of special period related to the armed aggression on the territory of Ukraine.
- The decision on relieving advocates from paying annual fees for the implementation of the advocates' self-government in cases stipulated in paragraphs 1 and 2 of this Decision to be adopted subject to the presence of documents confirming the applicant's relevant status.



101. As a result of consideration of the appeal of Representative of the President of Ukraine in the Autonomous Republic of Crimea Korynevych A.O. №. 975/01-08-19 of 02.12.2019, it was decided to postpone the payment deadline for advocates of the Autonomous Republic of Crimea and the City of Sevastopol for advocates' annual fees for the implementation of the advocates' self-government, in case of impossibility of its payment, until the end of the occupation of the Autonomous Republic of Crimea and the City of Sevastopol.

102. BCU adopted the decision "On paying the advocates' annual fees for the implementation of the advocates' self-government in 2020".

103. Under this decision, BCU: to recognize as proper the payments to the accounts of the bodies of Bar self-government, where money paid in amounts determined by the Bar Council of Ukraine, rounding the sum of such

payments to the next whole figures following the established (generally accepted) mathematical rules, namely:

- The sum that ends with numbers from 1 to 4 kopykas will be rounded down to the nearest amount, which ends with 0 kopykas;
- The sum that ends with numbers from 5 to 9 kopykas, will be rounded up to the nearest amount, which ends with 0 kopykas.

104. Upon consideration of the appeal of advocate Lynnyk R.V. №.753/1/19 of 23 November 2019, BCU adopted the decision:

- To entrust the Chair of the Bar Council of Ukraine, Ukrainian National Bar Association, to address the Council of Bars and Law Societies of Europe (CCBE) and the Head of the High Anti-Corruption Court with the request to bring to the attention of the judges of the High Anti-Corruption Court the resolution signed on September 21, 2019, by the Chair of the Council of Prosecutors of Ukraine, President of BCU "Professional Ethics of Justice", drawing their attention to non-compliance by some judges with paragraph 8 of the substantive provisions of this Resolution.
- To send an address to the Head of the Council of Judges of Ukraine informing that judges fail to follow the Resolution of the "Professional Ethics of Justice", signed by the leaders of the Council of Judges of Ukraine, the Council of Prosecutors Bar Council of Ukraine on September 21, 2018, and in this connection, to request the holding of a dedicated joint meeting of the representative of the Council of Judges of Ukraine, UNBA, and the High Anti-Corruption Court.
- Forward the response to advocate Lynnyk R.V. concerning the substantive answer to his questions in the context of the conclusions specified in this decision and to note that in the understanding of the art. 24 of the Law of Ukraine "On the Bar and Practice of Law", an advocate's inquiry may not concern the provision of consultations and clarifications of the current legislation.

105. Upon consideration of the appeal of the Managing Partner of the "Legal Group" Law Firm Advocate Kozyk V.Y. №. 2019/11-8 of 05.11.2019, BCU approved Clarification regarding the procedure for alienation of a share in the authorized capital of the law firm.

106. The BCU decided, to organize the procedure for the transfer of funds to ensure the activities of the bar self-government, to recommend regional Conferences of Advocates, regional Bar Councils, the Qualification and Commissions of the Bar to create reserve funds for the accumulation of funds to ensure activities of the bodies of advocates' self-government in the region and activities of representatives of the advocates of the region at HQDCB, BCU.

107. BCU approved Conclusion on the draft law of Ukraine "On amendments to certain legislative acts of Ukraine (on creating preconditions for strengthening the protection of the rights of recoverors)".



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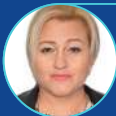
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I

Bar Council of Ukraine

2017	2018	2019
Number of meetings held		
10	14	11
The number of BCU decisions adopted		
284	234	178
Number of canceled BCU decisions		
4	0	0
The number of minutes of BCU meetings drawn up		
10	14	11

II

Certification training

2017	2018	2019
Number of seminars and trainings for advocates		
24	23	93
Number of joint seminars and trainings for advocates		
33	96	49
The number of CLE certificates issued		
11600	13248	16248
The number of advocates who participated in seminars and trainings		
11600	13248	16248
Number of methodological publications		
4	2	3279

III

Events

2017	2018	2019
Number of conferences, round tables and forums		
24	38	38

IV

Activities The Unified Register of Advocates of Ukraine

2017	2018	2019
Number of transfer excerpts issued		
456	2178	659
The number of marks on suspension/termination of the right to practice law		
1985	2330	3805
The number of advocates who have resumed their legal practice		
419	719	799
The number new advocates entered into URAU		
4212	6507	8523

V

Legal Department

2017	2018	2019	2017	2018	2019			
Total number of court cases in the courts of all instances								
Filed by BCU, UNBA			Filed by other entities					
14	15	3	137	170	97			
Total number of court cases that resulted in non-binding decisions								
In favor of BCU, UNBA			In favor of others					
9	6	17	1	1	3			
Total number of court cases that resulted in binding decisions								
Of in favor UNBA, BCU			In favor of others					
13	10	18	1	5	6			
Number of cases concerning jurisdiction								
In administrative court			In economic court			In civil courts		
2017	2018	2019	2017	2018	2019	2017	2018	2019
80	122	87	5	0	0	44	63	13
Number of appeals concerning violations of advocates rights								
Referred to law enforcement agencies					Referred to the Committee			
15	31	12	78	73	101			

VI

Protecting advocate's rights

2017	2018	2019	2017	2018	2019	2017	2018	2019
Complaints about the violation of the rights of advocates								
received			sent to law enforcement agencies			referred to the Committee on the Protection of advocate's rights		
105	79	106	84	45	52	91	73	101

VII

Record Keeping

2017	2018	2019
Total inbox correspondence		
2781	3120	3336
Physical and legal entities, advocates		
1266	1401	1566
Correspondence with central and local authorities, local self-government bodies on the main (profile) issues of activity		
524	519	686
Correspondence with HQDCB, HACB, Bar councils of the region and QDCBs on major (profile) issues		
981	1179	962
Number of parliamentary requests, appeals and other documents		
13	21	22
The number of documents considered		
1901	2107	2165
Number of requests sent to other structures for consideration		
225	161	213

Report of the Higher Qualification and Disciplinary Commission of the Bar for 2019

I. General Information Powers of HQDCB

The Higher Qualification and Disciplinary Commission of the Bar (hereinafter – the HQDCB or Commission) was established following Article 52 of the Law of Ukraine "On the Bar and Practice of Law" of 05.07.2012 № 5076–VI (hereinafter – the Law).

According to part 10 of Article 52 of the Law, the document of the Higher Qualification and Disciplinary Commission of the Bar is the Regulation on the Higher Qualification and Disciplinary Commission of the Bar, approved by the Congress of Advocates of Ukraine.

According to Article 7, part 2 of the Regulation on the Higher Qualification and Disciplinary Commission of the Bar (hereinafter referred to as the HQDCB Regulation), the Rules of Procedure for the Higher Qualification and Disciplinary Commission of the Bar is approved by the Bar Council of Ukraine.

Higher Qualification and Disciplinary Commission of the Bar is a collegiate body tasked to review appeals against the decisions, actions or inaction of the Qualification and Disciplinary

Commissions of the Bar (part 1, Art. 52 of the Law).

Parts 4 and 5 of Article 52 of the Law and Article 6 of the Regulations refer to the following powers of the HQDCB as a collegiate body:

1) consideration of complaints against decisions, actions, or inaction of Qualification and Disciplinary Commissions of the Bar; 2) generalizing disciplinary practice of Qualification and Disciplinary Commissions of the Bar; 3) Perform other functions under this law.

The Higher Qualification and Disciplinary Commission of the Bar based on the results of consideration of the complaint against decisions, actions, or inaction of the Qualification and Disciplinary Commission of the Bar has the right to:

1) leave the complaint without satisfaction, and the decision



of the Qualification and Disciplinary Commission of the Bar—standing; 2) amend the decision of the Qualification and Disciplinary Commission of the Bar; 3) to quash the decision of the Qualification and Disciplinary Commission of the Bar and adopt a new decision; 4) to direct the case for the new consideration to the appropriate Qualification and Disciplinary Commission of the Bar and to oblige the Qualification and Disciplinary Commission of the Bar to undertake certain actions.

Paragraph 13 of the Procedure of CLE for Advocates of Ukraine, approved by the decision of the BCU №111 dated September 21, 2019, the HQDCB is an operator of CLE for advocates in Ukraine, does not require accreditation, has the right to organize CLE events on its own or in cooperation with Higher School of Advocacy or regional Bar Councils. Similar powers for promoting the organization and implementation of events improving legal education, development of the legal profession, and the raising the advocates' professional qualification as per Paragraph 1.3.3. of the HQDCB Rules of Procedure.

Also, according to Article 2, Part 3 of the HQDCB Regulation and paragraphs 1.3.4. and 1.3.5. of the HQDCB Rules of Procedure, the Commission also performs the following functions: interacts with national and foreign NGOs and international non-governmental organizations; generalizes the case law on consideration of complaints against decisions, actions, or inaction of Qualification and Disciplinary Commission of the Bar concerning the issues of admission to the qualification exams, as well as drafting question for such examinations.

II. Ensuring the Commission's work. HQDCB Secretariat

According to Article 5, Part 3 of the HQDCB Regulation and paragraph 2.8. of the HQDCB rules of Procedure, HQDCB Secretariat is established to ensure the organization of daily activities at the HQDCB.

From 2015, HQDCB Secretariat is led by the Head of the Secretariat, - Viktor Vovniuk, carrying out functions as defined by the Chair of HQDCB.

The Head of the Secretariat and the staff of the Secretariat are appointed and dismissed from the positions by the decision of the Chair of HQDCB, to whom they are accountable and subordinated in carrying out their activities.

III. Commission's work

Key aspects of HQDCB's activity

During the reporting period, the HQDCB carried out the functions, covered by Article 52 of the Law, as a body of advocate's self-governance, whose task is to consider complaints against decisions, actions, and inaction of regional QDCBs.

On February 15, 2019, the Congress of Advocates of Ukraine elected Sergiy Vylkov as the Chair of the Higher Qualification and Disciplinary Commission of the Bar.

In 2019, in addition to carrying out its basic functions, HQDCB continued work on improving the training of both advocates and Members of the Bar self-governance.

The Commission also directed its activity towards analysis and systematization of work on the consideration of complaints against decisions, actions, and inaction of the regional QDCBs and began to work more actively in the direction of generalization of disciplinary practices and developing recommendations for improving the quality of work of regional QDCBs. HQDCB, jointly with UNBA (BCU) continued the practice of international experience exchange with the developed European countries, as well as the practice of interaction with regional QDCBs, initiated since August 2017.

To improve the quality of handling disciplinary cases by regional Qualification and Disciplinary Commissions of the Bar and improvement of qualification exam preparation process, the Chair of HQDCB Sergiy Vylkov held a series of meetings with the representatives of Bar self-government bodies in most regions, during which the issues arising in any given situation were considered and their solutions were found.

Thus, according to the results of the said discussions and jointly conducted analytical work, upon submission of the Chair of HQDCB, the Bar Council of Ukraine adopted several amendments and additions to the regulations already in force, which govern activities of the regional Qualification and Disciplinary Commission of the Bar.



In addition, in 2019 the practice of professional development of the members of regional QDCBs was further extended.

The Higher Qualification and Disciplinary Commission of the Bar, within the implementation of the powers envisaged by s. 2 part 4 Art. 52 of the law of Ukraine "On the Bar and Practice of Law", in the reporting year, prepared the following generalizations of QDCB disciplinary practice:

- generalization of disciplinary practices concerning the renewal of the terms of appeal against decisions of Qualification and Disciplinary Commission of the Bar (decision of HQDCB №. X-019/2019 dated 04 October 2019);
- generalization of the disciplinary practice of Qualification and Disciplinary Commissions of the Bar, which results in the case being sent by the Higher Qualification and Disciplinary Commission of the Bar for the new consideration (decision of HQBCD №.X-018/2019 from 04 October 2019);
- generalization of the disciplinary practice of Qualification and Disciplinary Commissions of the Bar regarding conflict of interest (decision of HQDCB №.X-017/2019 of 04 October 2019);
- generalization of the disciplinary practice of Qualification and Disciplinary Commissions of the Bar concerning consideration of motions for the recusal (self-recusal) (decision of HQDCB №.XI-021/2019 dated 08 November 2019).

The Members of HQDCB completed work on the first stage of the preparation of the Comments on Rules of Professional Conduct.

During 2019, HQDCB, to unite and strengthen the advocacy community and ensure the guarantees of professional activity, continued fruitful cooperation with UNBA (BCU) on the improvement of the regulatory framework governing the activity of the Bar self-government.

HQDCB Meetings

During the reporting period, the HQDCB directed its efforts to carry out the tasks vested by Article 52 of the Law of Ukraine "On the Bar and Practice of Law". To exercise its powers, HQDCB held 12 meetings.

The meetings were predominantly two-day, most of them took

place in Kyiv, some of them were held elsewhere. Thus, in June 2019 the Commission worked in the Odesa region, in September – in Kherson, in October – in Chernivtsi.

The Commission meetings took place on the following schedule: 31.01.2019, 01.02.2019, 28 - 29.03.2019, 24 - 25.04.2019, 30 - 31.05.2019, 25-26.06.2019, 31.07.2019, 01.08.2019, 04 - 05.09.2019, 03 - 04.10.2019, 07 - 08.11.2019, 06 - 07.12.2019.

At each HQDCB meeting, the Commission had quorum that is confirmed by the turnout of the overwhelming majority of its Members.

During the said period, the functions of HQDCB Secretary were carried out and continue so by Kotelevska K.V., representative of the HQDCB from Zaporizhia region.

Over 12 meetings, held during the reporting period, the Commission, upon results of consideration of complaints against the decisions, actions, and inaction of the regional QDCBs has adopted 174 decisions.

In this case, 68 persons exercised their right to personally participate in the meetings of Higher Qualification and Disciplinary Commission of the Bar and provide explanations.

The number of complaints considered.

Decisions of HQDCB

66 According to the regulations governing the activities of the HQDCB in carrying out the functions of the appellate collegiate body in the system of the bar-governance, endowed with the powers to review complaints against the decisions, actions, and inaction of the regional QDCBs, the Commission may adopt the following types of decisions (as per Part 5 of Article 52 of the Law):

- 1) dismiss the complaint and uphold the decision of the Qualification and Commission of the Bar;
- 2) amend the decision of the Qualification and Disciplinary Commission of the Bar;
- 3) reverse the decision of the Qualification and Disciplinary Commission of the Bar and adopt a new decision;
- 4) send the case for reconsideration to the respective Qualification and Disciplinary Commission of the Bar and oblige the Qualification and Disciplinary Commission of the Bar to perform certain actions.

Paragraph 3.45. of the rules of the HQDCB envisages the right for HQDCB to adopt another type of decisions, namely the decision to dismiss the complaint, that is, to deny it; such decision to be adopted in case of absence of the majority of votes required by law (16 or more) in the course of voting.

In case of an appeal of the same decision of the Qualification and Disciplinary Commission of the Bar at the same time to both the HQDCB and the court, HQDCB rules to close the proceedings, based on the principle of legal certainty, set for the contestation



of QDCB decisions by the law of Ukraine "On the Bar and Practice of Law" (paragraph 3.49. of the HQDCB Rules of Procedure). Also, the decisions of HQDCB on correcting the misspellings in the original decision of the Commission are formalized in the form of ruling.

According to the official statistical data, in 2019, the Commission held 12 meetings, which resulted in 174 decisions, of those, in addition to those rendered under provisions of Part 5 of Article 52 of the Law, 7 decisions on complaints against actions and inaction of the QDCBs, 4 protocol decisions, 2 decisions of the QDCBs were canceled and case materials sent to the QDCBs of the region and 4 decisions on staying the QDCB decisions.

Of 156 decisions rendered following the provisions of Part 5 of Article 52 of the Law of Ukraine "On the Bar and Practice of Law":

98 decisions (63%) - dismiss the complaint and uphold the decision of the Qualification and Commission of the Bar;

0 decisions (0%) - amend the decision of the Qualification and Disciplinary Commission of the Bar;

21 Decisions (13%) - reverse the decision of the Qualification and Disciplinary Commission of the Bar and adopt a new decision;

37 decisions (24%) - send the case for reconsideration to the respective Qualification and Disciplinary Commission of the Bar and oblige the Qualification and Disciplinary Commission of the Bar to perform certain actions.

The results of the calculations confirm the high-quality performance of the regional QDCBs as the majority of the decision rendered is upheld.

The Commission's decisions are depersonalized and are published at the HQDCB website, to ensure that the Qualification and Disciplinary Commissions of the Bar can prevent certain mistakes in carrying out the disciplinary proceedings.

The Higher Qualification and Disciplinary Commission of the Bar also made a quantitative evaluation of the ratio between challenged QDCB decisions on a territorial basis and the results of their revision by HQDCB, specifically - types of decisions rendered by the Commission, as per Part 5 Article 52 of the Law of Ukraine "On the Bar and Practice of Law".

Regional QDCBs	Decisions of HQDCB in 2019				Action/Inaction of QDCBs
	1	2	3	4	
Vinnitsia	1	-	-	-	-
Volyn	3	-	1	-	-
Dnipropetrovsk	4	-	1	-	1
Donetsk	8	-	3	1	-
Zhytomyr	8	-	-	2	-
Zakarpattia	1	-	2	-	1
Zaporizhia	1	-	-	2	-
Ivano-Frankivsk	-	-	1	-	-
Kyiv Region	12	-	1	6	2
Kirovograd	2	-	-	2	-
Lugansk	-	-	-	3	-
Lviv	8	-	2	1	-
Mykolayiv	2	-	1	1	-
Odesa	2	-	1	2	-
Poltava	2	-	1	1	-
Rivne	4	-	-	1	-
Sumy	2	-	-	-	-
Ternopil	-	-	-	-	-
Kharkiv	5	-	1	2	-
Kherson	6	-	-	-	-
Khmelnyskyi	7	-	1	1	-
Cherkasy	4	-	1	2	1
Chernivtsi	1	-	-	-	-
Chernihiv	1	-	-	2	-
Kyiv City	14	-	4	8	2
Total	98	0	21	37	7

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In 2019, the largest number of complaints received by HQDCB were related to the decisions of the QDCB of the Kyiv region and Kyiv City. The second place by the number of appealed decisions against actions/inaction occupy the QDCBs of Zhytomyr, Cherkasy, Donetsk, and Khmelnytskyi region.

The smallest number of complaints were filed against the decisions of QDCBs of Chernivtsi, Ivano-Frankivsk, and Vinnytsia regions. Over the specified period, no complaints were filed to the HQDCB against decisions or actions of the QDCB of the Ternopil Region.

Regarding the subject matter of complaints against decisions of the regional QDCBs, the majority of complaints concerning decisions of the regional QDCBs adopted, in connection with improper, in the opinion of the complainants, performance of advocates' professional duties in the course of legal practice.

Complaints against the behavior of advocates, most of which are filed to the disciplinary authorities of Bar self-government, may be classified under the following criteria:

- complainants are not satisfied with the decision rendered by QDCB, regarding the unethical conduct of an advocate (presence of the conflict of interest in the course of legal practice, professional privilege, unethical behavior on the Internet, advocate providing free secondary legal aid induces the client to the conclusion of paid legal advice contract);
- complaints related to the actions of advocates in criminal, civil, commercial and administrative proceedings filed by opponents in the case;
- regarding the return of the fee paid by to the advocate;
- complaints regarding the punishment for failure to pay annual fees etc.

A considerable number of complaints contest the decisions of the regional QDCBs regarding the actions of advocates in connection with rendering legal aid before judicial authorities and during pre-trial investigation in criminal proceedings. The complainants in such cases are either recipients of advocate's legal advice or judges, prosecutors, NABU, police, the opposing side in the proceeding.

As in previous years, a large number of complaints concerned the cases of an advocate's failure to appear before the court without a valid reason.

With the rapid development of modern demands and the Internet, the number of complaints regarding the behavior of advocates in the social networks is spreading – the dissemination of information that does not correspond to the reality or offends the honor and dignity of others, providing legal advice through the Internet, advertising legal services in violation of the procedure, etc.

The Rules of Professional Conduct, approved by the Congress of Advocates of Ukraine on 09.06.2017 (as amended), regulate these relations and establish binding rules for advocates' behavior on social networks and the Internet, which now clearly distinguish criteria for disciplinary bodies to discern between rules for advocates' behavior on social networks and the Internet, which

now clearly distinguish criteria for disciplinary bodies to discern between advocacy acceptable behavior of advocates and disciplinary misconduct.

In 2019, the number of complaints against decisions concerning the results of the qualification examination has significantly increased. In the reporting period, there have been cases of cancellation of the QDCBs decisions and obligation of QDCBs to hold repeated qualification examinations within the nearest time for holding such examinations.

Thus, during the reporting period, the Commission reviewed 38 decisions of the regional QDCBs concerning qualification examination, of those – 13 (34%) decisions were canceled, and in 25 (66%) cases the complaints were dismissed.



Record keeping

The total number of incoming correspondence (applications, complaints, appeals, letters) received by the HQDCB during the reporting period is 1686.

Processing of incoming correspondence, preparation, and provision of answers, including the redirection of complaints and applications to proper addressees, request to obtain materials of disciplinary and qualification cases, preparation for HQDCB falls under the responsibility of the HQDCB Secretariat.

Court activity

The Commission, according to Article 3 of Part 7 of the HQDCB, may be a claimant and respondent in court.

Thus, according to part 7 of Article 52 of the law, the decision of the Higher Qualification and Disciplinary Commission of the Bar may be appealed to the court within thirty days of its adoption.

In general, for the entire reporting period, the HQDCB took part in cases as respondent (87%) – concerning contesting the decisions, action, or inaction of HQDCB and in 13% of disputes – as a third party.

Part 3 of Article 39 of the Law provides for the procedure for contesting the decision to initiate a disciplinary case or refusal to initiate a disciplinary case either before the Higher Qualification

and Disciplinary Commission of the Bar or to the court. Part 1 of Article 42 of the Law also provides for the possibility to appeal the decision in a disciplinary case – an advocate or a person that raised the issue of disciplinary liability of an advocate has the right to appeal the decision in the disciplinary case within thirty days from the date of its adoption to the Higher Qualification and Disciplinary Commission of the Bar of court.

In total, during the reporting period, 119 cases were in the proceedings of courts.



Other activities. Promoting legislative reforms

According to Part 2 of Article 2 of the HQDCB Regulation, to achieve its objectives, the Higher Qualification and Disciplinary Commission of the Bar promotes the process of the formation of the rule-of-law state in Ukraine; reforming Ukrainian legislation employing best practices of developed democratic nations; protection of legitimate rights and interests and strengthening of the existing legal norms protecting the professional rights and guarantees of advocates.

In 2019, the Commission paid much attention to the improvement of legislative acts regulating the activities of regional QDCBs and HQDCB. HQDCB leadership, as a result of close cooperation with the Qualification and Disciplinary Commission of the Bar of the regions, identified shortcomings and inconsistencies of the regulatory framework, which hindered the work of the Qualification and Disciplinary Chambers, as well as the general work of QDCBs towards carrying out their functions.

Discussion of the above shortcomings, as well as the enforcement of the best qualification and disciplinary practices occurred in the course of working meetings of the HQDCB Chair, Head of HQDCB Secretariat and corresponding regional Representatives elected to HQDCB with the leadership of regional Bar self-government bodies. The meetings took place according to the following schedule:

- 01.04.2019 – meeting of HQDCB Chair with the bodies of Bar self-government of Kharkiv region;
- 05.04.2019 – meeting of HQDCB Chair with representative of the bodies of Bar self-government of Zakarpattia region;
- 12.04.2019 – working meeting of HQDCB Vice-Chair Andriy Misiats with representatives of the Qualification Chamber of QDCB of Khmelnytskyi region;
- 12–13.04.2019 – working meeting of HQDCB Chair Sergiy Vylkov with leadership of the Bar-government of the Dnipropetrovsk region;
- 05.04.2019 – Sergiy Vylkov met with representative of the bodies of Bar self-government of Sumy region;
- 25.05.2019 – meeting of HQDCB Chair and Head of HQDCB Secretariat with the leadership of QDCB of Kherson region;
- 30.05.2019 – working meeting between HQDCB Chair Sergiy Vilkov, the Head of HQDCB Secretariat Viktor Vovniuk and the leadership of QDCB of Kyiv region;
- 11.06.2019 – meeting in Mykolayiv region;
- 27.06.2019 – round table with representatives of QDCB of Odessa region;
- 16.08.2019 – round table with participation of the members of QDCB of Zaporizhia region;
- 23.08.2019 – round table with the participation of bodies of Bar self-government of Ternopil region;
- 06.09.2019 – roundtable discussion with representatives of the Kherson and Mykolayiv regions;
- 13.09.2019 – roundtable in Lutsk with representatives of Bar self-government of Volyn region;
- 27.09.2019 – roundtable in Cherkasy with representatives of the regional QDCB;
- 04.10.2019 – roundtable with participation of members of the Chernivtsi and Ivano-Frankivsk regions;
- 18.10.2019 – meeting in Chernihiv region together with members of the regional QDCB;
- 16.08.2019 – roundtable with participation of the members of QDCB of Poltava region;
- 19.11.2019 – roundtable with participation of members of Rivne and Zhytomyr regions.

As a result of large-scale systematic analysis, upon submission of HQDCB Chair, the Bar Council of Ukraine introduced amendments to the following regulatory acts in the field of advocacy and legal practice:

- 1) Regulation on the Qualification and Disciplinary Commission of the Bar of the region;

2) Procedure for Admission to the Qualification Examination, the Procedure for Passing the Qualification Examination and the Methods of Evaluating the Results of the Qualification Examination for the acquisition of the right to practice law in Ukraine;

3) Provisions of the Procedure of Acceptance and Consideration of Complaints regarding Improper Behavior of an Advocate, which may result in Disciplinary Liability;

4) the HQDCB Rules of Procedure.

Thus, the Working Group comprised of the members of the HQDCB and the Bar Council of Ukraine, presided by HQDCB Chair Sergiy Vylkov, in the reporting period, updated the Procedure for Passing the Qualification Examination in the aspect of adapting its oral and written components to the new procedural codes, as well as developed new practical cases (exercises).

— During the reporting year, upon the motion of HQDCB Chair, based on the proposals of the Commission Members, the HQDCB Rules of Procedure, originally adopted by the BCU decision on 14.02.2019 № 6, received amendments to paragraphs 3.12. and 3.50 concerning advocate's right to file motions in the course of proceeding in relation to the ensuring consideration of the complaint by HQDCB through staying the decision of the Qualification and Disciplinary Commission of the Bar that terminated or suspended the right to practice law.

— BCU decision from 12.04.2019 №34, made additions to paragraph 3.49. of the Rules of Procedure, which regulated the 70 simultaneous appeals of the same decision of regional QDCB by different parties to the disciplinary proceeding (the person that initiated the issue of disciplinary liability of an advocate) to various competent authorities (to the Higher Qualification and Disciplinary Commission of the Bar and the court) and determined that the complaint is to be considered by the body chosen by the subject of the appeal.

— BCU decision of 26.06.2019 №70:

- recognized the right of HQDCB Chair to reassign to another Member of HQDCB the verification, study and the reporting the case materials, where consideration thereof was included in the HQDCB agenda in case the reporting Member failed to appear at the HQDCB meeting (paras. 2.3.11);
- established the procedure for admission of the members of the media to the meeting (para. 3.19);
- established the procedure for consideration of HQDCB Members recusal/self-recusal motions; 3.26.);
- the obligation to sign the decisions and minutes of the meeting are vested with the HQDCB meeting secretary which simplified the whole procedure (paras. 2.7.4., 3.34. 3.35.);
- clarified that unjustified violation of the deadline for contesting the QDCB decision warrants for rejection of the complaint, as indicated in the HQDCB decision on dismissal of the complaint and upholding the original decision (para. 3.29);
- a written certificate/draft decision of the Commission now

enjoys "chamber's privilege", and the procedure established HQDCB Member requesting additional documents from regional QDCB for the purpose of verification of the complaint (par.3.32).

- procedure established for the use of data from the Unified State Registry of Court Decisions during the verification of information in the submission or complaint by a Member of the HQDCB (par. 3.37);
- set clear time frame (10 calendar days) for the forwarding of the case materials requested by HQDCB (par. 3.39);
- the procedure for correcting the misspellings made in the HQDCB decision by way of adopting a ruling (par.3.46.) and the form for HQDCB practice generalizations - by way of adopting relevant decision (paragraph 4.4).

Also, in the reporting year, upon submission of the HQDCB Chair Sergiy Vylkov, based on proposals made by the regional bodies of Bar self-government, the HQDCB Rules of Procedure were amended in particular, the BCU decision dated 26.06.2019 №71 to reflect the following:

established the procedure for signing decisions and minutes of the QDCB (its Chamber) in the absence of the HQDCB Chair, the Chair of the Qualification Chamber, and the Secretary of QDCB, as earlier the absence of the said persons essentially blocked the activity of the said bodies.

to align and prevent dissenting interpretations in practice, the list of complaints filed the courts to the address of the Disciplinary Chamber has been elaborated.

Thus, the HQDCB actively promotes the reform of regulatory base in for advocacy and legal practice and focuses on strengthening the protection of the advocate's rights and professional guarantees.

IV. Continuing Legal Education events.

During the reporting period, the Commission, following the provisions of paragraphs 3 and 13 of the Procedure of CLE for Advocates of Ukraine, BCU decision №111 dated September 21, 2019, continued the practice of continuing legal education for advocates in Ukraine and organized itself as well as in cooperation with the Higher School of Advocacy, UNBA, RBCs held events all over Ukraine. The speakers of the training events were HQDCB Chair Sergiy Vylkov, Head of HQDCB Secretariat Viktor Vovniuk, Vice-Chairs Andriy Misiats, and Lyubov Krupnova, Members of the HQDCB Valentyn Luchkovsky, Oleksiy Kuzminsky, Bogdan Ulchak, Asya Tarasova, Tetyana Podolna, Tetiana Drobotushchenko.

The Commission continued the practice organizing training for advocates and members of the Bar self-government, or jointly with UNBA (BCU) and regional bodies of the Bar self-government.

During 2019, 31 professional development events were held, devoted to the current issues of interpretation and enforcement of legislation as well as issues of professional conduct.



These events were held according to the following schedule:

- **23.02.2019** – seminar for advocates, organized by UNBA, where Sergiy Vylkov, HQDCB Chair was a speaker;
- **16.03.2019** – UNBA seminar in Chernihiv with the participation of HQDCB Chair;
- **23.03.2019** – professional training seminar for advocates of Kirovograd region, jointly organized by UNBA, HQDCB and the Bar Council of the region;
- **01.04.2019** – certified CLE event organized by QDCB of Kharkiv region, Sergiy Vylkov, HQDCB Chair spoke;
- **19.04.2019** – professional training event for the advocates of Sumy region, jointly organized with representatives of the Bar self-government of Sumy region;
- **08.06.2019** – UNBA seminar in Mykolayiv with the participation of HQDCB Chair;
- **18.05.2019** – UNBA seminar in Lviv with the participation of HQDCB Chair Sergiy Vylkov;
- **08.06.2019** – UNBA seminar in Mykolayiv with the participation of HQDCB Chair;
- **27.06.2019** – a round table in Odesa region for members of the bodies of the Bar self-government from all regions and members of HQDCB, organized by HQDCB;
- **19.07.2019** – information and discussion event on criminal law and procedure, jointly held by UNBA, HQDCB and German Federal Bar;
- **20.07.2019** – UNBA seminar in Rivne with the participation of HQDCB Chair;
- **16.08.2019** – roundtable organized by the HQDCB, with the participation of members of the QDCB of Zaporizhia region about enforcement
- **17.08.2019** – professional training seminar for advocates of Zaporizhia region, organized by HQDCB and QDCB of Zaporizhia region;
- **23.08.2019** – professional training seminar for advocates of Ternopil region, organized by HQDCB and QDCB of Ternopil region;
- **23.08.2019** – a round table in Ternopil organized by HQDCB and QDCB of Ternopil region on the procedure for the enforcement of qualification and disciplinary practices;
- **06.09.2019** – the round table in the Kherson region with the participation of members of HQDCB and representatives of the Qualification and Disciplinary Commissions of the Bar of Kherson and Mykolaiv regions;
- **13.09.2019** – a round table in Lutsk devoted to the issues of qualification and disciplinary practices in Lutsk, organized by HQDCB;
- **14.09.2019** – seminar for advocates of Volyn region, co-organized by HQDCB;
- **27.09.2019** – a round table in Cherkasy, devoted to enforcement of qualification and disciplinary practices, organized by HQDCB;
- **28.09.2019** – seminar for 400 advocates in Cherkasy, organized by HQDCB. 71
- **04.10.2019** – round table with members of QDCB of Chernivtsi and Ivano-Frankivsk regions, held by HQDCB;
- **05.10.2019** – training seminar for advocates of Chernivtsi region "Criminal proceedings against a specific category of persons. Disciplinary liability of advocates", jointly organized by HQDCB and QDCB of Chernivtsi region;
- **18.10.2019** – Round table with the members of the Chernihiv region, organized by HQDCB;
- **19.04.2019** – professional training event for the advocates of Chernihiv region jointly organized with the Bar Council of Sumy region;
- **01.11.2019** – round table involving members of QDCB of Poltava region, held by HQDCB;
- **02.11.2019** – seminar for advocates in Poltava region, organized by HQDCB.
- **19.11.2019** – round table with participation of the members QDCBs of Rivne and Zhytomyr regions "Procedure for enforcement of qualification and disciplinary practices" organized by HQDCB;
- **19.11.2019** – professional training seminar for advocates of Rivne and Zhytomyr regions organized by HQDCB discussing "Criminal proceedings against a specific category of persons. Rules of Professional Conduct",
- **30.11.2019** – training seminar for the advocates of Poltava region organized by HQDCB jointly with Ukrainian National Bar Association and the Bar Council of Poltava region;
- **07.12.2019** – training seminar for advocates of Vinnytsia region, devoted to issues of construction and enforcement of Ukrainian legislation, organized by UNBA and Bar Council of Vinnytsia region;

- **13–14.12.2019** – seminar with the participation of HQDCB, Chairs of QDCBs, and QDCB Chambers "Disciplinary and qualification practices in the light of European standards. Justice. Advocacy. Prosecution";

Thus, during the reporting period, in addition to carrying out of the main functions stipulated by the law, the HQDCB worked actively and fruitfully in the direction of improving the professional qualities of both advocates and the members of the Bar self-government.

V. International Relations and Cooperation

Commission's leadership, under Part 3, Article 2, of the HQDCB Regulation and paragraph 1.3.4 Of HQDCB Rules of Procedure, actively cooperated with foreign NGO's and international civic organizations, with the support of the Ukrainian National Bar Association actively studies and adopts the best experience and practices of the Bar associations of developed European countries and, given the above, improves the work of the Commission.

On February 27, 2019, with the participation of HQDCB Chair Sergiy Vylkov, the meeting of UNBA leadership with representatives of the Nerlau Project "Supporting Judicial Reform in Ukraine Through Full-scale Probation Implementation in Ukraine" took place, which is carried out by the Ministry of Justice and Public Safety of Norway and the Embassy of Norway in Ukraine. The main topic of the meeting was the continuation of advocacy cooperation over the project in Ukraine.

On January 16, 2019, Vice-Chair of HQDCB Andriy Misiats and member of HQDCB Oleksiy Kuzminskyi represented the Higher Qualification and Disciplinary Commission of the Bar at the Round Table discussion "The role of advocacy in ensuring judicial independence", held in Lviv by the Bar Council of Ukraine with the support of the Ukrainian-Canadian Project "Support for Judicial Reform".

On May 1–2, 2019, Vice-Chair of HQDCB Andriy Misiats in the UNBA delegation was in London with an introductory visit organized for representatives of the FLA system and advocacy. The event was supported by the Danish Government in the framework of the Council of Europe Project "Continued support to the criminal justice reform in Ukraine".

On Wednesday, May 22, 2019, Head of HQDCB Viktor Vovniuk as a member of UNBA delegation met with IBA delegation

which visited Ukraine within the framework of the Report on the state of the legal profession in Ukraine and, in particular, the study of the activity and needs of the Ukrainian National Bar Association.

On 27 May 2019, the Chair of HQDCB took part in the work of the Second Annual Advocate's Forum of Kherson region "Tavria Obriy".

11–13 June 2019. HQDCB Chair Sergiy Vylkov, with the UNBA delegation, visited Spain. During the visit, there were meetings

with the leadership of the Supreme Court of Spain, Ministry of Justice, the Bar Councils of Spain and Madrid, and Members of the Parliament.

On Friday, July 19, 2019, HQDCB Chair represented the Commission at the Joint UNBA-BRAK (German Federal Bar) panel during the information and discussion event – Ukrainian-German Conference on certain issues of defending client within criminal proceedings.

On July 22, 2019, the Head of HQDCB Secretariat Viktor Vovniuk with the UNBA delegation studied the experience of the German Federal Bar (BRAK) in the course of development of the self-governing institution of the Bar, CLE, access to the legal profession, carrying out the disciplinary procedures. Germany provides some of the most significant support among all European countries in the reform of Ukrainian advocacy.

In September 2019, the HQDCB Chair Sergiy Vylkov took an active part in the first Kyiv International Conference on Free Legal Aid "Free Legal Aid as an Instrument of Social Justice in Ukraine", held on 10–12 September 2019 and was one of the largest legal events of the year in Kyiv. Representatives from Ukraine, Canada, Georgia, the Netherlands, UK, Israel, and other countries took part in the said Conference.

On October 25, 2019, the HQDCB Chair Sergiy Vylkov represented the Ukrainian National Bar Association at the International Conference "Concept of Bar Development: the experience of Uzbekistan and foreign nations", which took place in Tashkent (Uzbekistan).

On November 8, 2019, the Head of HQDCB Secretariat Viktor Vovniuk, jointly with UNBA representatives, upon invitation of the President of the Georgian Bar Association participated in the 7th International Conference of Advocates, held in Tbilisi (Georgia).



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Number of meetings held



	2017	2018	2019
number of dismissed			



Number of CLE events for advocates

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2017	2018	2019

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Record keeping

2017	2018	2019
total number of incoming mail correspondence		
1870	1751	1686
Submissions of natural persons and legal entities, advocates		
1112	890	814
correspondence with central and local government authorities, local self-government concerning main (core) professional matters		
0	8	1
correspondence with regional Bar Councils and UNBA, BCU, HACB, and QDCBs concerning core professional matters		
513	486	446
number of parliamentary inquiries, appeals, and execution documents		
3	6	1
number of submissions considered on the merits		
1379	1212	1131
number of submissions redirected for consideration to other		
249	178	126

VI

Court activity

	number of cases in the proceedings of HQDCB in the courts of all instances:			number of court cases resolved by a decision that came into legitimate force:		total number of cases by jurisdiction:		
	claima	responde	third person	of those in favor of HQDCB	of those in favor of other subjects	of those in administrative courts	of those in the commercial courts	of those in courts of general jurisdiction
2017	0	77	8	19	5	83	0	2
2018	0	90	11	25	7	100	0	1
2019	0	104	15	34	9	118	0	1

HQDCB | Financial balance indicators 2019

Income	2017	2018	2019
Proceeds from QDCBs transferring 20% of annual fees for the implementation of the advocates' self-government in Ukraine	112 094	146 102	79 610
Proceeds from exam fees from prospective advocates	6 615 510	10 648 618	7 383 579
Passive Income *	0	459 858	0
Grants and subsidies	0	0	0
Other proceeds:	0	270 332	222 307
- charitable donations	0	15 000	0
- organizational and technical support for consideration of complaints by HQDCB	0	255 332	222 307
Total:	6 727 604 ₴	11 524 910 ₴	7 685 496 ₴ -33%

* Passive income-incomes received as interest, dividends, insurance payments, and refunds, as well as royalty (Tax Code of Ukraine from 02.12.2010, №2755-VI)

** Other proceeds - receipts defined by art. 58 of the Law of Ukraine "On the Bar and Practice of Law", Statute of the Ukrainian National Bar Association (voluntary donations from advocates, law offices, law firms, voluntary donations of natural persons and legal entities, and others income from legal sources)

Витрати	2017	2018	2019
General Labor Remuneration account:	1 006 920	1929234	2 732 557
Mandatory deductions (taxes and fees):	521 069	1 021 492	1 412 251
Office maintenance costs (rental of premises, security, office management, Internet, communications, stationery, maintenance and rental of a car, courier and postal services, services*)	346 395	1 182 946	1 450 268
Organizational and technical support of the HQDCB meetings	281526	523 629	482 273
Other expenses: including:	497 269	1 874 345	1 079 409
- Accounting, banking and notary services	281 166	182 530	294 366
- postage costs and delivery	41 864	46 462	92 920
- other organizational expenses (business trips, making IDs, accommodation, meals, scans, etc.)	174 239	202640	609 887
- purchase of the fixed and intangible assets	0	1 442 713	82 237
Transfer of funds for the needs of UNBA/BCU	—	1 400 000	1 600 000
Total:	2 772 182	6 531 646 ₴	7 156 758 ₴ +10%

* Other expenses - expenses as specified by the Bar Council of Ukraine, or special projects/ programs of UNBA, that do not contradict the law of Ukraine "On the Bar and Practice of Law"

Report of the Higher Audit Commission of the Bar 2019

1.The number of financial and economic audits of higher and regional bodies of Bar self-government – 26.

2.Number of the regular (extraordinary) meetings of HACB – 8:

- 06–08.02.2019;
- 16.02.2019;
- 11–12.04.2019;
- 20–21.06.2019;
- 26–27.09.2019;
- 12–13.12.2019.

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3. The number of field inspections held by HACB:

- 1. Bar Council and Qualification and Disciplinary Commission of the Bar of Volyn region;
- 2. Bar Council and Qualification and Disciplinary Commission of the Bar of Dnipropetrovsk region;
- 3. Bar Council and Qualification and Disciplinary Commission of the Bar of Zhytomyr region;
- 4. Bar Council and Qualification and Disciplinary Commission of the Bar of Zaporizhia region;
- 5. Bar Council and Qualification and Disciplinary Commission of the Bar of Kirovograd region;
- 6. Bar Council and Qualification and Disciplinary Commission of the Bar of Mykolayiv region;
- 7. Bar Council and Qualification and Disciplinary Commission of the Bar of Sumy region;
- 8. Bar Council and Qualification and Disciplinary Commission of the Bar of Kharkiv region;
- 9. Bar Council and Qualification and Disciplinary Commission of the Bar of Kherson region;
- 10. Bar Council and Qualification and Disciplinary Commission of the Bar of Khmelnytskyi region;
- 11. Bar Council and Qualification and Disciplinary Commission of the Bar of Cherkasy region;
- 12. Bar Council and Qualification and Disciplinary Commission of the Bar of Chernivtsi region;
- 13. Bar Council and Qualification and Disciplinary Commission of the Bar of Chernihiv region.

In total, Members of HACB conducted 26 field inspections.

№	Region	Territorial body	Responsible members of HACB	Inspection start date	Date of the Conclusion
1	City of Kyiv	QDCB	Svitlychny O. Y. Yash P.K. Rayko V.V. Pryndota U.G.	30.05.2019	07.02.2019
2		UNBA	By all HACB members	21.11.2018	08.02.2019
3		HQDCB	By all HACB members	21.11.2018	07.02.2019
4	Rivne Region	BC	By all HACB members	14.03.2018	06.02.2019
5	Volyn Region	BC	Yash P.K. Rayko V.V.	06.06.2019	20.06.2019
6	Zhytomyr Region	BC	Tsuvyn A.I., Zhemelya V. I., Vdovtsova L. K.	06.06.2019	20.06.2019
7		QDCB	Tsuvyn A.I., Zhemyelya V.I., Vdovtsova L.K.	05.06.2019	20.06.2019
8	Kirovograd Region	BC	Iegorov B.S. Us V.E.	16.05.2019	21.06.2019
9		QDCB	Iegorov B.S. Us V.E.	17.05.2019	20.06.2019
10	Khmelnyskyi Region	BC	Tsuvyn A. I. Vdovtsova L.K.	16.05.2019	20.06.2019
11		QDCB	Tsuvyn A. I. Vdovtsova L.K.	17.05.2019	21.06.2019
12	Cherkasy Region	BC	Tsuvyn A. I. Ishkhanyan A. R.	23.05.2019	21.06.2019
13		QDCB	Tsuvyn A. I. Ishkhanyan A. R.	24.05.2019	21.06.2019
14	Kherson Region	BC	Boldin M. Y. Iegorov B.S.	14.06.2019	21.06.2019
15		QDCB	Iegorov B.S.	15.06.2019	21.06.2019
16	Zaporizhia Region	BC	Nadyon R. A. Ishkhanyan A. R.	27.06.2019	26.09.2019
17		QDCB	Nadyon R. A. Ishkhanyan A. R.	26.06.2019	26.09.2019

№	Region	Territorial body	Responsible members of HACB	Inspection start date	Date of the Conclusion
18	Chernihiv Region	QDCB	Sachayeva I.O. Mokin I.S.	27.05.2019	26.09.2019
19	Chernivtsi Region	BC	Zhemelya V.I. Rayko V.V. Yash P.K.	15.08.2019	26.09.2019
20		QDCB	Zhemelya V.I. Rayko V.V. Yash P.K.	15.08.2019	26.09.2019
21	Sumy Region	BC	Nadyon R. A.	22.08.2019	12.12.2019
22		QDCB	Us V.E.	10.09.2019	12.12.2019
23	Dnipropetrovsk Region	BC	Zhemelya V.I. Svitlychny O. Y. Tsuvin A. I.	16.10.2019	12.12.2019
24	Kharkiv Region	BC	Rayko V.V. Yash P.K.	28.11.2019	12.12.2019
25		QDCB	Iegorov B.S. Ishkhanyan A. R.	28.11.2019	13.12.2019

5. For the entire time of HACB work, no complaints against decisions, conclusions, actions, or inaction of the RQCB, its members, and Chair have been reported.

6. No early termination of the powers of RACB members, termination of labor, or civil legal relations, contracts concluded by the RACB occurred.

7. During HACB inspections, the following systemic recommendations were provided to the audit subjects:

- Re-register code of the type of economic activity.
- Change the organizational and legal form of entity.
- To purchase the accounting software.
- To pay out wages by wiring the money to card accounts.

8. HACB reporting.

You may familiarize yourself with Information on the work of HACB at the UNBA official website (under the Self-government/HACB tab). On this page, everyone can read the HACB Regulation, HACB Rules of Procedure, announcements, general recommendations, and agenda HACB meetings.

The approved Conclusions are immediately transmitted to the UNBA Secretariat and are published at the HACB web page.

9. Approval of reports by the Congress of Advocates of Ukraine.

Conclusions on the results of 2019 inspections have not yet been approved by the Congress of Advocates of Ukraine.

10. Control over the implementation of HACB recommendations.

During the inspections of the Bar self-government bodies, HACB provides recommendations towards the elimination of identified deficiencies and violations. Control over the implementation of recommendations is carried out by way of sending a request for explanations on the implementation of previously issued recommendations. Analysis of the HACB explanations is reflected in the following conclusions.

11. Activities of HACB members.

Elected on 20.11.2014:

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Selivanov I.O.
Mokin I.S.

Vdovtsova L.K.
Svitlychny O. Y.
Pryndota U.G.

Elected on 20.11.2014

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Sachayeva I.O.
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Karas A. A.

Elected on 09.06.2017

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Zhemelya V.I.
Tsuvin A.I.
Us V.E.
Igorov B.S.
Ishkhanyan A. R.
Yash P.K.

Journal of HACB meeting attendance for 2019																
	Boldin M. Y.	Vdovtsova L.K.	Igorov B.S.	Zhemelya V.I.	Ishkhanyan A. R.	Mokin I.S.	Nadyon R. A.	Pryndota U.G.	Rayko V.V.	Sachayeva I.O.	Svitlychny O. Y.	Selivanov V. I.	Us V.E.	Tsuvin A. I.	Yash P.K.	Karas A. A.
06.02.2019	+	+	+	-	+	-	+	-	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	
07.02.2019	+	+	+	-	+	-	+	-	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	
08.02.2019	+	+	+	-	-	-	+	-	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	
16.02.2019	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	-	-	+	+	
11.04.2019	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	-	+	-	-	-	+	+	-	
12.04.2019	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	-	+	-	-	-	+	+	-	
20.06.2019	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	-	+	-	+	+	+	+	-	
21.06.2019	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	-	+	-	+	+	-	+	-	
26.09.2019	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	-	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	
27.09.2019	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	-	+	+	-	+	-	+	+	
12.12.2019	-	+	+	+	+	-	+	-	+	+	+		+	+	+	+
13.12.2019	-	+	+	+	+	-	+	-	+	+	+		+	+	+	+
TOTAL:	10	12	12	9	11	1	12	0	12	8	8	7	5	12	8	2

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BODIES OF ADVOCATE'S SELF-GOVERNMENT OF THE REGIONS

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number of meetings held by RBC

12

decisions adopted

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of advocates' appeals about failure to provide information

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number of new advocates registered in URAU database

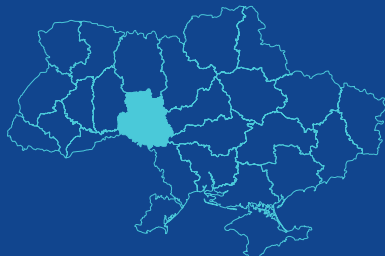
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number of seminars and trainings for advocates

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total number of incoming mail correspondence

1309



RBC | Financial balance indicators of Vinnytsia region for 2019

Receipts	2018	2019
Receipts from - annual fees to ensure the implementation of Bar self-government in Ukraine	902506	1186967
Receipt of funds as a payment for the traineeship	496752	431393
Other proceeds**	50245	72340
Total:	1449503	1690700 ^{+17%}
Expenses	UAH.	UAH.
General Labor Remuneration account:	242392	350940
Mandatory deductions (taxes and fees):	114356	140455
Travel expenses:	73582	87490
Office maintenance:	276000	551545
RBC activities, including:	166070	560270
Organization of training for Ukrainian advocates	66200	122946
Expenses towards the production of warrant books	32560	43617
Expenses towards the production of the Certificate of right to practice Law	67310	0
Other Expenses * (Services of the bank, mail, notary, etc.)	577103	0
Total:	1449503	1690700 ^{+17%}

QDCB of Vinnytsia Region



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Decisions of QDCB

13

Decisions of the QDCB Qualifications Chamber

21

decisions of QDCB disciplinary Chamber

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persons admitted to take qualification examination

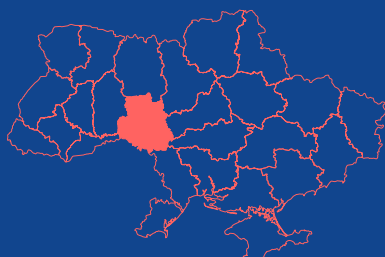
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cases in the proceedings

26

total number of incoming mail correspondence

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QDCB | Financial balance indicators of Vinnytsia region for 2019

Receipts	2018	2019
Fee for taking the qualification examination	1130893	886051
Other income - voluntary donations to the material and technical support of legal activity; fee for organizational and technical support of complaints consideration	18015	19726
Other proceeds	63227	0
Total:	1212135	905777 ^{-25%}
Expenses	UAH.	UAH.
General Labor Remuneration account:	146910	255392
Mandatory deductions (taxes and fees):	164320	104586
Travel expenses:	83707	72039
Office maintenance:	88876	184864
QDCB activities, including:	0	62896
Organization of training for Ukrainian advocates	0	0
Expenses for the production of certificate of passing qualification examination	0	62896
Other expenses	728322	226000
Total:	1212135	905777 ^{-25%}



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number of meetings held by RBC

17

decisions adopted

730

of advocates' appeals about failure to provide information

57

number of new advocates registered in URAU database

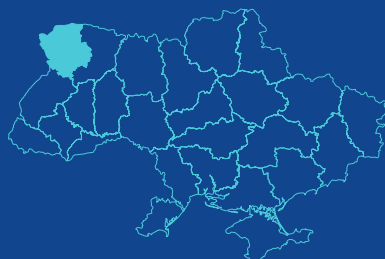
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number of seminars and trainings for advocates

8

total number of incoming mail correspondence

1177



RBC | Financial balance indicators of Volyn region for 2019

Receipts	2018	2019
Receipts from - annual fees to ensure the implementation of Bar self-government in Ukraine	841368	1163260
Receipt of funds as a payment for the traineeship	228848	259082
Other proceeds**	213917	126487
Total:	1284133	1548829 +21%
Expenses	UAH.	UAH.
General Labor Remuneration account:	476415	938657
Mandatory deductions (taxes and fees):	190562	206505
Travel expenses:	84397	84144
Office maintenance:	30963	39297
RBC activities, including:	58387	32517
Organization of training for Ukrainian advocates	9760	4000
Expenses towards the production of warrant books	20420	0
Expenses towards production of the Certificate of right to practice Law	1990	7760
Other Expenses * (Services of the bank, mail, notary, etc.)	786161	354818
Total:	1626885	1655938 +2%

QDCB of Volyn Region



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Decisions of QDCB

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Decisions of the QDCB Qualifications Chamber

245

decisions of QDCB disciplinary Chamber

22

persons admitted to take qualification examination

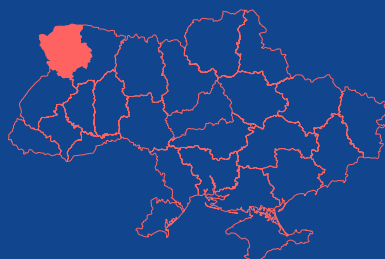
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cases in the proceedings

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total number of incoming mail correspondence

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QDCB | Financial balance indicators of Volyn region for 2019

Receipts	2018	2019
Fee for taking the qualification examination	825885	669930
Other income - voluntary donations to the material and technical support of legal activity; fee for organizational and technical support of complaints consideration	12651	13800
Other proceeds	56106	0
Total:	894642	683730 -24%
Expenses	UAH.	UAH.
General Labor Remuneration account:	387982	436935
Mandatory deductions (taxes and fees):	189470	101281
Travel expenses:	93352	39315
Office maintenance:	44678	32667
QDCB activities, including:	7932	0
Organization of training for Ukrainian advocates	0	0
Expenses for the production of certificate of passing qualification examination	7932	0
Other expenses	194671	93395
Total:	918085	703593 -23%



Bar Council, Dnipropetrovsk region



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number of meetings held by RBC

17

decisions adopted

181

of advocates' appeals about failure to provide information

79

number of new advocates registered in URAU database

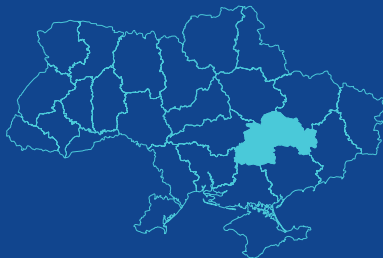
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number of seminars and trainings for advocates

47

total number of incoming mail correspondence

1968



RBC | Financial balance indicators of Dnipropetrovsk region for 2019

Receipts	2018	2019
Receipts from - annual fees to ensure the implementation of Bar self-government in Ukraine	3349503	4149727
Receipt of funds as a payment for the traineeship	1277817	1097465
Other proceeds**	642116	1008021
Total:	5269436	6255213 +19%
Expenses	UAH.	UAH.
General Labor Remuneration account:	1330768	2342637
Mandatory deductions (taxes and fees):	595862	414512
Travel expenses:	116979	138419
Office maintenance:	393863	446888
RBC activities, including:	337257	1351186
Organization of training for Ukrainian advocates	220997	891940
Expenses towards the production of warrant books	38472	0
Expenses towards production of the Certificate of right to practice Law	77788	184875
Other Expenses * (Services of the bank, mail, notary, etc.)	279238	145796
Total:	3053967	4839438 +58%

QDCB of Dnipropetrovsk Region



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Decisions of QDCB

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Decisions of the QDCB Qualifications Chamber

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decisions of QDCB disciplinary Chamber

30

persons admitted to take qualification examination

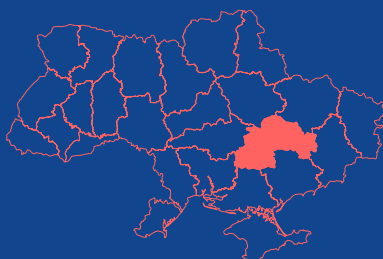
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cases in the proceedings

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total number of incoming mail correspondence

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QDCB | Financial balance indicators of Dnipropetrovsk region for 2019

Receipts	2018	2019
Fee for taking the qualification examination	—	1585031
Other income - voluntary donations to the material and technical support of legal activity; fee for organizational and technical support of complaints consideration	—	54405
Other proceeds	—	0
Total:	—	1639436 +100%
Expenses	UAH.	UAH.
General Labor Remuneration account:	—	870616
Mandatory deductions (taxes and fees):	—	203800
Travel expenses:	—	31369
Office maintenance:	—	292311
QDCB activities, including:	—	9900
Organization of training for Ukrainian advocates	—	0
Expenses for the production of certificate of passing qualification examination	—	9900
Other expenses	—	56000
Total:	—	1463996 +100%



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Bar Council, Donetsk region



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number of meetings held by RBC

18

decisions adopted

1347

of advocates' appeals about failure to provide information

14

number of new advocates registered in URAU database

382

number of seminars and trainings for advocates

11

total number of incoming mail correspondence

5170



RBC | Financial balance indicators of Donetsk region for 2019

Receipts	2018	2019
Receipts from - annual fees to ensure the implementation of Bar self-government in Ukraine	2245600	3043700
Receipt of funds as a payment for the traineeship	1207200	772000
Other proceeds**	59800	223300
Total:	3512600	4039000 +15%
Expenses	UAH.	UAH.
General Labor Remuneration account:	837200	1939970
Mandatory deductions (taxes and fees):	423000	309600
Travel expenses:	120200	108400
Office maintenance:	94600	370130
RBC activities, including:	335100	699450
Organization of training for Ukrainian advocates	20500	56900
Expenses towards the production of warrant books	48800	35900
Expenses towards production of the Certificate of right to practice Law	13300	20200
Other Expenses * (Services of the bank, mail, notary, etc.)	65000	546650
Total:	1875100	3974200 +112%

QDCB of Donetsk Region



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Decisions of QDCB

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Decisions of the QDCB Qualifications Chamber

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decisions of QDCB disciplinary Chamber

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persons admitted to take qualification examination

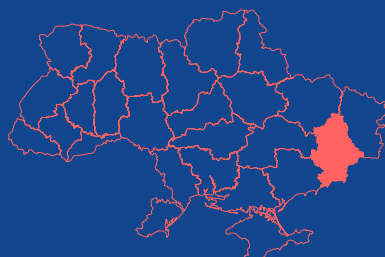
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cases in the proceedings

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total number of incoming mail correspondence

591



QDCB | Financial balance indicators of Donetsk region for 2019

Receipts	2018	2019
Fee for taking the qualification examination	2684694	1449488
Other income - voluntary donations to the material and technical support of legal activity; fee for organizational and technical support of complaints consideration	16254	277838
Other proceeds	13476	0
Total:	2714424	1727326 -36%
Expenses	UAH.	UAH.
General Labor Remuneration account:	1465613	1324480
Mandatory deductions (taxes and fees):	321892	267467
Travel expenses:	273509	205735
Office maintenance:	101732	123996
QDCB activities, including:	2642	0
Organization of training for Ukrainian advocates	0	0
Expenses for the production of certificate of passing qualification examination	2642	0
Other expenses	129984	17977
Total:	2295372	1939655 -15%



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number of meetings held by RBC

15

decisions adopted

115

of advocates' appeals about failure to provide information

14

number of new advocates registered in URAU database

132

number of seminars and trainings for advocates

4

total number of incoming mail correspondence

1299



RBC | Financial balance indicators of Zhytomyr region for 2019

Receipts	2018	2019
Receipts from - annual fees to ensure the implementation of Bar self-government in Ukraine	701645	894473
Receipt of funds as a payment for the traineeship	220392	250110
Other proceeds**	25125	75404
Total:	947162	1219987 +29%
Expenses	UAH.	UAH.
General Labor Remuneration account:	386471	546157
Mandatory deductions (taxes and fees):	198468	111575
Travel expenses:	32075	77769
Office maintenance:	84851	65208
RBC activities, including:	53120	76455
Organization of training for Ukrainian advocates	28782	73893
Expenses towards the production of warrant books	0	0
Expenses towards production of the Certificate of right to practice Law	24338	0
Other Expenses * (Services of the bank, mail, notary, etc.)	60122	34805
Total:	815107	911969 +12%

QDCB of Zhytomyr Region



Chair of QDCB of Zhytomyr region

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Decisions of QDCB

250

Decisions of the QDCB Qualifications Chamber

227

decisions of QDCB disciplinary Chamber

58

persons admitted to take qualification examination

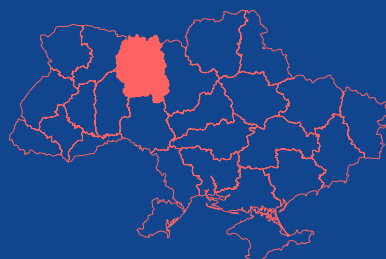
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cases in the proceedings

11

total number of incoming mail correspondence

544



QDCB | Financial balance indicators of Zhytomyr region for 2019

Receipts	2018	2019
Fee for taking the qualification examination	730131	701837
Other income - voluntary donations to the material and technical support of legal activity; fee for organizational and technical support of complaints consideration	16332	11784
Other proceeds	0	46459
Total:	746463	760080 +2%
Expenses	UAH.	UAH.
General Labor Remuneration account:	79323	329147
Mandatory deductions (taxes and fees):	43875	72412
Travel expenses:	33054	45062
Office maintenance:	28890	19707
QDCB activities, including:	0	0
Organization of training for Ukrainian advocates	0	0
Expenses for the production of certificate of passing qualification examination	0	0
Other expenses	205117	6139
Total:	390259	472467 +21%



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Annual Report of Ukrainian National Bar Association

Bar Council, Zakarpattia region



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number of meetings held by RBC

66

decisions adopted

640

of advocates' appeals about failure to provide information

20

number of new advocates registered in URAU database

421

number of seminars and trainings for advocates

2

total number of incoming mail correspondence

1892



RBC | Financial balance indicators of Zakarpattia region for 2019

Receipts	2018	2019
Receipts from - annual fees to ensure the implementation of Bar self-government in Ukraine	901714	1250397
Receipt of funds as a payment for the traineeship	1300023	894550
Other proceeds**	533000	31823
Total:	2734737	2176770 -20%
Expenses	UAH.	UAH.
General Labor Remuneration account:	114069	186360
Mandatory deductions (taxes and fees):	21582	40999
Travel expenses:	329754	440754
Office maintenance:	107726	138004
RBC activities, including:	1492515	1197608
Organization of training for Ukrainian advocates	1439260	0
Expenses towards the production of warrant books	5895	8250
Expenses towards production of the Certificate of right to practice Law	47360	107338
Other Expenses * (Services of the bank, mail, notary, etc.)	723219	183709
Total:	2788865	2187434 -22%

QDCB of Zakarpattia Region



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Decisions of QDCB

2

Decisions of the QDCB Qualifications Chamber

491

decisions of QDCB disciplinary Chamber

82

persons admitted to take qualification examination

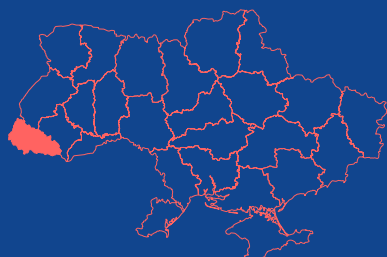
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cases in the proceedings

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total number of incoming mail correspondence

607



QDCB | Financial balance indicators of Zakarpattia region for 2019

Receipts	2018	2019
Fee for taking the qualification examination	3215910	2013500
Other income - voluntary donations to the material and technical support of legal activity; fee for organizational and technical support of complaints consideration	0	21637
Other proceeds	85205	425986
Total:	3301115	2461123 -25%
Expenses	UAH.	UAH.
General Labor Remuneration account:	307300	684993
Mandatory deductions (taxes and fees):	141925	137499
Travel expenses:	67479	88222
Office maintenance:	53402	448432
QDCB activities, including:	773368	846926
Organization of training for Ukrainian advocates	762605	837708
Expenses for the production of certificate of passing qualification examination	10763	9218
Other expenses	223607	111489
Total:	1567081	2317561 +48%



Bar Council, Zaporizhia region



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number of meetings held by RBC

25

decisions adopted

605

of advocates' appeals about failure to provide information

7

number of new advocates registered in URAU database

529

number of seminars and trainings for advocates

4

total number of incoming mail correspondence

1290



RBC | Financial balance indicators of Zaporizhia region for 2019

Receipts	2018	2019
Receipts from - annual fees to ensure the implementation of Bar self-government in Ukraine	2040481	2610984
Receipt of funds as a payment for the traineeship	1213198	1352223
Other proceeds**	591695	553464
Total:	3845374	4516671 +17%
Expenses	UAH.	UAH.
General Labor Remuneration account:	993416	1311007
Mandatory deductions (taxes and fees):	217478	288421
Travel expenses:	20121	13684
Office maintenance:	21717	2008751
RBC activities, including:	211067	327344
Organization of training for Ukrainian advocates	28908	32268
Expenses towards the production of warrant books	91393	0
Expenses towards production of the Certificate of right to practice Law	0	90213
Other Expenses * (Services of the bank, mail, notary, etc.)	5393670	519083
Total:	6857469	4468290 -35%

QDCB of Zaporizhia Region



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Decisions of QDCB

99

Decisions of the QDCB Qualifications Chamber

375

decisions of QDCB disciplinary Chamber

65

persons admitted to take qualification examination

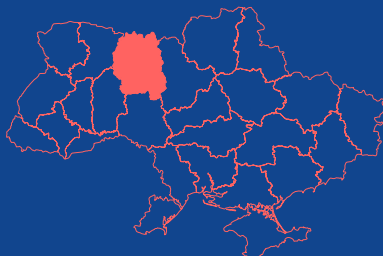
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cases in the proceedings

8

total number of incoming mail correspondence

145



QDCB | Financial balance indicators of Zaporizhia region for 2019

Receipts	2018	2019
Fee for taking the qualification examination	2846475	1743814
Other income - voluntary donations to the material and technical support of legal activity; fee for organizational and technical support of complaints consideration	21382	26121
Other proceeds	62165	106242
Total:	2930022	1876177 -36%
Expenses	UAH.	UAH.
General Labor Remuneration account:	216741	309913
Mandatory deductions (taxes and fees):	47135	68181
Travel expenses:	83483	104861
Office maintenance:	39747	42725
QDCB activities, including:	1895	1091184
Organization of training for Ukrainian advocates	0	1091184
Expenses for the production of certificate of passing qualification examination	1895	0
Other expenses	2404593	14549
Total:	2793594	1631413 -42%



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Bar Council, Ivano-Frankivsk region



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number of meetings held by RBC

13

decisions adopted

116

of advocates' appeals about failure to provide information

358

number of new advocates registered in URAU database

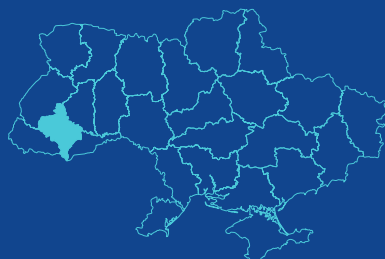
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number of seminars and trainings for advocates

12

total number of incoming mail correspondence

92



RBC | Financial balance indicators of Ivano-Frankivsk region for 2019

Receipts	2018	2019
Receipts from - annual fees to ensure the implementation of Bar self-government in Ukraine	879167	1205498
Receipt of funds as a payment for the traineeship	511540	367993
Other proceeds**	160839	218400
Total:	1551546	1791891 +15%
Expenses	UAH.	UAH.
General Labor Remuneration account:	696294	797963
Mandatory deductions (taxes and fees):	306659	132954
Travel expenses:	54720	83608
Office maintenance:	277386	147765
RBC activities, including:	85413	208696
Organization of training for Ukrainian advocates	19248	31474
Expenses towards the production of warrant books	6606	11560
Expenses towards production of the Certificate of right to practice Law	19759	54000
Other Expenses * (Services of the bank, mail, notary, etc.)	62270	26867
Total:	1482742	1397853 -6%

QDCB of Ivano-Frankivsk region



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Decisions of QDCB

272

Decisions of the QDCB Qualifications Chamber

250

decisions of QDCB disciplinary Chamber

20

persons admitted to take qualification examination

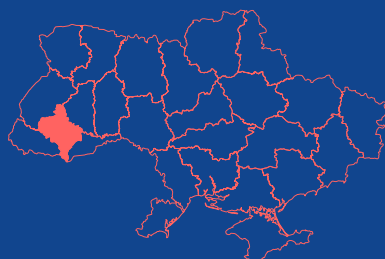
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cases in the proceedings

21

total number of incoming mail correspondence

78



QDCB | Financial balance indicators of Ivano-Frankivsk region for 2019

Receipts	2018	2019
Fee for taking the qualification examination	1191794	661188
Other income - voluntary donations to the material and technical support of legal activity; fee for organizational and technical support of complaints consideration	50358	38587
Other proceeds	32565	75681
Total:	1274717	775456 -39%
Expenses	UAH.	UAH.
General Labor Remuneration account:	348040	477269
Mandatory deductions (taxes and fees):	215794	107201
Travel expenses:	52469	70020
Office maintenance:	48242	33462
QDCB activities, including:	2442	101910
Organization of training for Ukrainian advocates	0	101910
Expenses for the production of certificate of passing qualification examination	2442	0
Other expenses	267499	50795
Total:	934486	840657 -10%



Bar Council, Kyiv region



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number of meetings held by RBC

10

decisions adopted

60

of advocates' appeals about failure to provide information

233

number of new advocates registered in URAU database

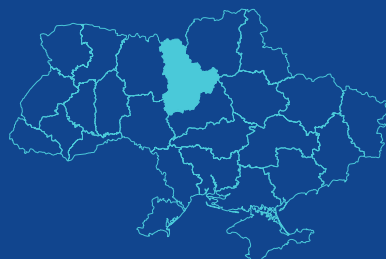
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number of seminars and trainings for advocates

14

total number of incoming mail correspondence

16791



RBC | Financial balance indicators of Kyiv region for 2019

Receipts	2018	2019
Receipts from - annual fees to ensure the implementation of Bar self-government in Ukraine	9153312	9578235
Receipt of funds as a payment for the traineeship	0	2670758
Other proceeds**	209098	3307906
Total:	9362410	15556899 +66%
Expenses	UAH.	UAH.
General Labor Remuneration account:	2592237	3439512
Mandatory deductions (taxes and fees):	570180	786168
Travel expenses:	0	0
Office maintenance:	1723478	1511756
RBC activities, including:	268697	6042243
Organization of training for Ukrainian advocates	268697	416687
Expenses towards the production of warrant books	0	0
Expenses towards production of the Certificate of right to practice Law	0	0
Other Expenses * (Services of the bank, mail, notary, etc.)	4207818	826687
Total:	9362410	12606366 +35%

QDCB of Kyiv Region



Chair of QDCB of Kyiv region

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Decisions of QDCB

0

Decisions of the QDCB Qualifications Chamber

1070

decisions of QDCB disciplinary Chamber

214

persons admitted to take qualification examination

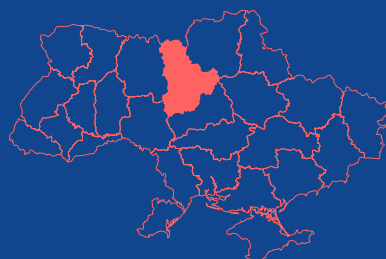
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cases in the proceedings

56

total number of incoming mail correspondence

1705



QDCB | Financial balance indicators of Kyiv region for 2019

Receipts	2018	2019
Fee for taking the qualification examination	4676862	4631704
Other income - voluntary donations to the material and technical support of legal activity; fee for organizational and technical support of complaints consideration	286703	494348
Other proceeds	19521	20208
Total:	4983086	5146260 +3%
Expenses	UAH.	UAH.
General Labor Remuneration account:	3058233	3689859
Mandatory deductions (taxes and fees):	659929	791524
Travel expenses:	35765	53726
Office maintenance:	732993	994892
QDCB activities, including:	0	0
Organization of training for Ukrainian advocates	0	0
Expenses for the production of certificate of passing qualification examination	0	0
Other expenses	265545	103317
Total:	4752465	5633318 +19%



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Bar Council of Kyiv City



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number of meetings held by RBC

25

decisions adopted

873

of advocates' appeals about failure to provide information

24

number of new advocates registered in URAU database

488

number of seminars and trainings for advocates

10

total number of incoming mail correspondence

6337



RBC | Financial balance indicators of Kyiv City for 2019

Receipts	2018	2019
Receipts from - annual fees to ensure the implementation of Bar self-government in Ukraine	—	—
Receipt of funds as a payment for the traineeship	—	—
Other proceeds**	—	—
Total:	—	—
Expenses	UAH.	UAH.
General Labor Remuneration account:	—	—
Mandatory deductions (taxes and fees):	—	—
Travel expenses:	—	—
Office maintenance:	—	—
RBC activities, including:	—	—
Organization of training for Ukrainian advocates	—	—
Expenses towards the production of warrant books	—	—
Expenses towards production of the Certificate of right to practice Law	—	—
Other Expenses * (Services of the bank, mail, notary, etc.)	—	—
Total:	—	—

QDCB of Kyiv City



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Decisions of QDCB

47

Decisions of the QDCB Qualifications Chamber

56

decisions of QDCB disciplinary Chamber

117

persons admitted to take qualification examination

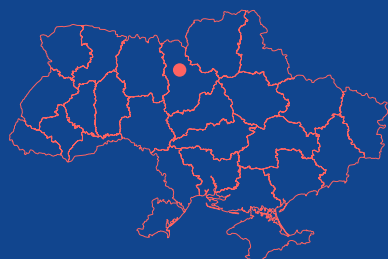
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cases in the proceedings

80

total number of incoming mail correspondence

583



QDCB | Financial balance indicators of Kyiv City for 2019

Receipts	2018	2019
Fee for taking the qualification examination	2072987	2679772
Other income - voluntary donations to the material and technical support of legal activity; fee for organizational and technical support of complaints consideration	0	0
Other proceeds	0	8236
Total:	2072987	2688008 +30%
Expenses	UAH.	UAH.
General Labor Remuneration account:	547463	925323
Mandatory deductions (taxes and fees):	120442	203571
Travel expenses:	64442	182172
Office maintenance:	1030245	1125160
QDCB activities, including:	280780	229466
Organization of training for Ukrainian advocates	256917	210058
Expenses for the production of certificate of passing qualification examination	23863	19408
Other expenses	29615	22316
Total:	2072987	2688008 +30%



Bar Council, Kirovograd region



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number of meetings held by RBC

16

decisions adopted

188

of advocates' appeals about failure to provide information

67

number of new advocates registered in URAU database

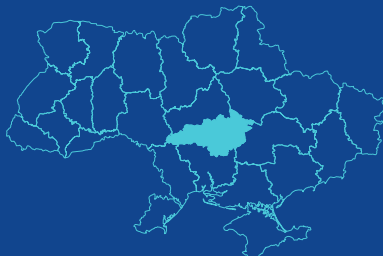
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number of seminars and trainings for advocates

4

total number of incoming mail correspondence

561



RBC | Financial balance indicators of Kirovograd region for 2019

Receipts	2018	2019
Receipts from - annual fees to ensure the implementation of Bar self-government in Ukraine	623377	879918
Receipt of funds as a payment for the traineeship	593525	354782
Other proceeds**	72692	310864
Total:	1289594	1545564 +20%
Expenses	UAH.	UAH.
General Labor Remuneration account:	345753	484679
Mandatory deductions (taxes and fees):	76066	106629
Travel expenses:	31361	91551
Office maintenance:	72156	99026
RBC activities, including:	63002	78163
Organization of training for Ukrainian advocates	27631	20035
Expenses towards the production of warrant books	0	19618
Expenses towards production of the Certificate of right to practice Law	35371	11010
Other Expenses * (Services of the bank, mail, notary, etc.)	157354	142273
Total:	745692	1002321 +34%

QDCB of Kirovograd Region



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Decisions of QDCB

2

Decisions of the QDCB Qualifications Chamber

184

decisions of QDCB disciplinary Chamber

11

persons admitted to take qualification examination

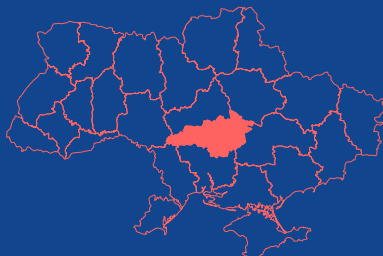
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cases in the proceedings

12

total number of incoming mail correspondence

117



QDCB | Financial balance indicators of Kirovograd region for 2019

Receipts	2018	2019
Fee for taking the qualification examination	893203	538237
Other income - voluntary donations to the material and technical support of legal activity; fee for organizational and technical support of complaints consideration	5523	5227
Other proceeds	50000	0
Total:	948726	543464 -43%
Expenses	UAH.	UAH.
General Labor Remuneration account:	401846	421149
Mandatory deductions (taxes and fees):	88406	92653
Travel expenses:	24916	19359
Office maintenance:	93665	42917
QDCB activities, including:	28717	0
Organization of training for Ukrainian advocates	20000	0
Expenses for the production of certificate of passing qualification examination	8717	0
Other expenses	7286	24862
Total:	644836	600940 -7%



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Bar Council, Lugansk region



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number of meetings held by RBC

7

decisions adopted

163

of advocates' appeals about failure to provide information

19

number of new advocates registered in URAU database

92

number of seminars and trainings for advocates

0

total number of incoming mail correspondence

172



RBC | Financial balance indicators of Lugansk region for 2019

Receipts	2018	2019
Receipts from - annual fees to ensure the implementation of Bar self-government in Ukraine	312598	620405
Receipt of funds as a payment for the traineeship	160613	189013
Other proceeds**	39092	127835
Total:	512303	937253 +83%
Expenses	UAH.	UAH.
General Labor Remuneration account:	221702	603206
Mandatory deductions (taxes and fees):	48774	132705
Travel expenses:	35083	60511
Office maintenance:	1434	900
RBC activities, including:	18200	44358
Organization of training for Ukrainian advocates	0	41888
Expenses towards the production of warrant books	17100	0
Expenses towards production of the Certificate of right to practice Law	1100	0
Other Expenses * (Services of the bank, mail, notary, etc.)	58230	104302
Total:	383423	945982 +147%

QDCB of Lugansk Region



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Decisions of QDCB

0

Decisions of the QDCB Qualifications Chamber

21

decisions of QDCB disciplinary Chamber

26

persons admitted to take qualification examination

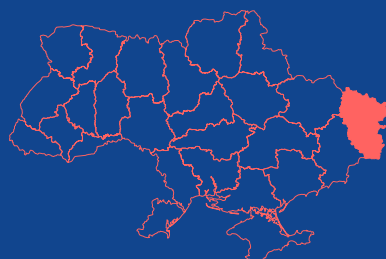
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cases in the proceedings

0

total number of incoming mail correspondence

39



QDCB | Financial balance indicators of Lugansk region for 2019

Receipts	2018	2019
Fee for taking the qualification examination	778349	426458
Other income - voluntary donations to the material and technical support of legal activity; fee for organizational and technical support of complaints consideration	298682	486960
Other proceeds	0	0
Total:	1077031	913418 -15%
Expenses	UAH.	UAH.
General Labor Remuneration account:	506328	880503
Mandatory deductions (taxes and fees):	111392	193711
Travel expenses:	86936	131331
Office maintenance:	39809	56265
QDCB activities, including:	0	0
Organization of training for Ukrainian advocates	0	0
Expenses for the production of certificate of passing qualification examination	0	0
Other expenses	77601	35296
Total:	822066	1226514 +49%



Bar Council, Lviv region



Chair of the Bar Council of Lviv region

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number of meetings held by RBC

22

decisions adopted

2909

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number of new advocates registered in URAU database

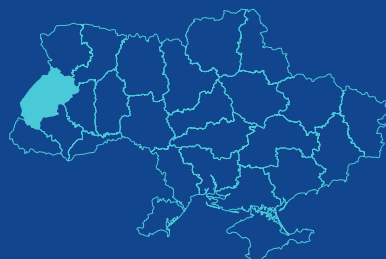
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number of seminars and trainings for advocates

4

total number of incoming mail correspondence

2114



RBC | Financial balance indicators of Lviv region for 2019

Receipts	2018	2019
Receipts from - annual fees to ensure the implementation of Bar self-government in Ukraine	2855550	3166209
Receipt of funds as a payment for the traineeship	1033410	1004435
Other proceeds**	798215	1724972
Total:	4687175	5895616 +26%
Expenses	UAH.	UAH.
General Labor Remuneration account:	874532	1264515
Mandatory deductions (taxes and fees):	261637	275234
Travel expenses:	87088	106815
Office maintenance:	207093	174399
RBC activities, including:	169664	162413
Organization of training for Ukrainian advocates	12100	17200
Expenses towards the production of warrant books	0	26880
Expenses towards production of the Certificate of right to practice Law	147148	118333
Other Expenses * (Services of the bank, mail, notary, etc.)	426923	0
Total:	2026937	1983376 -2%

QDCB of Lviv Region



Chair of QDCB of Lviv region

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Decisions of QDCB

13

Decisions of the QDCB Qualifications Chamber

732

decisions of QDCB disciplinary Chamber

74

persons admitted to take qualification examination

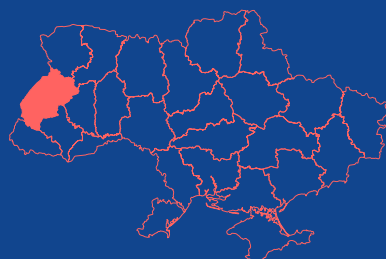
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cases in the proceedings

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total number of incoming mail correspondence

410



QDCB | Financial balance indicators of Lviv region for 2019

Receipts	2018	2019
Fee for taking the qualification examination	2757303	1583019
Other income - voluntary donations to the material and technical support of legal activity; fee for organizational and technical support of complaints consideration	19619	43760
Other proceeds	23179	43126
Total:	2800101	1669905 -40%
Expenses	UAH.	UAH.
General Labor Remuneration account:	1673962	1083296
Mandatory deductions (taxes and fees):	375140	259821
Travel expenses:	53992	88391
Office maintenance:	408674	409807
QDCB activities, including:	5098	28578
Organization of training for Ukrainian advocates	0	0
Expenses for the production of certificate of passing qualification examination	5098	28578
Other expenses	18771	0
Total:	2535637	1869893 -26%



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Bar Council, Mykolayiv region



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number of meetings held by RBC

42

decisions adopted

544

of advocates' appeals about failure to provide information

132

number of new advocates registered in URAU database

232

number of seminars and trainings for advocates

10

total number of incoming mail correspondence

263



RBC | Financial balance indicators of Mykolayiv region for 2019

Receipts	2018	2019
Receipts from - annual fees to ensure the implementation of Bar self-government in Ukraine	1237297	1610118
Receipt of funds as a payment for the traineeship	504252	402153
Other proceeds**	491964	574322
Total:	2233513	2586593 ^{+16%}
Expenses	UAH.	UAH.
General Labor Remuneration account:	687834	811186
Mandatory deductions (taxes and fees):	146011	415016
Travel expenses:	59372	100371
Office maintenance:	581483	31238
RBC activities, including:	239705	201363
Organization of training for Ukrainian advocates	97353	93398
Expenses towards the production of warrant books	0	0
Expenses towards production of the Certificate of right to practice Law	142352	96490
Other Expenses * (Services of the bank, mail, notary, etc.)	91674	399981
Total:	1806079	1959155 ^{+8%}

QDCB of Mykolayiv Region



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Decisions of QDCB

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Decisions of the QDCB Qualifications Chamber

231

decisions of QDCB disciplinary Chamber

115

persons admitted to take qualification examination

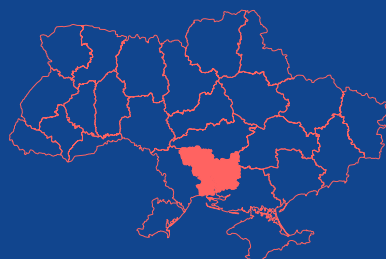
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cases in the proceedings

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total number of incoming mail correspondence

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QDCB | Financial balance indicators of Mykolayiv region for 2019

Receipts	2018	2019
Fee for taking the qualification examination	1246968	948096
Other income - voluntary donations to the material and technical support of legal activity; fee for organizational and technical support of complaints consideration	7206	22175
Other proceeds	0	0
Total:	1254174	970271 ^{-23%}
Expenses	UAH.	UAH.
General Labor Remuneration account:	490266	643686
Mandatory deductions (taxes and fees):	231223	144518
Travel expenses:	75926	163219
Office maintenance:	258075	51857
QDCB activities, including:	0	0
Organization of training for Ukrainian advocates	0	0
Expenses for the production of certificate of passing qualification examination	0	0
Other expenses	9278	45573
Total:	1064768	1048853 ^{-1%}



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number of meetings held by RBC

14

decisions adopted

151

of advocates' appeals about failure to provide information

12

number of new advocates registered in URAU database

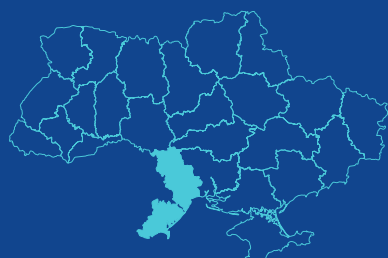
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number of seminars and trainings for advocates

21

total number of incoming mail correspondence

336



RBC | Financial balance indicators of Odesa region for 2019

Receipts	2018	2019
Receipts from - annual fees to ensure the implementation of Bar self-government in Ukraine	2950235	3988141
Receipt of funds as a payment for the traineeship	934527	1414433
Other proceeds**	1315107	559172
Total:	5199869	5961746 +15%
Expenses	UAH.	UAH.
General Labor Remuneration account:	1513363	2641600
Mandatory deductions (taxes and fees):	324833	460728
Travel expenses:	38438	127655
Office maintenance:	442391	265627
RBC activities, including:	165684	300547
Organization of training for Ukrainian advocates	25000	91750
Expenses towards the production of warrant books	0	0
Expenses towards production of the Certificate of right to practice Law	140684	142995
Other Expenses * (Services of the bank, mail, notary, etc.)	1823359	262129
Total:	4308068	4058286 -6%

QDCB of Odesa Region



Chair of the QDCB of Odesa region

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Decisions of QDCB

830

Decisions of the QDCB Qualifications Chamber

854

decisions of QDCB disciplinary Chamber

222

persons admitted to take qualification examination

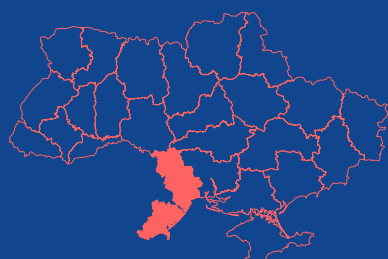
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cases in the proceedings

42

total number of incoming mail correspondence

1403



QDCB | Financial balance indicators of Odesa region for 2019

Receipts	2018	2019
Fee for taking the qualification examination	2091726	1783016
Other income - voluntary donations to the material and technical support of legal activity; fee for organizational and technical support of complaints consideration	63433	103879
Other proceeds	281	0
Total:	2155440	1886895 -12%
Expenses	UAH.	UAH.
General Labor Remuneration account:	957963	1597051
Mandatory deductions (taxes and fees):	175973	283930
Travel expenses:	76371	112263
Office maintenance:	69497	97991
QDCB activities, including:	0	0
Organization of training for Ukrainian advocates	0	0
Expenses for the production of certificate of passing qualification examination	0	0
Other expenses	11292	29379
Total:	1291096	2120614 +6%



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Bar Council, Poltava region



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number of meetings held by RBC

17

decisions adopted

1263

of advocates' appeals about failure to provide information

14

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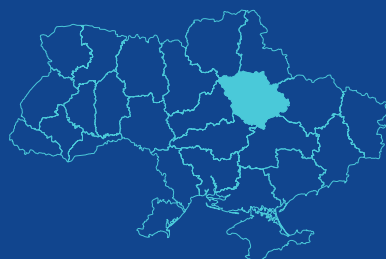
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number of seminars and trainings for advocates

16

total number of incoming mail correspondence

608



RBC | Financial balance indicators of Poltava region for 2019

Receipts	2018	2019
Receipts from annual fees to ensure the implementation of Bar self-government in Ukraine	1747688	2823015
Receipt of funds as a payment for the traineeship	1478463	1539447
Other proceeds**	400483	1406950
Total:	3626634	5769412 +59%
Expenses	UAH.	UAH.
General Labor Remuneration account:	539556	671071
Mandatory deductions (taxes and fees):	283323	153427
Travel expenses:	11309	19954
Office maintenance:	122163	477425
RBC activities, including:	37231	142937
Organization of training for Ukrainian advocates	29111	89765
Expenses towards the production of warrant books	8120	0
Expenses towards production of the Certificate of right to practice Law	0	19920
Other Expenses * (Services of the bank, mail, notary, etc.)	1533152	56270
Total:	2526734	1521084 -40%

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Decisions of QDCB

1324

Decisions of the QDCB Qualifications Chamber

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decisions of QDCB disciplinary Chamber

69

persons admitted to take qualification examination

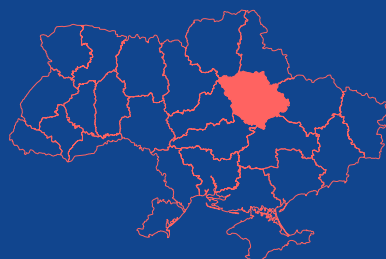
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cases in the proceedings

51

total number of incoming mail correspondence

334



QDCB | Financial balance indicators of Poltava region for 2019

Receipts	2018	2019
Fee for taking the qualification examination	3714688	2999336
Other income - voluntary donations to the material and technical support of legal activity; fee for organizational and technical support of complaints consideration	0	26100
Other proceeds	176462	612211
Total:	3891150	3637647 -7%
Expenses	UAH.	UAH.
General Labor Remuneration account:	611850	1017046
Mandatory deductions (taxes and fees):	311275	224529
Travel expenses:	3311	6087
Office maintenance:	65845	30808
QDCB activities, including:	0	18615
Organization of training for Ukrainian advocates	0	18615
Expenses for the production of certificate of passing qualification examination	0	0
Other expenses	953405	200843
Total:	1945686	1497928 -23%



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number of meetings held by RBC

15

decisions adopted

455

of advocates' appeals about failure to provide information

7

number of new advocates registered in URAU database

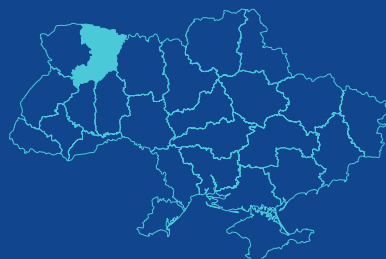
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number of seminars and trainings for advocates

29

total number of incoming mail correspondence

1236



RBC | Financial balance indicators of Rivne region for 2019

Receipts	2018	2019
Receipts from - annual fees to ensure the implementation of Bar self-government in Ukraine	1024305	1458018
Receipt of funds as a payment for the traineeship	538345	499521
Other proceeds**	294114	239294
Total:	1856764	2196833 +18%
Expenses	UAH.	UAH.
General Labor Remuneration account:	685587	823036
Mandatory deductions (taxes and fees):	141819	196103
Travel expenses:	38857	100080
Office maintenance:	86324	38709
RBC activities, including:	107076	343495
Organization of training for Ukrainian advocates	81269	114991
Expenses towards the production of warrant books	6492	0
Expenses towards production of the Certificate of right to practice Law	19315	0
Other Expenses * (Services of the bank, mail, notary, etc.)	277677	475146
Total:	1337340	1976569 +48%

QDCB of Rivne Region



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Decisions of QDCB

5

Decisions of the QDCB Qualifications Chamber

439

decisions of QDCB disciplinary Chamber

40

persons admitted to take qualification examination

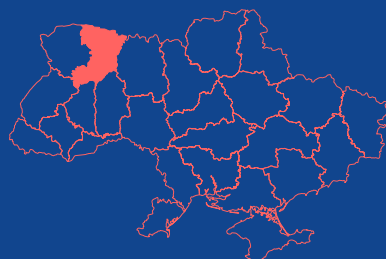
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cases in the proceedings

37

total number of incoming mail correspondence

610



QDCB | Financial balance indicators of Rivne region for 2019

Receipts	2018	2019
Fee for taking the qualification examination	1822140	862636
Other income - voluntary donations to the material and technical support of legal activity; fee for organizational and technical support of complaints consideration	1762	11784
Other proceeds	77157	183744
Total:	1901059	1058164 -44%
Expenses	UAH.	UAH.
General Labor Remuneration account:	766390	754674
Mandatory deductions (taxes and fees):	142611	161404
Travel expenses:	46141	91368
Office maintenance:	65751	84164
QDCB activities, including:	0	141090
Organization of training for Ukrainian advocates	0	141090
Expenses for the production of certificate of passing qualification examination	0	0
Other expenses	31009	19895
Total:	1051902	1252595 +19%



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number of meetings held by RBC

30

decisions adopted

414

of advocates' appeals about failure to provide information

5

number of new advocates registered in URAU database

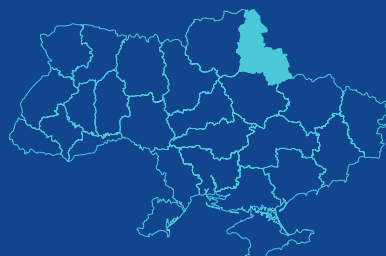
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number of seminars and trainings for advocates

3

total number of incoming mail correspondence

514



RBC | Financial balance indicators of Sumy region for 2019

Receipts	2018	2019
Receipts from - annual fees to ensure the implementation of Bar self-government in Ukraine	457583	605456
Receipt of funds as a payment for the traineeship	170484	188202
Other proceeds**	135912	245383
Total:	763979	1039041 +36%
Expenses	UAH.	UAH.
General Labor Remuneration account:	401515	458994
Mandatory deductions (taxes and fees):	86001	100979
Travel expenses:	105015	103250
Office maintenance:	33717	35726
RBC activities, including:	36128	80540
Organization of training for Ukrainian advocates	28167	26400
Expenses towards the production of warrant books	0	0
Expenses towards production of the Certificate of right to practice Law	7961	38640
Other Expenses * (Services of the bank, mail, notary, etc.)	36043	109621
Total:	698419	889110 +27%

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Decisions of QDCB

1

Decisions of the QDCB Qualifications Chamber

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23

persons admitted to take qualification examination

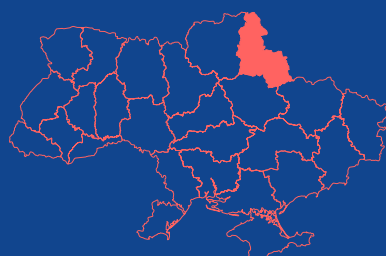
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cases in the proceedings

4

total number of incoming mail correspondence

132



QDCB | Financial balance indicators of Sumy region for 2019

Receipts	2018	2019
Fee for taking the qualification examination	661777	423037
Other income - voluntary donations to the material and technical support of legal activity; fee for organizational and technical support of complaints consideration	5286	4243
Other proceeds	0	0
Total:	667063	427280 -36%
Expenses	UAH.	UAH.
General Labor Remuneration account:	438583	279564
Mandatory deductions (taxes and fees):	96488	62183
Travel expenses:	38400	54296
Office maintenance:	28883	21774
QDCB activities, including:	0	1500
Organization of training for Ukrainian advocates	0	0
Expenses for the production of certificate of passing qualification examination	0	1500
Other expenses	48987	5615
Total:	651341	424932 -35%



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number of meetings held by RBC

10

decisions adopted

228

of advocates' appeals about failure to provide information

68

number of new advocates registered in URAU database

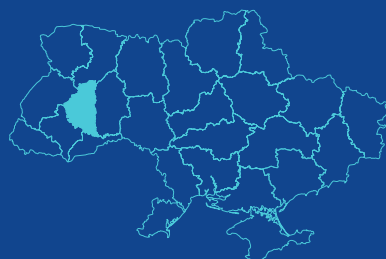
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number of seminars and trainings for advocates

4

total number of incoming mail correspondence

2628



RBC | Financial balance indicators of Ternopil region for 2019

Receipts	2018	2019
Receipts from - annual fees to ensure the implementation of Bar self-government in Ukraine	707394	729599
Receipt of funds as a payment for the traineeship	190766	85129
Other proceeds**	125871	76271
Total:	1024031	890999 -13%
Expenses	UAH.	UAH.
General Labor Remuneration account:	222587	403681
Mandatory deductions (taxes and fees):	49139	80403
Travel expenses:	31293	29530
Office maintenance:	96327	93376
RBC activities, including:	45849	124828
Organization of training for Ukrainian advocates	18987	39800
Expenses towards the production of warrant books	7480	5198
Expenses towards production of the Certificate of right to practice Law	10020	23679
Other Expenses * (Services of the bank, mail, notary, etc.)	37884	36381
Total:	483079	768199 +59%

QDCB of Ternopil Region



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Decisions of QDCB

10

Decisions of the QDCB Qualifications Chamber

106

decisions of QDCB disciplinary Chamber

8

persons admitted to take qualification examination

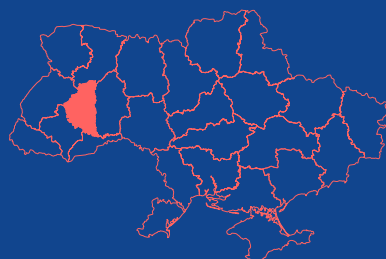
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cases in the proceedings

7

total number of incoming mail correspondence

135



QDCB | Financial balance indicators of Ternopil region for 2019

Receipts	2018	2019
Fee for taking the qualification examination	700304	212675
Other income - voluntary donations to the material and technical support of legal activity; fee for organizational and technical support of complaints consideration	0	4014
Other proceeds	8290	0
Total:	708594	216689 -69%
Expenses	UAH.	UAH.
General Labor Remuneration account:	251569	296180
Mandatory deductions (taxes and fees):	55346	63323
Travel expenses:	42986	59161
Office maintenance:	89023	82751
QDCB activities, including:	2405	2158
Organization of training for Ukrainian advocates	2405	1855
Expenses for the production of certificate of passing qualification examination	0	303
Other expenses	63743	15951
Total:	505072	519524 +3%



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Bar Council, Kharkiv region



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number of meetings held by RBC

23

decisions adopted

910

of advocates' appeals about failure to provide information

6

number of new advocates registered in URAU database

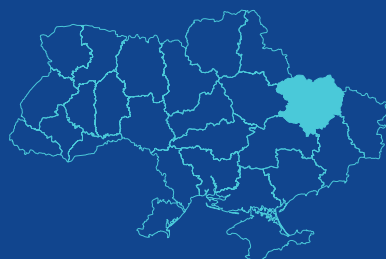
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number of seminars and trainings for advocates

72

total number of incoming mail correspondence

4598



RBC | Financial balance indicators of Kharkiv region for 2019

Receipts	2018	2019
Receipts from - annual fees to ensure the implementation of Bar self-government in Ukraine	2392445	2831592
Receipt of funds as a payment for the traineeship	230081	256703
Other proceeds**	320076	215014
Total:	2942602	3303309 +12%
Expenses	UAH.	UAH.
General Labor Remuneration account:	989793	1609671
Mandatory deductions (taxes and fees):	510266	354128
Travel expenses:	24346	92913
Office maintenance:	124077	126140
RBC activities, including:	152139	195374
Organization of training for Ukrainian advocates	0	48350
Expenses towards the production of warrant books	8100	26400
Expenses towards production of the Certificate of right to practice Law	640	50550
Other Expenses * (Services of the bank, mail, notary, etc.)	1058431	1222665
Total:	2859052	3600891 +26%

QDCB of Kharkiv Region



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Decisions of QDCB

7

Decisions of the QDCB Qualifications Chamber

201

decisions of QDCB disciplinary Chamber

629

persons admitted to take qualification examination

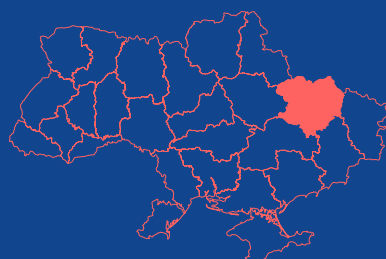
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cases in the proceedings

28

total number of incoming mail correspondence

711



QDCB | Financial balance indicators of Kharkiv region for 2019

Receipts	2018	2019
Fee for taking the qualification examination	649896	427516
Other income - voluntary donations to the material and technical support of legal activity; fee for organizational and technical support of complaints consideration	37793	316944
Other proceeds	0	109857
Total:	687689	854317 +24%
Expenses	UAH.	UAH.
General Labor Remuneration account:	498482	535966
Mandatory deductions (taxes and fees):	256986	117913
Travel expenses:	31100	22749
Office maintenance:	82219	72128
QDCB activities, including:	1584	1421
Organization of training for Ukrainian advocates	0	0
Expenses for the production of certificate of passing qualification examination	1584	1421
Other expenses	56208	102148
Total:	926579	852325 -8%



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number of meetings held by RBC

12

decisions adopted

199

of advocates' appeals about failure to provide information

14

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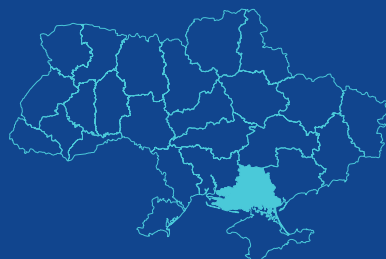
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number of seminars and trainings for advocates

7

total number of incoming mail correspondence

218



RBC | Financial balance indicators of Kherson region for 2019

Receipts	2018	2019
Receipts from - annual fees to ensure the implementation of Bar self-government in Ukraine	576107	687905
Receipt of funds as a payment for the traineeship	150421	117949
Other proceeds**	341750	278463
Total:	1068278	1084317 +2%
Expenses	UAH.	UAH.
General Labor Remuneration account:	152400	254188
Mandatory deductions (taxes and fees):	96689	55921
Travel expenses:	37472	47234
Office maintenance:	144284	177409
RBC activities, including:	246609	93649
Organization of training for Ukrainian advocates	85618	87339
Expenses towards the production of warrant books	0	0
Expenses towards production of the Certificate of right to practice Law	9715	6310
Other Expenses * (Services of the bank, mail, notary, etc.)	47941	131691
Total:	725395	760092 +5%

QDCB of Kherson Region



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Decisions of QDCB

2

Decisions of the QDCB Qualifications Chamber

105

decisions of QDCB disciplinary Chamber

22

persons admitted to take qualification examination

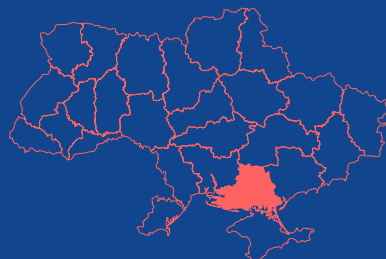
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cases in the proceedings

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total number of incoming mail correspondence

110



RBC | Financial balance indicators of Kherson region for 2019

Receipts	2018	2019
Fee for taking the qualification examination	295159	220104
Other income - voluntary donations to the material and technical support of legal activity; fee for organizational and technical support of complaints consideration	79270	19735
Other proceeds	0	461
Total:	374429	240300 -36%
Expenses	UAH.	UAH.
General Labor Remuneration account:	224246	139004
Mandatory deductions (taxes and fees):	49626	33716
Travel expenses:	24442	8624
Office maintenance:	60863	42991
QDCB activities, including:	198	593
Organization of training for Ukrainian advocates	0	0
Expenses for the production of certificate of passing qualification examination	198	593
Other expenses	18860	21357
Total:	378235	246285 -35%



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Bar Council, Khmelnytskyi region



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number of meetings held by RBC

20

decisions adopted

380

of advocates' appeals about failure to provide information

23

number of new advocates registered in URAU database

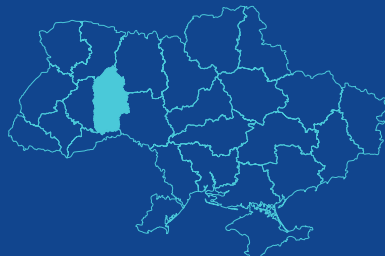
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number of seminars and trainings for advocates

9

total number of incoming mail correspondence

845



RBC | Financial balance indicators of Khmelnytskyi region for 2019

Receipts	2018	2019
Receipts from - annual fees to ensure the implementation of Bar self-government in Ukraine	653538	796520
Receipt of funds as a payment for the traineeship	221182	144828
Other proceeds**	307636	398136
Total:	1182356	1339484 +13%
Expenses	UAH.	UAH.
General Labor Remuneration account:	285481	458746
Mandatory deductions (taxes and fees):	137067	82142
Travel expenses:	30475	50046
Office maintenance:	114334	87119
RBC activities, including:	135534	162203
Organization of training for Ukrainian advocates	73536	57960
Expenses towards the production of warrant books	0	0
Expenses towards production of the Certificate of right to practice Law	9210	34191
Other Expenses * (Services of the bank, mail, notary, etc.)	233909	154469
Total:	936800	994725 +6%

QDCB of Khmelnytskyi Region



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Decisions of QDCB

5

Decisions of the QDCB Qualifications Chamber

192

decisions of QDCB disciplinary Chamber

56

persons admitted to take qualification examination

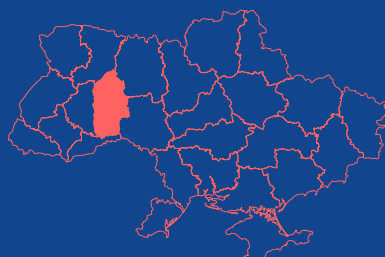
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cases in the proceedings

32

total number of incoming mail correspondence

355



QDCB | Financial balance indicators of Khmelnytskyi region for 2019

Receipts	2018	2019
Fee for taking the qualification examination	308712	394054
Other income - voluntary donations to the material and technical support of legal activity; fee for organizational and technical support of complaints consideration	0	0
Other proceeds	107878	139146
Total:	416590	533200 +28%
Expenses	UAH.	UAH.
General Labor Remuneration account:	156443	161114
Mandatory deductions (taxes and fees):	34418	35445
Travel expenses:	26041	57061
Office maintenance:	102941	160901
QDCB activities, including:	0	330
Organization of training for Ukrainian advocates	0	0
Expenses for the production of certificate of passing qualification examination	0	330
Other expenses	96747	118349
Total:	416590	533200 +28%



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number of meetings held by RBC

123

decisions adopted

194

of advocates' appeals about failure to provide information

6

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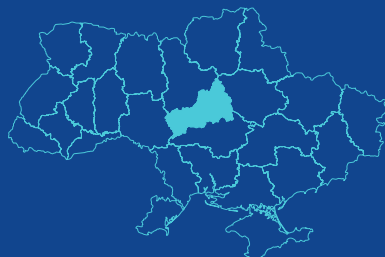
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number of seminars and trainings for advocates

0

total number of incoming mail correspondence

1392



RBC | Financial balance indicators of Cherkasy region for 2019

Receipts	2018	2019
Receipts from - annual fees to ensure the implementation of Bar self-government in Ukraine	951236	1287715
Receipt of funds as a payment for the traineeship	446760	504331
Other proceeds**	139309	156463
Total:	1537305	1948509 +27%
Expenses	UAH.	UAH.
General Labor Remuneration account:	574730	721439
Mandatory deductions (taxes and fees):	114607	154317
Travel expenses:	44176	64067
Office maintenance:	14405	27844
RBC activities, including:	64273	295289
Organization of training for Ukrainian advocates	0	5632
Expenses towards the production of warrant books	0	0
Expenses towards production of the Certificate of right to practice Law	22121	57156
Other Expenses * (Services of the bank, mail, notary, etc.)	139408	20738
Total:	951599	1283694 +35%

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Decisions of QDCB

3

Decisions of the QDCB Qualifications Chamber

297

decisions of QDCB disciplinary Chamber

25

persons admitted to take qualification examination

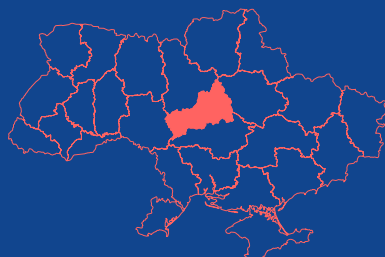
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cases in the proceedings

4

total number of incoming mail correspondence

379



QDCB | Financial balance indicators of Cherkasy region for 2019

Receipts	2018 pik	2019 pik
Fee for taking the qualification examination	1069798	657529
Other income - voluntary donations to the material and technical support of legal activity; fee for organizational and technical support of complaints consideration	308387	388633
Other proceeds	1792	120034
Total:	1379977	1166196 -15%
Expenses	UAH.	UAH.
General Labor Remuneration account:	688861	959843
Mandatory deductions (taxes and fees):	151550	208965
Travel expenses:	35339	76828
Office maintenance:	55741	38306
QDCB activities, including:	11234	21255
Organization of training for Ukrainian advocates	4060	18530
Expenses for the production of certificate of passing qualification examination	7174	2725
Other expenses	40200	24368
Total:	982925	1329565 +35%



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Bar Council, Chernivtsi region



Chair of Chernivtsi regional Bar Council

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number of meetings held by RBC

13

decisions adopted

737

of advocates' appeals about failure to provide information

9

number of new advocates registered in URAU database

135

number of seminars and trainings for advocates

4

total number of incoming mail correspondence

170



RBC | Financial balance indicators of Chernivtsi region for 2019

Receipts	2018	2019
Receipts from - annual fees to ensure the implementation of Bar self-government in Ukraine	765413	920895
Receipt of funds as a payment for the traineeship	273326	433356
Other proceeds**	37112	19956
Total:	1075851	1374207 +28%
Expenses	UAH.	UAH.
General Labor Remuneration account:	407571	436029
Mandatory deductions (taxes and fees):	88847	95926
Travel expenses:	31004	82671
Office maintenance:	7886	33478
RBC activities, including:	8505	123486
Organization of training for Ukrainian advocates	8505	75525
Expenses towards the production of warrant books	0	0
Expenses towards production of the Certificate of right to practice Law	0	0
Other Expenses * (Services of the bank, mail, notary, etc.)	86662	85764
Total:	630475	857354 +36%

QDCB of Chernivtsi Region



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Decisions of QDCB

0

Decisions of the QDCB Qualifications Chamber

233

decisions of QDCB disciplinary Chamber

20

persons admitted to take qualification examination

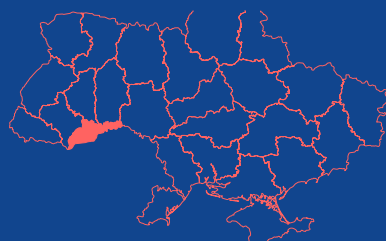
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cases in the proceedings

0

total number of incoming mail correspondence

29



RBC | Financial balance indicators of Chernivtsi region for 2019

Receipts	2018	2019
Fee for taking the qualification examination	575684	457134
Other income - voluntary donations to the material and technical support of legal activity; fee for organizational and technical support of complaints consideration	3585	4610
Other proceeds	0	0
Total:	579269	461744 -20%
Expenses	UAH.	UAH.
General Labor Remuneration account:	362384	411019
Mandatory deductions (taxes and fees):	79723	90424
Travel expenses:	46883	55811
Office maintenance:	55694	49437
QDCB activities, including:	0	0
Organization of training for Ukrainian advocates	0	0
Expenses for the production of certificate of passing qualification examination	0	0
Other expenses	10982	9364
Total:	555666	616055 +11%



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number of meetings held by RBC

12

decisions adopted

39

of advocates' appeals about failure to provide information

1251

number of new advocates registered in URAU database

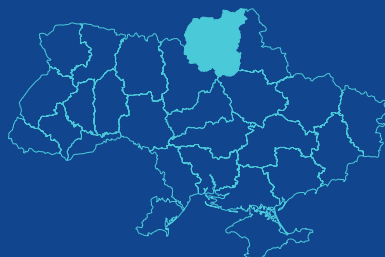
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number of seminars and trainings for advocates

6

total number of incoming mail correspondence

2496



RBC | Financial balance indicators of Chernihiv region for 2019

Receipts	2018	2019
Receipts from - annual fees to ensure the implementation of Bar self-government in Ukraine	776467	1021470
Receipt of funds as a payment for the traineeship	750563	412950
Other proceeds**	82235	530148
Total:	1609265	1964568 +22%
Expenses	UAH.	UAH.
General Labor Remuneration account:	483707	735724
Mandatory deductions (taxes and fees):	106475	161859
Travel expenses:	22787	137247
Office maintenance:	352658	338890
RBC activities, including:	369411	447344
Organization of training for Ukrainian advocates	97234	116157
Expenses towards the production of warrant books	0	0
Expenses towards production of the Certificate of right to practice Law	0	0
Other Expenses * (Services of the bank, mail, notary, etc.)	4033	352985
Total:	1339071	2174049 +62%

QDCB of Chernihiv Region



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Decisions of QDCB

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Decisions of the QDCB Qualifications Chamber

848

decisions of QDCB disciplinary Chamber

29

persons admitted to take qualification examination

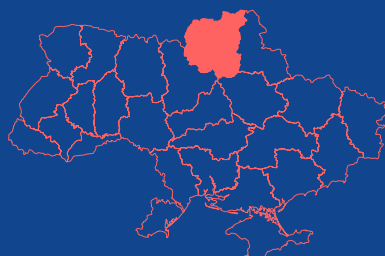
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cases in the proceedings

16

total number of incoming mail correspondence

310



QDCB | Financial balance indicators of Chernihiv region for 2019

Receipts	2018	2019
Fee for taking the qualification examination	2789886	1423991
Other income - voluntary donations to the material and technical support of legal activity; fee for organizational and technical support of complaints consideration	22818	3842
Other proceeds	232773	650049
Total:	3045477	2077882 -32%
Expenses	UAH.	UAH.
General Labor Remuneration account:	489294	600239
Mandatory deductions (taxes and fees):	94621	121053
Travel expenses:	51910	57706
Office maintenance:	342886	428146
QDCB activities, including:	47220	26580
Organization of training for Ukrainian advocates	47220	26580
Expenses for the production of certificate of passing qualification examination	0	0
Other expenses	28756	19323
Total:	1054687	1253047 +19%



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Digitalization



UNBA has approved the strategy for the development and roll-out of online projects, which is strictly followed, and 2019th traditionally was the year of successful implementation of some new technological solutions and strengthening the position of Ukrainian advocacy not only in Ukraine but also at the international arena.

108 In 2019, UNBA took the uneasy path towards raising a professional level of advocates. A revolutionary system of continuing legal education of advocates was successfully developed and implemented. UNBA as a regulator of the profession has developed and introduced a convenient mechanism of training of advocates, accounting of the education results, and proper control of education product quality. Our unified online CLE platform of the Higher School of Advocacy in 2019, has held 1200 events. Over the year, 25 644 advocates used the opportunities granted by the platform. In 2019, the quality of measures has significantly increased (all events and lecturers undergo online accreditation by members of the Expert Council). The fixation of presence via scanning of QR-code; advocates after going through online testing for knowledge of the event material, which they learned, are awarded points and issued a certificate at the end of the year to fulfill the requirements for CLE. I would like to note that this information can be checked thanks to our earlier information resource – the Unified Register of Advocates of Ukraine (URAU).

Significant efforts have been exerted towards the discussion and development CLE reform concept. According to our 2020 plans, the digitalization will touch upon the procedure of traineeship. We plan to develop a platform that will bring together trainees, traineeship supervisors, and regional Bar Councils. The main purpose of the reform is to improve the quality of the traineeship process itself, fine-tune technological schemes, transfer the entire process online. The reform will reduce corruption risks, simplify the process of monitoring the traineeship, and eliminate the formal approach to the internship.

This year the technological changes were introduced to URAU. From now on, everyone using the registry, e.i. judges, law enforcement, ordinary citizens, may not only find any advocate

licensed to practice law, but also to check whether he/she adheres to the decisions of the bar self-government (for example, whether or not a person passed CLE).

Also, advocates now have the opportunity to create online-cabinet at the UNBA website, which greatly simplifies the organization of legal practice: allows prompt payment of annual membership fees, fill in the information about yourself to effectively communicate with customers. Through their online cabinet, advocates may generate the warrant for legal aid. From now on, judges and law enforcement agencies can check the information about advocate's eligibility for undertaking actions in the interests of the client, by using the barcode (QR-code) with reference to the advocate's URAU Profile.

All these successful online projects developed by our joint efforts brought the Ukrainian Bar to a completely different level, and make us the most progressive Bar in Europe, which is certainly a reason for pride!

I am very grateful to employees of the Bar self-government bodies, as well as the entire community of advocates involved in UNBA activities in the field of digitalization, for their work, initiatives, commitment to the legal profession. I would especially like to thank UNBA/BCU President Lidiya Izovitova for the systematic support of ideas, initiatives, wisdom, and mentoring. There are certainly new challenges ahead of us, but this is also the reason for uniting the knowledge and efforts of our professionals.

Together we can do much more than one may imagine. Let's work! We have many interesting things to do.

Sincerely,

Vice-President of Ukrainian National Bar Association, Bar Council of Ukraine

Valentyn Gvozdiy



Digitalization: new services for advocates



In the Strategy of Reforming the Judiciary, Justice, and Ancillary Legal Institutions for 2015–2020 the task of transition to information systems for providing a greater number of "electronic justice" services. This includes document circulation, management, and electronic messages, calls, electronic payments, audio and video records of hearings, etc. Reform touches upon and the mechanism of distribution of cases in courts. From a practical standpoint, the gradual introduction of electronic justice instruments will allow us to address the court, pay the court fee, participate in the hearing and receive the necessary information and documents by electronic means. The law provides that advocates, notaries, private executors, arbitration receivers, forensic experts, state authorities, local self-government, and State and communal enterprises must register official email addresses within Unified Court Information and Telecommunication System (UCITS).

Traditionally, in the process of comprehending innovations, private institutions are way ahead of the State. The Bar, reformed in 2012 into a non-state independent and self-governing institution, adapted dozens of technological solutions that simplify the access of citizens to legal aid with the interests of the professional legal community in mind.

Unified Register of Advocates of Ukraine

The most recognizable and landmark IT product is the Unified Register of Advocates of Ukraine (YALE). According to the core law, the Ukrainian National Bar Association ensures the management of URAU. The Register is located on the official website of the Ukrainian National Bar Association and is the only official database of all Ukrainian advocates (including more than 55 thousand people).

In addition to the law "On the Bar and Practice of Law", URAU is mentioned in the Criminal Procedural Code of Ukraine: it provides only a licensed advocate may not act as a defender, whereas he is not included in URAU, or URAU record contains information that his right to practice law is terminated or suspended. Thus, the status of ERAU was reinforced during the reform of the procedural legislation and the implementation of constitutional changes concerning the so-called "advocacy monopoly".

The Register is used by the judges, law enforcement agencies for the confirming defender's status, while ordinary citizens can find information about a professional advocate licensed to undertake legal practice. Realizing the importance of this Register, since 2012 the Bar constantly invested in its development. Now the profile of each advocate contains not only the basic information as required by law but also additional data on professional achievements, the willingness of advocate to provide legal assistance pro bono, the reference to the profile in the social networks (like Facebook), and actual contacts of the advocate himself, the names of his assistants. In case an advocate violated the Rules of Professional Conduct, its profile will reflect the discipline penalties – warning, suspension of the right to practice law for a certain period, or final disbarment. This is open information that is entered very promptly and is available to ordinary registry users. This procedure thus guarantees the constitutional right of citizens to professional legal assistance.

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Currently, URAU is a securely protected information resource with a two-level data entry system, and we consider it as a ready-made component of the Electronic Court. This initiative of the Bar has already been discussed at public events involving representatives of the judiciary and international partners from USAID, which provide technical and expert assistance to the transition of Ukrainian justice to a single online platform.

The capabilities of the Unified Registry of Advocates of Ukraine allow us to enter data about advocate assisting within the Free Legal Aid System.

At present, such an option has already been created to search for advocates rendering pro bono legal assistance. In addition to legislatively defined information, it is possible to publish additional information about means of communication, positions within the Bar self-government, length of legal practice, categories of cases, awards, CLE, official pages in social networks. Additionally, the user uploads a logo, the link to the website of his organization into his profile.

Total number of advocates in URAU in regional aspect

(As of 09/12/2019)



The total number of advocates in URAU, as of 09.12.2019



Number of advocates in URAU (without suspended/terminated/voided) as of 09.12.2019



Number of suspended/terminated/voided, as of 09.12.2019

Region:

AR of Crimea

2019



Vinnitsia Region

2019



Volyn Region

2019



Dnipropetrovsk Region

2019



Donetsk Region

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Zhytomyr Region

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Region:

Zakarpattia Region

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Zaporizhia Region

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Ivano-Frankivsk Region

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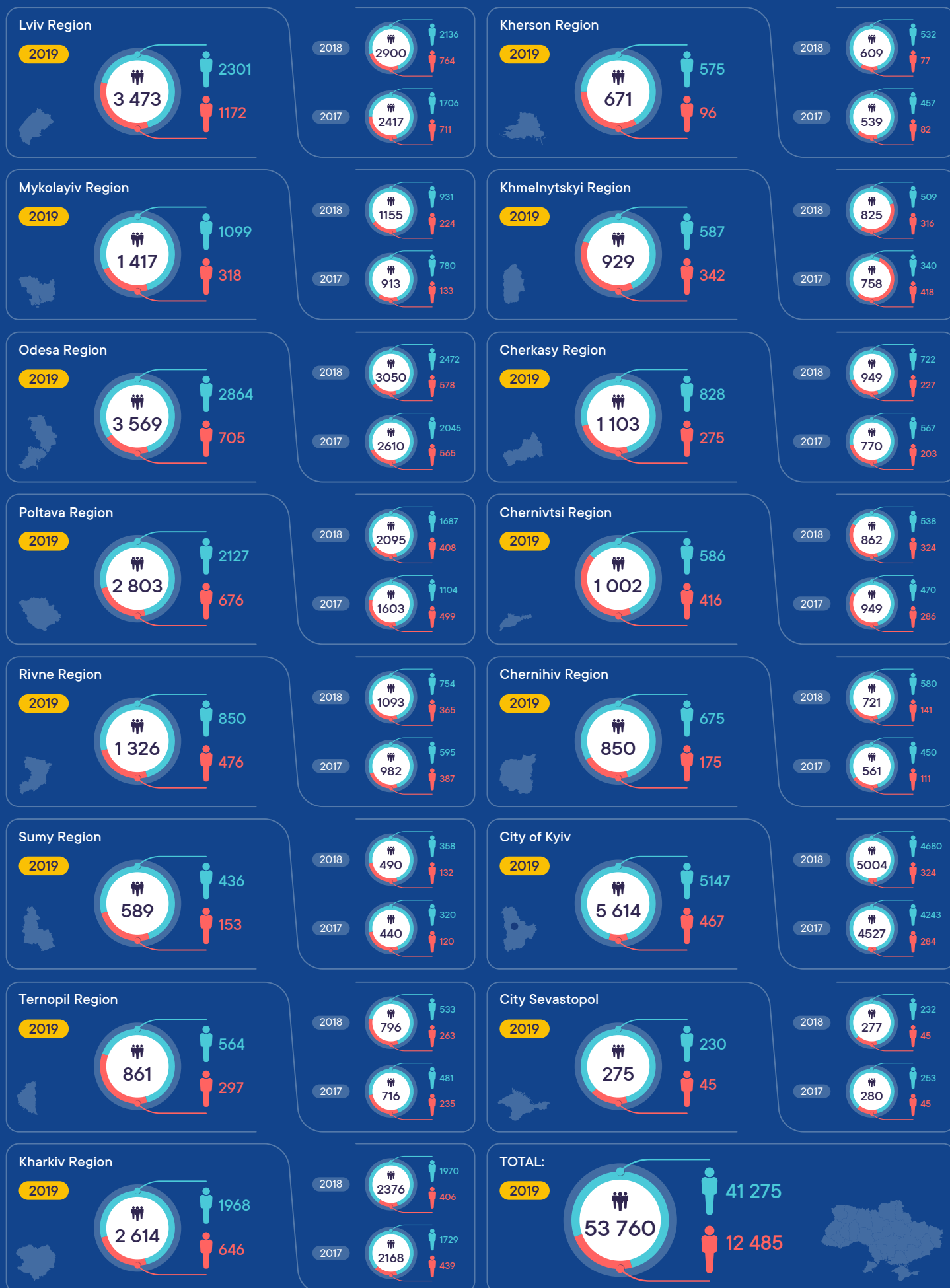


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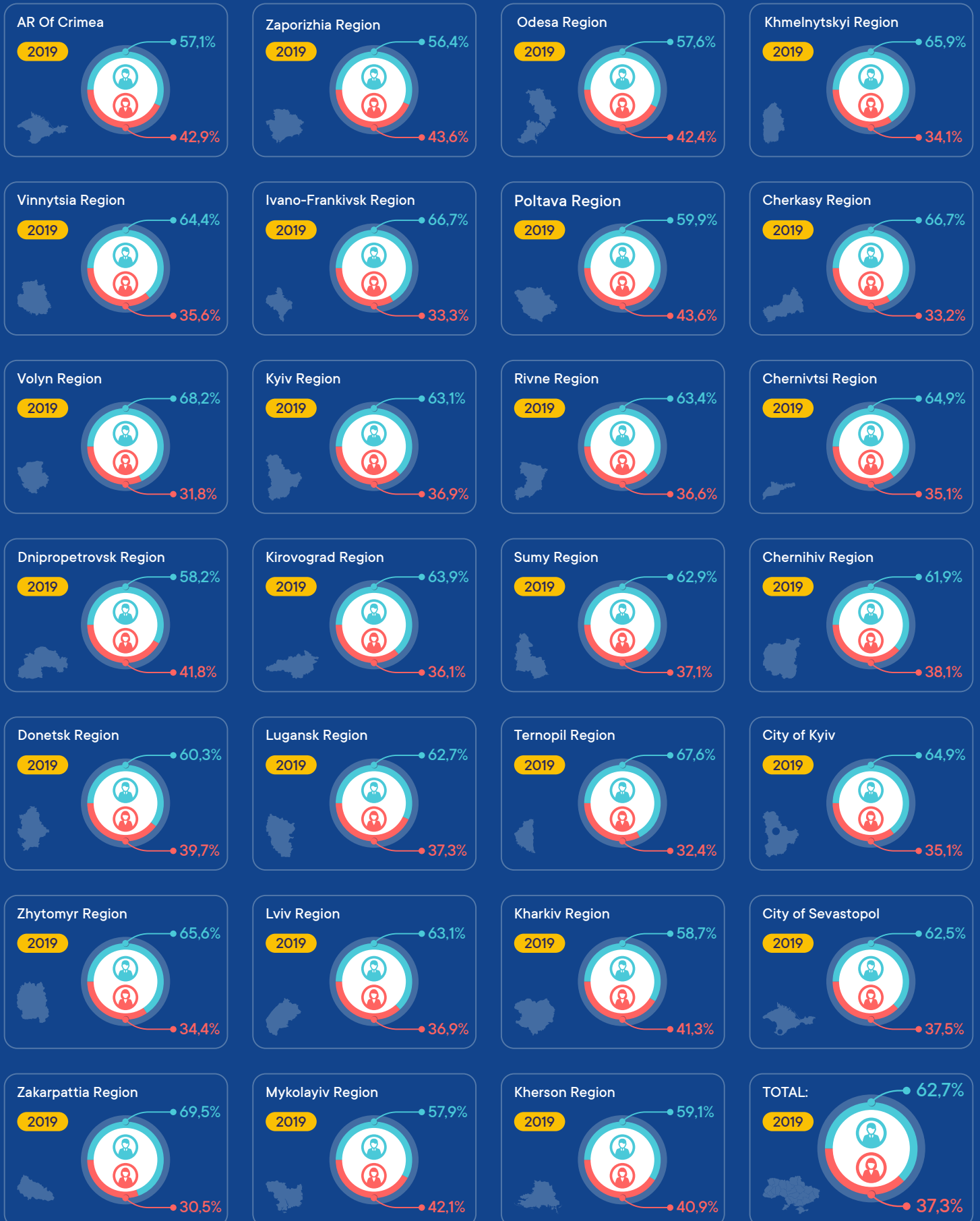
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Gender-social role of advocates

(As of 09/12/2019)



The system of Bar self-government is highly institutionally capable, stable, and has sufficient intellectual and organizational resources to participate in systemic reforms.

"Responding to the modern trend – the transition to online-services – we have created reliable platforms for maintaining the Unified Register of Advocates, CLE, services for advocates via personal advocate's cabinet", said the UNBA/BCU Vice-President Valentyn Gvozdiy.

Online advocate's cabinet

URAU is connected to other services for advocates, that are meant to reduce the bureaucratic burden on the bodies of Bar self-government and minimize the "paperwork" within legal practice. Since the start of 2019, advocates, as professional users of the Register, enjoy the opportunity to create an online account at the UNBA website.

Each advocate, upon registration, can use the service, which simplifies organizational work, and allows one to pay annual fees, add certain information to URAU, automate the accounting of CLE training points.

Advocate's personal cabinet is an electronic profile, where each advocate, registered in the Unified Register of Advocates of Ukraine, can personally enter data about his/her activities, and track the accrual of CLE training points. With the help of this service, the advocate's profiles are continually updated in the URAU database.

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The screenshot shows the UNBA/BCU online portal. At the top, there is a navigation bar with links like 'Профіль', 'Редагування профілю', 'Зміна паролю', 'Платіжні', and 'Ордери'. Below this, the 'Новий ордер' (New warrant) form is displayed. It includes a dropdown for 'Надастуватиме бланку' (Will issue blank) and a section for 'Якщо ви керуєте Адвокатським бюро або об'єднанням, логічним вступом - заповніть це:' (If you manage a Law Firm or Association, logical entry - fill this out:). The form has fields for 'Ідентифікаційна діяльність' (Identification activity) and 'Після: Петро Петрович' (After: Petro Petrovich). There is a checkbox for 'Обов'язково прикладати, використані угоди' (Mandatory to attach, used agreements) and a 'Сформувати ордер' (Generate warrant) button. Below the form, there is a table titled 'Історія' (History) showing a list of issued warrants.

Серія, №	Дата видання	Адресат	Видатковий	Адрес
AA1267835	01.01.2019	Іванова Галина Степанівна	Адвокатське Об'єднання «Запорізька обласна правничка асоціація»	00000, Автономна Республіка Крим, м.п. Севастопольський р-н, Алеске, вул. 25, Івановича, 101, 2-й (3) 1
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In April 2019, UNBA launched the online generation of warrants for the provision of legal advice. This service is already working and since the beginning of 2022, will completely replace the paperback warrants; today, advocates can use both electronic and paper warrants, and both types of documents are valid.



The warrant generated online contains all the necessary details of the usual order, and also has a two-dimensional bar code (QR code) with a reference to the URAU profile of advocate. In the case of online warrant generation, they are assigned a series depending on the region.

The accounting of generated warrants is carried out automatically by the URAU electronic database system management. The history of warrant generation is reflected in the relevant section of the advocate's cabinet at the UNBA official website and in the administrative part of the URAU database.

Advocates, law offices, and law firms initiate warrant generation for respective advocates, that practice individually, managers (authorized persons) of the law firm, law office through the official UNBA web site. The warrant is generated by an advocate practicing individually, signed by an advocate, and is certified by a seal of advocate (if any). The warrant issued by a law office or law firm must contain the signature of the advocate rendering legal assistance based on this warrant, and the signature of the manager of the law office, law firm marked with a seal of the legal entity.

The Bar Council of Ukraine approved clarification of the procedure for the use of legal advice warrant, which can now be generated online URAU online cabinet.

The BCU decision №. 68 on approval of clarification regarding the use of blank warrant form (form) for rendering legal advice adopted on June 26, 2019.

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"The integration of online services and resources of the Bar into the processes of justice digitalization contributes to the simplification of access to the professional defense of one's rights. This is exactly the contribution of the Bar to the creation of the State ruled by law, demonstration of transparent, open and effective work of the advocacy", – said Lidiya Izovitova, President of UNBA/BCU.

«Digitalization of Advocacy: How innovations made Ukrainian advocates one of the most progressive communities in Europe» – article by the President of UNBA/BCU President Lidiya Izovitova in "Nevoye Vremya"

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CONTINUING LEGAL EDUCATION

Continuing professional development of advocates is an obligation stipulated by the Law. This is not a Soviet relic, but on the contrary – the international standard of life-time learning, adopted in the legal professions throughout the whole world. In the context of constantly changing legislation and judicial system reform in Ukraine, the training of advocates is absolutely necessary.

Today in Ukraine there are more than 55 thousand members of the advocate's community and every year its membership grows by thousands of newly licensed professionals. Ukrainian Bar is rapidly expanding and new rules for professional training are designed specifically to improve the professional level of both young advocates and seasoned advocates.

In 2019, the Bar Council of Ukraine revised the rules for the training of advocates. The basis, therefore, were educational events, that failed the quality expectations of the participants. To ensure the possibility for advocates to improve their professional skills properly, as well as to simplify the procedure of scoring and reporting of CLE points to self-governing bodies, BCU approved the new edition of the Procedure of CLE for Advocates of Ukraine.

"At the core of the reform lies the German model, improved and converted into the digital format" – Valentyn Gvozdiy

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New Procedure of CLE for Advocates of Ukraine, adopted in February 2019, and entered into force on 01.04.2019, introduced a fundamentally new system for advocates, Bar self-government, and organizations that have the right and opportunity to organize training events. This document is one of the systemic reforms of the institution of advocacy, which occurred since the adoption of the core law of 2012 and fully addresses regulations and professional challenges, which jeopardize advocates' exclusive right to the representation in court. Strategically, this step demonstrates that the advocates can independently reform the Bar and adapt to any new conditions, without the need for any legislative changes.

The most significant novel is the principle of the CLE system organization. New roles were introduced — administrator of the CLE training process, which is now the Higher School of Advocacy, and an operator, for instance, all bodies of Bar self-government and any structures external (to UNBA), accredited by the administrator. To obtain the status of a third party operator, applicants must pass accreditation at HSA. Coordination Center for Legal Aid Providing, given its social purpose, is accredited without payment of organizational and



administrative fees. Market stakeholders, who wish to organize CLE events for advocates, on the other hand, pay the fees.

Advocates are exempt from the obligation of annual reporting to the Bar self-government about improving their professional level. Thus, the points accrued for participation in the CLE events are generated in electronic form and entered into URAU based on generalized information for the reporting year.

According to the new rules, in the first year of practice, the young professionals should undergo the modular program "Young advocate" at the UNBA Higher School Advocacy.

Within the first three years, an advocate should take 16 hours of lectures, workshops, and masterclasses per year and get 16 CLE points. For all other advocates, the requirement remains at 10 CLE points per year.

At least two hours of those activities should be devoted to rules of professional conduct and standards of professional practice. Traditionally, this topic is covered at seminars, held by regional Bar Councils, members of regional Qualification and Disciplinary Commission of the Bar, UNBA Committee on Advocate's Professional Conduct, the leadership of Higher Qualification, and



Disciplinary Commission of the Bar. Such events are conducted both in the regions and at the HSA in Kyiv, also in the format of webinars.

Half of the necessary points can be earned by studying abroad, which is also spelled out in the new CLE Procedure. The list of 45 countries contained in the Memorandum of the Council of Bars and Law Societies of Europe, which UNBA joined as early as in 2017. Memorandum "Memorandum on Mutual Recognition of Lawyers' Cross Border Continuing Professional Development" provides for mutual recognition of academic hours or points for professional development obtained at the events carried out in the other Member States of the organization. CCBE — is the largest European professional organization of advocates with more than 1 million members. This document integrates the Ukrainian legal community into the European space of professional education for advocates. We are talking about grand educational opportunities in any European nation, and this is recognized by the formal requirements of both the previous wording and the new Procedure of CLE for Advocates of Ukraine.

Besides, under the new Procedure, the requirements were increased also for those who only joined the profession recently. In addition to the exam, which is held by the regional Qualification Chamber of Advocates, the applicants should get a basic practical experience during the traineeship. The Advocate's Adaptive Professional Course for trainees contains 7 modules, based on separate topics. Each of the modules includes videos, texts, and documents, as well as tests and practical tasks. The course may be taken online. After that, a certificate is issued, marking the completion of the traineeship.

At the same time, the qualification examination for the acquisition of the right to practice law is also held under a new Procedure. The Bar Council of Ukraine adopted it on June 26, 2019. The amendments, in particular, relate to the requirements for the applicants to have higher legal education at the level of at least a Master's Degree (Specialist). Thus, more stringent conditions are envisaged for taking the written exam. Only official texts of the legal acts on the printed media may be used during the exam. In case of violations, the members of the QDCB Qualifications Chamber will conclude a document reflecting it and decide whether to refuse to issue a certificate of passing the qualification exam.

The new Procedure of CLE for Advocates of Ukraine also established more stringent requirements for operators of professional training events for advocates. Henceforth, such services will no longer be provided by incompetent firms and lecturers of questionable integrity. To restore order in this oversaturated and chaotic market, 'zero option' was adopted. That is, all those who had previously been lecturers, since July 1, 2019, were deprived of issuing CLE certificates for advocates.

The main purpose of the introduction of new rules is an organization of qualitative events for the professional development of advocates. Since the process of continuous professional growth must be of high-level organization, one must completely exclude the likelihood that the CLE may be carried out by incompetent "lecturers" and "experts".

"The primary objective is to address the need for realistic improvement of the learning process. We changed the CLE Procedure because there was an urgent need to do so. The level of knowledge requires constant improvement. I myself regularly attend seminars, because it is impossible to know absolutely everything. The need for CLE occurred because the whole shady industry of trading CLE points emerged around the advocacy. Some advocates received certificates without visiting any pieces of training, which caused an outrage of those who earned their points honestly", – said UNBA/BCU Vice-President **Valentyn Gvozdiy**.

As an additional method of combating dishonest scores, changes to the Procedure for Maintaining the Unified Register of Advocates of Ukraine have been made. Upon registration to the CLE event, the advocate received a letter with QR-code. Visits of every event are now under control. A "check-in/check-out" system was implemented here. That is, the advocate visiting a CLE event must check-in upon arrival and after the event does the same once again. All this is recorded in the system automatically, and the points are awarded depending on the actual duration of the advocate's visit to the event, and typically after such an advocate passed the test intended to check the knowledge got at the event.

"The requirements for the professional level of advocates are constantly growing. This is due to the growth of competition in the market, and through very dynamic changes to the legislation, and through the judicial reform, which puts advocates into the new conditions of work in the courts and the judiciary in general. That is why the Bar as a self-governing institution is making efforts to improve the process of preparation of future advocates and to raise the level of qualification standards", – commented the Chair of the Bar Council of Kyiv City **Petro Riabenko**.



Changes have affected trainees as well. In particular, the complex reform of professional education, which is strategically targeted at the use of modern information technologies, concerns the traineeship as well. Now, this process is unified – each trainee has to undergo an adaptation course online, which is administered by the Higher School of Advocacy. At the initial stage of this reform, all the new things were often perceived with a great deal of skepticism, and most of the criticism, as a rule, came either from those who did nothing or from those who have not even tried to understand the way the new reform works.

Adaptation Course for the Profession of Advocate for trainees is divided into 7 modules, each covering a different topic. Each of the modules includes videos, text materials, and documents that complement video materials, as well as tests and practical tasks. The test is checked by the system automatically, while the practical task needs a professional examination by a lecturer and takes some time to check. The time for passing the adaptation course for the profession of advocate for interns is unlimited and depends on their capabilities. The course may be taken online and at a convenient time. After completing the course, a certificate is sent by e-mail during the day. The data is entered in the Register only where the person passed the Adaptation Course for the Profession of Advocate for trainees at the UNBA HSA, which is indicated on the website of the Higher School of Advocacy.

The Bar Council of Ukraine made this course mandatory, and without a certificate of its completion, the regional Bar Council cannot count in the internship results. The course is the first point for every trainee that starts a traineeship.

Sergiy Udovichenko, Chair of the Bar Council of Rivne region, spoke on the practical experience of implementing the CLE reform in the regions:

We conducted the first-ever CLE event under the new model on July 4 in Rivne. More than 150 advocates took part in the training. And on July 20, more than 400 advocates from all over Ukraine gathered for the second Professional Development Workshop held in the region's capital. Participation in the events, as per the new CLE Procedure, was confirmed by advocates with online tools using QR-codes. That ensured a seamless registration process immediately on the ground of the seminar. Also, some were not immediately able to register in the system. But difficulties were related to the incorrect e-mail registration or using the old address. Such cases were rare."

Chair of the UNBA Council of Elders, a long-term Chair of QDCB of Kyiv region, an advocate since 1970, **Galyna Kovbasinska:**

The new Procedure provides for more responsibility – both for future advocates, and QDCBs, and the regional Bar Councils, and the traineeship supervisors, and for operators conducting educational events for advocates. No more devaluation of knowledge. Another objective condition is that legislative changes occur at an extremely quick pace and that requires advocates to undertake training continuously. All those novelties cannot be tracked by a single person. This is one of the reasons why CLE reform is absolutely justified. Moreover, it concerns the young

advocates that must familiarize themselves with large amounts of information within a very short time".

In fact, the reform, in other words, is a logical step, since the advocacy monopoly means that more and more advocates access the profession, and the number of advocates grows rapidly. Certificate of right to practice law mustn't remain just a formal pass to participate in court hearings, but also a sign of quality professional development and awareness of the professional mission of an advocate. Therefore, Galyna Vasylivna advised against learning 'just to score points', and study diligently and gain the knowledge.



"The new Procedure defines the following types of CLE, namely: education under professional programs of the Higher School of Advocacy and in higher educational establishments of III, IV level of accreditation; participation in conferences and events organized by the CLE operators and third-party operators that received accreditation; the scientific and practical activity of an advocate, when the professional development of an advocate takes place through scientific publications (printing and publication of textbooks, monographs, scientific articles in professional journals, etc.). Thus, the new CLE Procedure provides for independent studies of advocates toward improving their professional skills", – commented Volodymyr Matsko, the Committee Coordinator at UNBA NextGen Odesa.

Expert Council for Accreditation and Certification

To provide quality organizational and methodological support for the professional development of advocates the **Expert Council** on Accreditation and Certification has been created; it carries out organizational and methodological support of accreditation of CLE professional programs of advanced training and certification of persons admitted to the organization and/or carrying out of the professional training of advocates, conducting such accreditations and certifications.

All UNBA-certified individuals may be involved as keynote speakers, lecturers, experts, trainers, or in the events on the subject of certification, as well as in the events held by other individuals or legal entities certified by the Expert Council.



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Submission of documents for the accreditation of events and certification of the speakers is carried out through the **Center for Accreditation, Accounting, and Control over advocates' CLE.**

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"The most important goal of CLE is to transfer knowledge from experienced advocates, judges, experts, scientists to advocates that will immediately put to the test the knowledge gained. Today the advocate will think one hundred times, where he should invest his highly valuable time, so he chooses, where to take CLE courses. BCU created the following conditions, in which training products will become more qualitative, useful, and practical. Today, advocates can receive CLE points only from accredited CLE operators, and gain the knowledge only from the duly certified lecturers," – said the HSA Director

The full text of the interview can be viewed here:

<https://bit.ly/2YAaKeh>

The key novelties of the Procedure of CLE for Advocates of Ukraine

- introduces automated points accounting
- simplifies the availability of information about the CLE events throughout Ukraine
- the single UNBA HSA Accreditation Center website was launched
- no more paperwork for advocates and regional Bar Councils for scoring points and no need to store tons of paper
- eliminated any possible manipulation with the points and allows to summarize information about the professional development of advocates in Ukraine online
- "Certified Lecturer" title improves the image of events
- Introduces levels of responsibility in CLE training organization: administrator and operator
- ensures standardization and availability of requirements for each event, irrespective of the CLE operator
- introduces clear requirements for third-party operators and introduces control over the quality of the organization by any operator, including the bodies of Bar self-government

The general organization of the CLE training process in Ukraine is carried out by the Bar Council of Ukraine and implemented by Ukrainian National Bar Association, the regional Bar Councils, the Higher School of Advocacy of Ukrainian National Bar Association, the Higher Qualification and Disciplinary Commission of the Bar, regional Qualification and Disciplinary Commissions of the Bar third-party CLE operators accredited under the new Procedure.

The Administrator of the CLE process for advocates of Ukraine is the UNBA Higher School of Advocacy.

Bodies of the Bar self-government act as the operators for CLE for advocates of Ukraine as per Law of Ukraine "On the Bar and Practice of Law including Ukrainian National Bar Association, Higher School of Advocacy-of Ukrainian National Bar Association. Organizations wishing to become the CLE operators for the professional development of advocates of Ukraine shall be subject to accreditation by UUNBA Expert Council for Accreditation and Certification of CLE according to the relevant procedure as third-party operators.

All CLE training operators are obliged to carry out the duties set by UNBA regulations on the professional development of advocates.

The Bar Council of Ukraine:

- establishes the procedure for the professional development of advocates and makes amends thereto upon proposals of the regional Bar Councils, UNBA Higher School of Advocacy and the UNBA Professional Qualification Development Committee;



- Coordinates the work of the Administrator and CLE operators.
- Ukrainian National Bar Association:
 - acts as an operator of the CLE professional development of advocates of Ukraine and requires no accreditation;
 - assists in the publication of methodological and informational materials concerning issues of professional development of advocates;
 - places information about annual CLE visited by an advocate into the Unified Register of Advocates of Ukraine, as per relevant Procedure of Maintaining the URAU;
 - fulfills other tasks stipulated by legislation and UNBA acts, to ensure a high professional level of advocates of Ukraine.

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UNBA Higher School of Advocacy:

- acts as an administrator of the CLE and professional development of advocates of Ukraine;
- administers the process of professional development of advocates through a centralized online platform, available to CLE operators;
- acts as an operator of the CLE professional development of advocates of Ukraine and requires no accreditation;
- Organizes and conducts training events for advocates at national and regional levels, as well as in other forms (online conferences, online courses, distance courses, webinars, etc.);
- conducts accounting and annually summarizes information on the state of professional development of advocates in the Autonomous Republic of Crimea, the cities of Kyiv and Sevastopol;
- according to the procedure approved by the UNBA Expert Council, the process of accreditation of third-party professional development operators is based on decisions of the UNBA Expert Council; it produces and issues certificates of accreditation, notifies the applicants about the refusal of accreditation (certification);
- Monitor the quality of the organization of the CLE process

training of attorneys, and providing the relevant informing of the Expert Council on Accreditation and certification for the response;

- according to the Procedure of Accreditation and Certification, approved by the Chair of the UNBA Expert Council, it organizes CLE accreditation process for professional development events and certification of lecturers provided by all of the CLE operators and issues Certificates of Accreditation (Certification) based on the decisions of UNBA Expert Council;
- prepares and transfers to UNBA the information to be published in URAU about the fulfillment of the duty to undergo professional development by individual advocates;
- drafts and submits for approval by the UNBA Expert Council the draft documents establishing requirements for lecturers, experts, and third-party operators for the professional development of advocates;
- within its powers carries out other activities and adopts the necessary decisions related to the administration of the advocates' training process through the centralized online platform, available to CLE operators.



Conferences of Advocates of the Region:

- act as an operator of the CLE professional development of advocates of Ukraine and require no accreditation;
- obliged to independently organize, or in cooperation with UNBA Higher School of Advocacy or other CLE operators the relevant events at the regional level (at least three events per year and a total duration of at least ten hours);
- publish methodological and informational manuals concerning issues of the advocates' professional development;
- exercise the rights and bear obligations of the CLE operator of the professional development of the advocates, as per UNBA acts;
- may reschedule the date of a previously accredited CLE professional development event for advocates in case any difficulties arise concerning its organization via the administrator's online platform.



Types of professional development for advocates:

- training or teaching under professional training programs for advocates at higher educational establishments of the III and IV level of accreditation, if they are accredited as the operators of CLE training for advocates. Number of credits points within the accreditation;
- participation in international, all-Ukrainian, and regional scientific-practical and scientific-methodological conferences, seminars, round tables, pieces of training, programs, etc., which are organized and held by the CLE operators both in Ukraine and abroad. Number of credits points within the accreditation;
- participation in any accredited training events (including online), which are held by CLE operators of professional development for advocates upon passing the test (if any) at the online platform of the CLE administrator - UNBA HSA. Number of credits points within the accreditation;
- delivering a speech as a certified lecturer, presentation or scientific notification at international, all-Ukrainian and regional scientific-practical and scientific-methodological conferences, seminars, roundtables, workshops, pieces of training, etc.;
- other types, according to the Regulation.

Qualification and Disciplinary Commissions of the Bar and the Higher Qualification and Disciplinary Commission of the Bar:

- act as the operator of the CLE professional development of advocates of a relevant region, or entire Ukraine (in case of HQDCB) and require no accreditation.
- have the right to organize independently or in cooperation with the UNBA Higher School of Advocacy or the regional Bar Councils the training activities at the regional level, and HQDCB - throughout Ukraine;
- publish methodological and informational manuals concerning issues of the advocates' professional development;
- exercise the rights and bear obligations of the CLE operator of the professional development of the advocates, as per UNBA acts;
- may reschedule the date of a previously accredited CLE professional development event for advocates in case any difficulties arise concerning its organization via the administrator's online platform.

Coordination Center for Legal Aid Providing, regional centers for Free Secondary Legal Aid (hereinafter jointly referred to as 'Centers'):

- act as the operator of the CLE professional development of advocates that work within the Free Secondary Legal Aid System, pursuant to the legislation of Ukraine. The fee is envisaged by s.s. 37, 38 of the Procedure is not paid by the Centers, and the documents stipulated by acts of UNBA for the accreditation of service providers are limited exclusively to a written submission and documents proving the State registration thereof as legal entities.



Report of UNBA Scientific and Methodological Center for Advocacy and Legal Studies

I. Scientific work

1) Publication of books:

1. Dovbyshchenko M. **Ukrainian advocacy of Volyn in the Lithuanian-Polish era (XVI-XVIII centuries.)** / Mykhailo Dovbyshchenko: Monograph. – Series "Regional History of the Bat", vol.2, Kyiv: KBIU, 2019. – 288 + 16 c.; il.

The monograph devoted to the history of Volyn advocacy during the Lithuanian-Polish era (XVI-XVIII centuries.). Reflects a wide range of previously documented issues related to the history of court defense in the territory of Volyn Voivodeship in the mentioned historical period. The main attention is paid to the legislative basis for advocate's activity, their professional training, and practical work towards protecting the interests of clients.

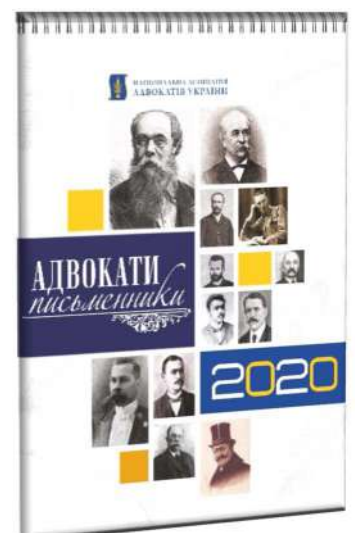
The participation of the court advocates in the social, political, and religious life of the Volyn Voivodeship, as well as the analyzed main focus of their economic activity.

2. **A brief way to tell about oneself: A business card album from the archival funds of Ukraine, as well as advertisements, posted in the Ukrainian press from the end of the 19th century through the 1930s.** / compiler. O. Ivasiuk, I. Vasylyk; foreword by I. Vasylyk; afterword Ivasiuk. – Chernivtsi: "Bukrek", 2019. – 264 p. (Series "Illustrated History of Advocacy of Ukraine").

The album demonstrates samples of promotional products, as well as procedural and private documents of advocates from all regions of present-day Ukraine, from the late 19th century and until the outbreak of World War II. Contracts, orders of clients, statements, business correspondence of advocates demonstrate the record-keeping style of the mentioned period and reflect purely professional skills. The public speeches of advocates at court hearings show the professional level of inter-war advocacy, and poetic works of some of the advocates testify to the versatility of their talent. Some chapters are devoted to promotional materials of assistant and trainee advocates who were part of the legal corps, as well as advertising of advocates that emigrated, particularly to Canada and the United States.

2) Publication of science popularization products:

Release of the UNBA annual illustrated wall calendar «Advocates–Writers 2020». The calendar contains information about leading advocates, which made a significant contribution to the development of Ukrainian literature by their creativity. Samples of advocates' written heritage presented in the calendar belong to landmark Ukrainian literature, many of those masterpieces



are part of the school programs in Ukrainian literature.

3) Scientific Book Development: In the development, there are 6 books on the history of advocacy.

4) Scientific events:

1. Organization of Solemn Academy: "The advocacy of Chernihiv region in the light of the past and Modernity", held at the Faculty of Law History of the Mykola Gogol Nizhyn State University, September 05. 2019 p., Nizhyn, Chernihiv region.

2. Co-organization of the International Scientific Conference "Conflictization of Cultural and Historical space of Ukrainians as an object of Ukrainian studies", on October 24, 2019, jointly held with Taras Shevchenko National National University of Kyiv.

Conference participants were representative of Scientific and Methodological Center for Advocacy and Legal Studies and UNBA Higher School of Advocacy;

1.Iryna Vasylyk (Kyiv, Ukraine). Conflicts in legal practice.

2.Oksana Ivasyuk (Kyiv, Ukraine). Conflicts in the Ukrainian community of the early 20th century in the interpretation of the advocate and writer Theodot Galip.

3.Svitlana Kamhamyk (Kyiv, Ukraine). Church advocates of Ukraine in the conflict settlement within the Orthodox Church of the 18th century.

4.Polishchuk Victoria (Kyiv, Ukraine). Mediation as a way of resolving conflicts in commercial disputes.

5.Savelova Julia (Kyiv, Ukraine). Alternative resolution of medical disputes by advocates.

6.Sorochuk Lyudmila (Kyiv, Ukraine). The problem of bullying in the modern educational environment and ways of tackling it.

7.Tryboi Oleg (Kyiv, Ukraine). Managing conflicts in legal practice.

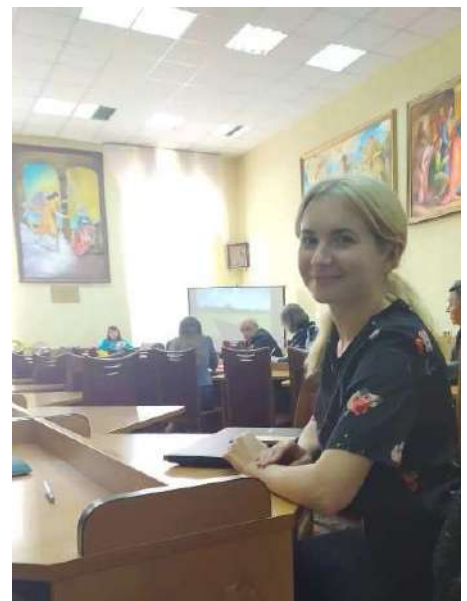
3. Vasylyk I.B. participated in the all-Ukrainian scientific conference "Pedagogical legacy of Grygoriy Vaskovych in the context of European educational values" (dedicated to his 100-th anniversary) on December 12, 2019, held on the premises of the National Academy of Pedagogical Sciences. Presentation topic: "The role of advocates in saving Ukrainian statehood into the postwar period."

4. Vasylyk I. B. participated in the International Scientific Conference "8th Interdisciplinary Humanitarian Readings", held on November 21, 2019, at Kyiv House of Scientists of NAS of Ukraine. Presentation topic: "Interdisciplinary approach of the Higher School of Advocacy of Ukrainian National Bar Association."

5. Participation of Vasylyk I. B. In the round table "Reforming the Legislation on Advocacy and Legal Practice: International standards and the European experience", held on November 26, 2019, at the Institute of Legislation of Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine.

5) Published articles, scientific approbation:

1. Vasylyk I., Lugova O. Vladimir Bemko and Mikhail Zakhidnyi: *Legal practice and socio-political activities //UNBA Bulletin, №1-2 (50) February 2019. – C. 89-96.*



2. Vasylyk I. Lawyers in "Prosvita" Society and Taras Shevchenko Scientific Society in late 19th thru the first third of 20th century//UNBA Bulletin, №. 3 (51) March 2019. – C. 61–64.

3. Vasylyk I. Ukrainian advocacy of Volyn in 16th–18th centuries.: A new page in the history of the advocacy of the most ancient period // UNBA Bulletin, №. 4 (52) April 2019. – C. 58–59.

4. Vasylyk I. Advocates-Presidents in the struggle for independence of Ukraine // UNBA Bulletin, №. 4 (52) April 2019. – C. 60–64.

5. Vasylyk i., Basara-Tylishchak G. They left their mark in history: Advocates-jubilants 2018–2019 // UNBA Bulletin, №. 5 (53) May 2019. – C. 58–64.

6. Vasylyk I. B. The Rules of advocate's Professional Conduct in the most ancient historical and legal documents // Bulletin of Odessa Advocacy. Special issue "Advocate's Ethics", Odessa, 2019. – C. 21–24.

7. Vasylyk I. Rules of advocating professional conduct in the Republic of Poland: Key aspects // Advocacy of Ukraine: Current state and perspectives of development (on the occasion of 145th anniversary since the incorporation of the Board of Chartered Attorneys of Kharkiv District Court): proceedings of All-Ukrainian Scientific and the Practical Conference City of Kharkiv, 16 May. 2019.) /editorial board: T.B. Vilchuk (Chairet al. – Kharkiv: Pravo, 2019. – 444 c. – C. 32–36.

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9. Filimonikhin V. Kyiv advocates and jurists - victims of Great Terror (Bykivnyansky martyrologist) // UNBA Bulletin №. 6 (54) June 2019. – C. 61–64.

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11. Vasylyk I. Rules of professional conduct for advocates according to German, Lithuanian, and Polish legal manuscripts from the early Middle Ages to the end of the 18th century. // UNBA Bulletin, №. 9 (56) September 2019. – C. 55–59.

12. Vasylyk I. B. Lawyer Kazimierz (Climentius) Sheptytsky – Count, archimandrite, righteous among the nations // UNBA Bulletin, №. 10 (57) October 2019. – C. 63–64.

13. Vasylyk I.B., Basara-Tylishchak G. Advocacy of Kharkiv region at the end of 19th-early 20th century in names (dedicated to 145th anniversary since the establishment of the Board of Chartered Attorneys at Kharkiv District Court) // UNBA Bulletin, №. 11 (58) November 2019.– C. 62–64.

14. Vasylyk I.B. Lawyer Kost Levytsky: Politician, statesman, philanthropist (dedicate to 160–th anniversary of his birthday // UNBA Bulletin, №. 12 (59) December 2019. – C. 59–62.

15. Vasylyk I. B. Volyn Advocacy: The oldest pages of history. Ukrainian advocacy of Volyn in the Lithuanian-Polish era (16th–18th centuries). / Mykhailo Dovbyshchenko: Monograph. – Series «Regional History of the Advocacy», vol. 2 – K.: KBIL, 2019. – 288 + 16 c.; in., C. 5–10.

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II. Methodical work:

Opening of advocacy history and classrooms honoring certain advocates at higher educational establishments (preparation of visual materials – stands)

1. The classroom named after advocate Oleksandr Konyskyi was opened based on the faculty of history of law at Mykola Gogol Nizhyn State University, September 5, 2019, M. Nizhyn, Chernihiv region.
2. Preparation of stands for opening the room of the history of advocacy Kharkiv region based on Bar Council of Kharkiv region, Kharkiv City:

III. Educational projects:

1. All-Ukrainian mobile exhibition "Advocates in Ukrainian Statehood"

The exhibition consists of 8 banners:

Banner 1: "Advocates - prophets of unification";

Banner 2: "Lawyers-members of the Ukrainian Central Rada and its governments"; Banner 3: «Lawyers - creators of Unified Ukraine»;

Banner 4: "Advocates-Presidents in the struggle for independence of Ukraine".

Banner 5: "Advocates-builders of Western Ukrainian People's Republic;

Banner 6: "Advocate-activists of the Directoria and Ministers of the Ukrainian People's Republic";

Banner 7: "Advocates in the government of the Ukrainian State of Hetman Pavlo Skoropadsky";

Banner 8: "Advocates of Ukrainian emigration".



The exhibition was presented for advocates and students in the cities:

- Lviv (May 18, 2019, Training seminar for advocates of Lviv region);
- Ternopil (May 23, 2019, presentation for students of the V.Gnatiuk Ternopil National Pedagogical University);
- Lutsk (May 24, 2019, for students of Lesia Ukrayinka East-Ukrainian National University and at the Professional Development Seminar for advocates of Volyn and Rivne regions);
- at the meeting of the Bar Council of Ukraine (June 27, 2019, Odesa region, Zatoka);
- Nizhyn (September 05, 2019, for students of Mykola Gogol Nizhyn State Pedagogical University);
- Kharkiv (Saturday, October 12, 2019, Training seminar for advocates of Lviv region).

2. The release of the postage stamp "Advocates-Statesman" together with "Ukrposhta" PJSC, dedicated to the 7th anniversary of UNBA (presented on November 17, 2019, at the meeting of the Bar Council of Ukraine).

The advocates depicted on the stamp:

Yevhen Petrushevich (1863 – 1940) – Member of the Vienna Parliament and Diet of the Kingdom of Galicia and Lodomeria, and the Grand Duchy of Cracow, Doctor of Law, Head of Ukrainian Constituanta in Lviv (18 – 19 October 1918), President of Ukrainian National Council –of WUPR parliament (1918–1919), President of the Western Region of Ukrainian People's Republic (1919).

Andriy Livytskiy (1879 – 1954) – Minister of Justice of the Ukrainian People's Republic, Minister of Foreign affairs of the UPR (1919), Head of the UPR Government in Exile (1920 – 1921, 1922 – 1926), the first president of the Ukrainian People's Republic in Exile (1948 – 1954).

Stepan Vitvitsky (1884 – 1965)– district commissioner of WUPR in Lviv (1 – 22.11. 1918), Secretary of the Presidium of the Council of State Secretaries of WUPR government. Was one of the organizers of the Unification of UPR and WUPR January 22, 1919. Subsequently, the Minister of Foreign Affairs of WUPR (November 1918 – July 1919), Chair of the WUPR Mission in Paris and London. The Second President of UPR in Exile (1954 – 1965).

Kost Levitskiy (1859 – 1941) – Doctor of Law, Head of the Ukrainian faction at the State Council (Parliament) of Austria-Hungary, Head of the Main Ukrainian Council (1914 – 1915) and the General Ukrainian Council (1915 – 1916), Chair of the Ukrainian National Democratic Party, Prime Minister of the First Government of WUPR – Council of State Secretaries and manager of the State Secretariat of Finances (November – December 1918), Chair of the diplomatic missions of WUPR at the international conferences in Riga (1920), Geneva (1921) and the Genova (1922).

Sydor Holubovich (1873 – 1938) – Doctor of Law, deputy of the Vienna Parliament and the Diet of the Kingdom of Galicia and Lodomeria, and of the Grand Duchy of Cracow, the Minister of the Judiciary in the first WUPR Government (November – December 1918), Prime Minister of the Second Government of WUPR, and Minister of Finance, Trade, and Industry (January – June 1919).



Stepan Baran (1879 – 1953) – Minister of Land Affairs of WUPR (1918 – 1919), Prime Minister of the UPR in Exile (1951 – 1953).

Mykola Vasylenko (1866 – 1935) – General judge of the Ukrainian people's Republic (April 1918), Chairman of the Council of Ministers of the Ukrainian State (1918), Minister of Foreign Affairs, Minister of National Education of the Ukrainian State (1918), chairman of the state Senate of the Ukrainian State (1918), President of the Ukrainian Academy of Sciences (1921).

Stepan Fedak (1861 – 1937) – Member of the Ukrainian National Council (1918), Minister of the Food Government of WUPR (1918), Head of the Gorozhansky Committee, which was cared for the population of Lviv during the Polish occupation (1918 – 1922), co-founder and first Chair of the 1923 Union of Ukrainian advocates – the first body of advocates' self-government, founded in 1923 in Lviv, and operated until the WW2.

Ilya Schrag (1847 – 1919) – Chair of the Ukrainian faction of the I-th State Duma of the Russian Empire (1906) and the Head of Ukrainian Parliamentary Community, member of Ukrainian Central Rada (1917), one of the contenders for the post of Prime Minister of the Ukrainian State of Hetman Pavlo Skoropadsky, but because of the illness failed to take office.

3. Publication of articles under the heading "History of advocacy of Ukraine" in the UNBA Bulletin.

4. Filling the page of the project "History of advocacy of Ukraine" on Facebook.

IV. Art projects and popularization activities:

1. Vasylyk I. B. participated (Feb 05, 2019) in the program of Ukrainian Radio "Today. Day" Kyiv City Topic: "100th Anniversary of the Proclamation of the Ukrainian Unity. Ukrainian advocates and their role in the development of legislative instruments: names, events, facts».
2. Presentation of the book "The Majority Principle" of advocate V.Starosolskyi, at the Ivan Franko Lviv National University and the Music and Memorial Museum of Solomiya Krushelnytska in Lviv, February 13, 2019. Author of the draft edition and compiler, participant of the "History of Advocacy of Ukraine" Project of UNBA, advocate Mykhaylo Petriv.
3. Presentation of the book "Ukrainian advocacy of Volyn in Lithuanian-Polish era thru 16th–17th centuries" and holding of the concert program "Advocacy Art", In Lutsk, 24.05.2019, at the training seminar for advocates, jointly with the Bar Council of Volyn region.
4. «What does advertising and business cards tell?» Presentation of the draft album of Advocate's Advertising "Laconic way to tell about oneself". Advocacy history essays conducted by participants of the "History of advocacy of Ukraine" UNBA Ph.D. Oksana Ivasiuk and Ph.D. Olena Hanusyn, September 21, 2019, at the Forum of Publishers, Lviv.
5. Continuation of the project "Advocacy Art" -The advocate-artists of the past and the present. Published the creative works of advocates–the artists of modernity: Olexandr Lavrenchuk (Volyn), Oleksiy Chayka (Volyn), Ivanna Golub (Rivne region).



V. Submission of applications for grant programs:

1. Grant Scholarship of The Gerda Henkel Fellowship Program for the internship in Bucharest (Romania) and research on the topic: "Advocates in Sloboda Ukraine (the 1730s–1830s)", participant of the "History of Advocacy of Ukraine" Project of UNBA, Ph.D. Svetlana Potapenko.
2. The application for financing within the framework of the Ukrainian Cultural Monitor program was submitted. The name of the Project is the "History of the advocacy in Odesa Region" (the advocacy of Odesa in the cultural and public life of Ukraine: historical aspects), together with the Department of Judiciary, Law Enforcement, and Advocacy of the National University "Odesa Law Academy". The grant was denied.
3. The application was submitted also for the participation of the project of the UNBA Centre for Advocacy and Legal Studies in the open tender for the grant program of the International Educational Center in Dortmund (IBB Dortmund) and the J.Rau Minsk International Educational Center (IBB Minsk) to organizers of memory culture projects. The grant was denied.



UNBA Higher School of Advocacy



The launch of the new and improved UNBA Higher School of Advocacy in 2018 gave its results. Thus, having analyzed the activity of the School, the articles of expenditures of UNBA, and problems, which are connected with the organization of advanced training for advocates of Ukraine, the workload of the UNBA/BCU Secretariat, the Bar Council of Ukraine adopted a decision as of 14 February 2019, №. 20 on the approval of the new edition of the CLE Procedure. The specified document determined, that the overall organization of the process of professional development for advocates of Ukraine is to be carried out by the Bar Council of Ukraine and implemented by the Ukrainian National Bar Association, regional Bar Councils, UNBA Higher School of the Advocacy, the Higher Qualification and Disciplinary Commission of the Bar, Qualification and Disciplinary Commission of the Bar in the regions and third-party CLE operators accredited by the administrator.

The professional development of advocates of Ukraine is carried out following the Procedure for CLE of advocates of Ukraine by training operators, supervised by the CLE Administrator. The Administrator of the CLE process for advocates of Ukraine is the UNBA Higher School of Advocacy.

The operator of professional development for advocates of Ukraine

UNBA Higher School of Advocacy

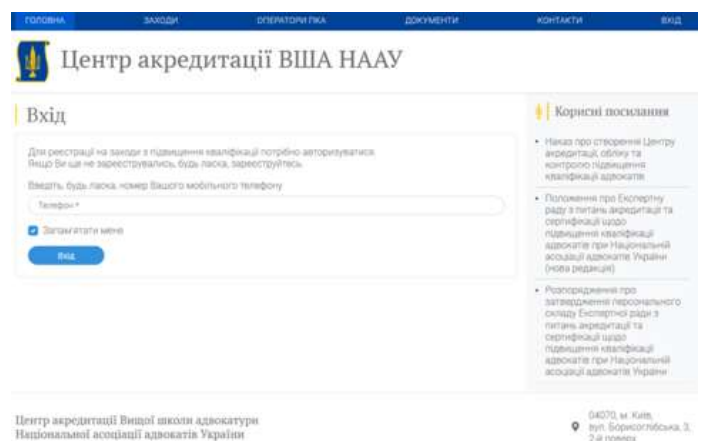
According to ss.33 of Section III of the CLE Procedure, on 1 April 2019 the Centre for Accreditation, Accounting, and Control over advocates' CLE", the abbreviated name-"UNBA HSA Accreditation

Center". President of the Ukrainian National Bar Association Lidiya Pavlivna Izovitova approved the Procedure for accreditation and certification, which set the conditions and requirements for the organization of the education process for advocates of Ukraine.

For 6 months of work of the UNBA HSA Centre of Accreditation, 50359 advocate's CLE participation requests were processed, 197528 credits points credited, 89058 emails responded as well as 33528 phone calls processed. Following the wishes and recommendations received by the UNBA HSA Accreditation Centre, the online platform is constantly improved and new functionality is added. Thus, for 2020 the development of the mobile application is planned — the Advocate's CLE cabinet for smartphone and desktop computers. We are grateful to each and every advocate for patience and useful recommendations for improving the system, as it is the only and unique system for the professional development of advocates in the world.

In accordance with the Regulation on Traineeship and Assistant Advocate, the UNBA Higher School of Advocacy implements an adaptation course to join the profession. Thus, in 2019 the obligatory courses were taken by 7272 future advocates.

In 2019, the CLE administrator held 2 internal pieces of training on the usage of the CLE platform for the Expert Council, which accredits CLE events, as well as bodies of Bar self-government that have automatically received the right to organize training activities for advocates.



Also, there was a verification conducted on respect of three third-party CLE operators and the decision of the Expert Council to grant accreditation to these operators was implemented.

The operator of professional development for advocates of Ukraine

UNBA Higher School of Advocacy

In accordance with ss. 11 of the CLE Procedure, UNBA Higher School of Advocacy acts as an operator of advanced training for advocates. Thus, in 2019 the UNBA Higher School of Advocacy held over 32% of the total number of CLE events of all the operators of professional development and submitted an application to the administrator for accrual of 63874 scoring points.

During 2019, HSA continued the practice of sharing knowledge sharing of knowledge with advocates thru webinars, which greatly simplified the access for regional advocates to the curricula of the UNBA Higher School of Advocacy. Also, the team of UNBA HSA and its lecturers held training events in cities such as Odesa, Dnipro, Zaporizhzhia, Cherkasy, Poltava, Lviv, and others.

The UNBA HSA lecturers' number has increased from 89 to 203, which allowed to significantly expand the choice of topics and

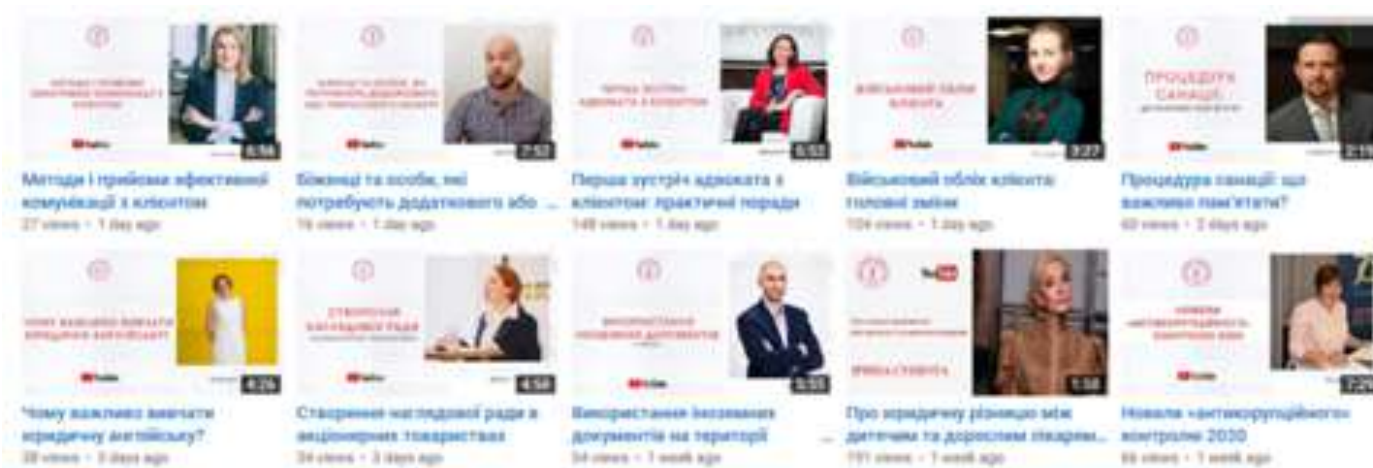


In November 2019, as a result of work of the UNBA Higher School of Advocacy jointly with the UNBA Committee of Medical and Pharmaceutical Law and Bioethics within the Council of Europe Project "Strengthening the implementation of European human rights standards in Ukraine", the educational program (online-course) of the Council of Europe Program HELP "New principles of protecting human rights in the field of biomedicine". As a result of training under this 4-months program, 25 coaches should be certified, which will support the training of advocates in the future. The final testing of trainers is planned for March 2020, and in April 2020 the first set of advocates for free training in this program will be dialed.

The team of UNBA HSA significantly increased their presence in social networks and the Internet, so the audience on Facebook raised from 3 thousand subscribers almost 4 times, the number of subscribers in the Telegram-channel has grown 5 times, on Instagram audience rose to 3 thousand advocates, and about 700 advocates subscribed to the YouTube channel. Also, a series of research exercises scheduled for 2020, studying issues of CLE process organization, and with specialization in training and searching of the criteria of efficiency of the legal practice.



focus areas for advocates. Also, lecturers constantly began to write expert articles and commentary on judicial and advocacy practice. The team of UNBA HSA scheduled for 2020 to carry out 4 pieces of training for trainers, which will present the skills, abilities, and knowledge that each lecturer needs to master, such as public speaking, work in classrooms with small and big groups, participate as a lecturer in webinars and online broadcasts, requirements for testing and design of presentational materials.



Training activities conducted by UNBA

№	Date	Venue	Type of event	Number of participants
1	01.02.2019	City of Kyiv	UNBA Rule of Law Committee	60
2	23.02.2019	City of Kyiv	Professional development for advocates of Kyiv City	700
3	16.03.2019	City of Chernihiv	Professional development for advocates of Chernihiv region	400
4	23.03.2019	City of Kropyvnytskyi	Professional development for advocates of Kirovograd region	350
5	06.04.2019	City of Zhytomyr	Professional development for advocates of Zhytomyr region	506
6	08.04.2019	City of Kyiv	Application of criminal law during the Pre-trial investigation (NextGen)	74
7	20.04.2019	City of Sumy	Training seminar for advocates of Sumy region	300
8	15.05.2019	City of Cherkasy	Cases arising from the legal relations of intellectual property rights protection. The expertise of Intellectual Property items (UNBA)	27
9	15.05.2019	City of Kyiv	Ethics in relations between advocates and judges (NextGen)	74
10	16.05.2019	City of Zaporizhia	The seminar devoted to the topical issue of interpretation and application of Ukrainian legislation, the issue of advocate's relations with state and local budgets (UNBA)	201
11	17.05.2019	City of Kharkiv	How to file a complaint under Article 5 ECHR (right to freedom) (UNBA)	32
12	17.05.2019	City of Odesa	Marketing Professional Services (NextGen Odesa)	74
13	18.05.2019	City of Lviv	UNBA Seminar for advocates of Lviv region	1500
14	20.05.2019	City of Kyiv	Typical advocates' mistakes during searches. Workshop by Denis Ovcharov (NextGen)	74
15	22.05.2019	City of Kharkiv	Modern business tax structuring	45
16	25.05.2019	City of Zaporizhia	UNBA Seminar for advocates of Zaporizhia region	1200
17	26.05.2019	City of Dnipro	Implementation of the UJITS. EU experience. Using the advantages of electronic court	20
18	26.05.2019	City of Zaporizhia	Mediation: new horizons and opportunities for an advocate	40
19	01.06.2019	City of Zaporizhia	Summons, interrogation, searches: Tactics of work with clients and preparing to participate in procedural actions	40
20	01.06.2019	City of Kharkiv	Raiding in agribusiness: Methods of protection and prevention	20
21	06.06.2019	City of Ivano-Frankivsk	Financial (anti-corruption) control: Levels for advocates	30
22	07.06.2019	City of Odesa	Peculiarities of preventing the SFS authorities of Ukraine tax audits	40
23	07.06.2019	City of Kyiv	Requirements of the CPC of Ukraine regarding mandatory prosecutor's participation in the hearing. What is more important: Human rights or law? NextGen	74
24	07.06.2019	City of Rivne	Implementation of the UJITS. EU experience. Using the advantages of electronic court	30

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№	Date	Venue	Type of event	Number of participants
25	08.06.2019	City of Mykolayiv	UNBA Seminar for advocates of Mykolayiv region	345
26	09.06.2019	City of Mykolayiv	Information security of advocacy activities and informational innovations for legal practice	25
27	10.06.2019	City of Poltava	State aid to undertakings. Implementation of financial (anti-corruption) control – advice fro advocates	20
28	11.06.2019	City of Kyiv	Tax requests: Reply or Ignore (NextGen)	74
29	14.06.2019	City of Poltava	Peculiarities of preventing the SFS authorities of Ukraine tax audits	35
30	15.06.2019	City of Lviv	Constitutional complaint in the activity of an advocate	8
31	15.06.2019	City of Mykolayiv	Peculiarities of representation of territorial community's interests in times of decentralization.	35
32	15.06.2019	City of Poltava	Raiding in agribusiness: Methods of protection and prevention	22
33	15.06.2019	City of Zaporizhia	Specifics of consideration of civil cases on the protection of minors. Procedural and psychological peculiarities of the child's questioning in the criminal process	50
34	19.06.2019	City of Lviv	Effective cassation in the administrative proceedings	26
35	20.06.2019	City of Ivano-Frankivsk	Certain aspects of the application of the law in credit disputes, disputes on the recognition of transactions as invalid	36
36	21.06.2019	City of Zaporizhia	Advocate's professional conduct during legal practice	190
37	21.06.2019	City of Lviv	Information security of advocacy activities and informational innovations for legal practice	20
38	22.06.2019	City of Zaporizhia	Peculiarities of providing legal assistance to persons-victims of sexual and domestic violence	30
39	22.06.2019	City of Chernivtsi	Information security of advocacy activities and informational innovations for legal practice	30
40	29.06.2019	City of Odesa	Internet regulation: New case in ECHR practice	45
41	12.07.2019	City of Lviv	IT Industry: judicial realities and advocacy	48
42	20.07.2019	City of Rivne	Seminar of Ukrainian National Bar Association on professional development for advocates of Rivne region	385
43	27.07.2019	City of Odesa	Seminar of Ukrainian National Bar Association on professional development for advocates of Odesa region	902
44	14.08.2019	City of Kharkiv	Training: "Credit Legal Relations"	87
45	15.08.2019	City of Kyiv	Roundtable on "Ensuring social rights of advocates"	32
46	16.08.2019	City of Odesa	Seminar for advocates of Odessa - "Mortgage disputes. Theoretical and practical aspects»	84
47	17.08.2019	Kharkiv	Training: "Peculiarities of consideration of civil cases on the compensation of moral damages"	52
48	22.08.2019	Kharkiv	Seminar: "Audit of SFS: "To allow or not to allow? – that is the question..."	80
49	23.08.2019	City of Odesa	Training: "Peculiarities of consideration of civil cases on the compensation of moral damages"	65

Training activities conducted by UNBA p.3

№	Date	Venue	Type of event	Number of participants
50	30.08.2019	Ivano-Frankivsk City	Training: "Adversariality btw. the prosecutor and the advocate: the opinion of the investigating judge"	31
51	30.08.2019	City of Poltava	Training: "Summons, interrogation, searches: Tactics of work with clients and preparing to participate in procedural actions"	46
52	31.08.2019	City of Kharkiv	Training: "Summons, interrogation, searches: Tactics of work with clients and preparing to participate in procedural actions"	82
53	31.08.2019	City of Zaporizhia	Training: "Peculiarities of consideration of civil cases on the compensation of moral damages"	41
54	06.09.2019	City of Dnipro	Training: Mediation: new horizons and opportunities for an advocate"	40
55	07.09.2019	City of Dnipro	Training seminar for advocates of Dnipropetrovsk region	986
56	14.09.2019	City of Zaporizhia	"Providing legal assistance to clients in case of a traffic accident"	59
57	14.09.2019	City of Dnipro	Seminar: "Constitutional complaint in the activity of an advocate"	31
58	14.09.2019	City of Severodonetsk	UNBA Training seminar for advocates of Lugansk region	173
59	18.09.2019	City of Kyiv	Seminar: "Ballistic expertise in judicial practice"	58
60	26.09.2019	City of Odesa	Training: "Decentralization and local government reform in Ukraine"	29
61	27.09.2019	City of Lviv	Training of CoE HELP Project "Internal Displacement"	28
62	28.09.2019	City of Kramatorsk	UNBA Training seminar for advocates of Donetsk region	157
63	12.10.2019	City of Kharkiv	UNBA Training seminar for advocates of Donetsk region	400
64	19.10.2019	City of Chernivtsi	Seminar: "Constitutional complaint in the activity of an advocate"	32
65	19.10.2019	City of Khmelnytskyi	UNBA Training seminar for advocates of Donetsk region	187
66	26.10.2019	City of Kharkiv	Seminar: "Constitutional complaint in the activity of an advocate"	41
67	26.10.2019	City of Lutsk	UNBA Training seminar for advocates of Volyn region	165
68	02.11.2019	City of Cherkasy	UNBA Training seminar for advocates of Cherkasy region	385
69	09.11.2019	City of Ternopil	UNBA Training seminar for advocates of Ternopil region	296
70	23.11.2019	City of Uzhgorod	UNBA Training seminar for advocates of Zakarpattia region	226
71	30.11.2019	City of Poltava	UNBA Training seminar for advocates of Poltava region	382
72	07.12.2019	City of Vinnytsia	UNBA Training seminar for advocates of Vinnytsia region	287
73	07.12.2019	City of Poltava	Constitutional complaint as a means of the legal protection of the rights and freedoms	45
74	20.12.2019	City of Odesa	Constitutional complaint as a means of the legal protection of the rights and freedoms	164
Total:				13 008

Training activities conducted by UNBA jointly with other organizations

№	Date	Venue	Type of event	Number of participants
1	30.01.2019	City of Kyiv	Legal workshop of UNBA and Legal Journal "Pravo Ukrayiny"("Law of Ukraine")	110
2	22.02.2019	Zhytomyr	QDCB of Zhytomyr region and UNBA	22
3	02.03.2019	City of Kyiv	Legal workshop of UNBA and Legal Journal "Pravo Ukrayiny"("Law of Ukraine")	62
4	15.03.2019	City of Kyiv	Legal workshop of UNBA and Legal Journal "Pravo Ukrayiny"("Law of Ukraine")	91
5	16.03.2019	City of Kyiv	UNBA and HELP	30
6	21.03.2019	Kyiv City	English Law Day Forum	146
7	09.04.2019	City of Kharkiv	Court proceedings in criminal cases in the USA (UNBA, Bar Council of the Kharkiv region)	95
8	12.04.2019	City of Kharkiv	Peculiarities of preventing the SFS authorities of Ukraine tax audits(UNBA, BC Kharkiv Region)	100
9	13.04.2019	City of Khmelnytskyi	"Adversariality btw. the Prosecutor and the advocate: Opinion of the investigating judge (UNBA, BC of Khmelnytskyi region)	80
10	17.04.2019	City of Kyiv	Workshop "Ensuring the constitutional right to be defended in criminal proceedings" (UNBA + LJ "Pravo Ukrayiny")	87
11	20.04.2019	City of Odesa	Information innovations in the work of the advocate (UNBA and BC of Odesa region)	32
12	16.05.2019	City of Kharkiv	Advocacy of Ukraine: Current state and prospects of development (UNBA, RA Kharkiv, Yaroslav the Wise National Law University)	200
13	18.05.2019	City of Dnipro	Eligibility claims to the European Court of Human Rights (UNBA + CoE)	30
14	18.05.2019	City of Khmelnytskyi	Istanbul Convention: The tool to strengthen the fight against violence to women and domestic violence in Ukraine (UNBA + CoE)	30
15	25.05.2019	City of Kharkiv	Basic principles of protection of human rights in the field of biomedicine (UNBA + CoE)	30
16	25.05.2019	City of Kherson	Advocates' Forum "TAVRIYSKIY OBRIV" (BC of Kherson region)	200
17	25.05.2019	City of Kyiv	Legal Business for Young (NextGen + MinJust)	74
18	31.05.2019	City of Kyiv	II International Conference "Dispute resolution procedure involving the judge: International and Ukrainian Experience "(UNBA + IFA)	80
19	31.05.2019	City of Kyiv	Conclusions of the Grand Chamber of the Supreme Court in Civil and Economic affairs (UNBA + LJ Pravo Ukrayiny)	190
20	08.06.2019	City of Odesa	Peculiarities of providing legal assistance to persons-victims of sexual and domestic violence(UNBA+CoE)	30
21	21.06.2019	City of Kyiv	Conclusions of the Grand Chamber of the Supreme Court in Civil and Economic affairs (UNBA + LJ Pravo Ukrayiny)	150
22	21.06.2019	City of Odesa	V All-Ukrainian forum "Mediation and Law" (UNBA, Supreme Court, Ukrainian Academy of Mediation, MinJust)	100
23	12.07.2019	City of Kharkiv	Peculiarities of providing legal assistance to persons-victims of sexual and domestic violence(UNBA+CoE)	26
24	12.07.2019	City of Kyiv	Professional discussion of criminal law and process	141

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No	Date	Venue	Type of event	Number of participants
25	28.08.2019	City of Kharkiv	Training under CoE HELP Project "Internal Displacement"	29
26	05.09.2019	City of Odesa	Training under CoE HELP Project "Internal Displacement"	34
27	19.09.2019	City of Odesa	The expert discussion on defense in criminal proceedings	160
28	20.09.2019	City of Odesa	Lecture for young advocates on "The Law-made in Germany"	165
29	28.09.2019	City of Ternopil	Training: "Peculiarities of providing legal assistance to persons-victims of sexual and domestic violence"	29
30	28.09.2019	City of Lutsk	Training: Peculiarities of providing legal assistance to persons-victims of sexual and domestic violence	20
31	05.10.2019	City of Kyiv	Seminar: "Monopoly of advocates and the right to defense in ECHR cases concerning Ukraine"	75
32	09.10.2019	City of Rivne	Training: "Decentralization and local government reform in Ukraine"	94
33	11.10.2019	City of Odesa	Workshop: "Advocate held hostage by his Image: Pointless self-PR "	54
34	15.10.2019	City of Ivano-Frankivsk	Training: "Decentralization and local government reform in Ukraine"	43
35	15.11.2019	City of Odesa	IX International Scientific and Practical Conference "ADVOCACY: PAST, MODERNITY and the FUTURE "(Workshop: "Specifics of legal practice in criminal cases")	323
36	15.11.2019	City of Odesa	IX International Scientific and Practical Conference "ADVOCACY: PAST, MODERNITY and the FUTURE "(Workshop: "Specifics of legal practice in civil and economic cases")	55
37	15.11.2019	City of Odesa	IX International Scientific and Practical Conference "ADVOCACY: PAST, MODERNITY, AND FUTURE (Plenary session	23
Total:				3 240

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**UNBA. COMMITTEES'
ACTIVITIES**

Activities of UNBA/BCU Secretariat in 2019

1. About UNBA/BCU Secretariat

The Secretariat is a permanent body, established following the BCU decision №32 from 17.12.2012 to ensure the statutory activities of UNBA and functions of BCU.

The main objectives of the Secretariat are organizational, analytical, legal, informational, and material support for UNBA, BCU, President of UNBA/BCU, Vice-Presidents, as well as preparation and holding of the Congresses of Advocates of Ukraine.

The Secretariat interacts with bodies of Bar self-government, local, all-Ukrainian and international association of advocates, their unions, law offices, law firms, individual advocates, State, local authorities and their officials, citizens' associations, enterprises, institutions and organizations, and individuals, as well as international institutions and professional organizations.

The BCU decision №. 141 of 11.06.2016 has modernized the Secretariat's structure to increase the level of organizational, expert-analytical, legal, informational, and technical support of UNBA/BCU activities.

Today the structure of the Secretariat includes the Head of UNBA/BCU Secretariat, Deputy Head of the UNBA/BCU Secretariat, 4 Departments, each including the appropriate divisions:

1) Department for activity support of UNBA/BCU Secretariat (Financial, Legal, administrative division, document management, and record-keeping, IT, staff divisions); 2) Department of Self-government (Advocate's self-government, URAU divisions, Division for support of UNBA structural units); 3) Department of Communications (Divisions for Public Relations, Creative Services, Web Resources, Publishing, Affiliate program, etc.); 4) Department of the Profession (Divisions for facilitating the practice of law, support for UNBA/BCU sections, the Event management). Information about the UNBA/BCU Secretariat, including the personal composition, posted at the official UNBA website – unba.org.ua/sekretariat

Activities of the BCU (UNBA) Secretariat in 2019

I. BCU

In 2019, the Secretariat carried out organizational and technical support of the preparation and holding of 11 BCU meetings that resulted in 168 decisions and 11 meeting minutes compiled. In particular, a set of measures was carried out to ensure the proper work of the BCU: collection, systematization, and guidance of the BCU meeting materials; legal support for BCU work (preparation of draft decisions, protocols, documents, necessary for the proper operation); execution of the BCU decisions as a result of their adoption and publication thereof at the official UNBA website; referral of the BCU decisions to the regional bodies of Bar self-government; technical support for BCU work; organization of the BCU members' accommodation for the time of BCU meetings, etc.

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II. URAU

The secretariat continues to ensure the conduct of a unified database of the numerical and personal composition of advocates of Ukraine (URAU), advocates of foreign states, who, according to the law of Ukraine "On the Bar and Practice of Law" have been eligible for advocacy in Ukraine, as well as organizational forms of legal practice chosen by advocates, which is confirmed by the following 2019 indicators:

- **number of new advocates registered in URAU database – 8523;**
- **number of advocates, that renewed the right to practice law – 799;**
- **number of advocates, their right to the practice law is suspended/terminated – 3805;**
- **number of transfer excerpts issued– 659.**

III. Professional development for advocates

In 2019, the Secretariat provided organizational and technical support for:

- **93 CLE events for advocates organized by UNBA;**
- **49 CLE events (seminars, lectures, trainings, conferences, forums, round tables) for advocates organized by UNBA in conjunction with the Bar self-government, other national and international organizations.**

In 2019, the Secretariat:

- **attracted 115 experts to participation in the CLE activities and ensured the proper working conditions for them;**
- **registered 16248 Advocates, that took part in the professional development activities for advocates in 2019;**
- **prepared 3279 of methodical materials and the event agendas;**
- **ensured technical support for the events;**
- **issued 16248 certificates of advanced training completion etc.**
- **In total, 16248 advocates were trained and received certificates.**

Also, the work of the UNBA Expert Council on Accreditation and Certification was ensured.

IV. Representation in courts

In 2019, the Secretariat carried out the representation of the organization's interests in courts in 280 cases: of those in administrative courts – 243; of those in courts of general jurisdiction – 37.

V. Protection of advocates' rights and professional guarantees

In 2019, the Secretariat, within its powers, ensured the protection of professional rights of advocates and legal guarantees of legal practice; in particular, referred to law enforcement agencies and the UNBA Committee on the Protection of Advocates' Rights and Guarantees 113 appeals concerning violations of advocates' rights and the legal practice guarantees.

VI. Consideration of submissions

The UNBA/BCU Secretariat, in 2019, ensured: consideration on the merits of 2165 requests (letters, requests, petitions) received at the UNBA address; referred 213 appeals for consideration to other structures and organizations.

In 2019, the Secretariat ensured the accounting and financial reporting of UNBA by way of collecting, self-government. Access to the specified information was granted through the official UNBA website.

In 2019, the Secretariat carried out active communication with international professional organizations, as well as their representatives in Ukraine on the issues of their interaction with UNBA, as well as other issues within competence, as covered in the relevant section on the official UNBA website. Also, the UNBA/BCU Secretariat carried out regular publishing of the official printed body of UNBA "UNBA Bulletin", with 10 issues published (circulation of 43,000).

VII. UNBA Official website

In 2019, the Secretariat carried out the administration and filling of the official UNBA website with the main news, BCU decisions, information about the cooperation between the UNBA and the international professional organizations, informative documents, publications of individual advocates on certain practical issues, news about CLE events, roundtables, forums, conferences, etc., press-releases of UNBA relating to its achievements, including, in the international arena, electronic methodical manuals and the official publications of UNBA Bulletin in electronic format, useful information on the recent legislative changes in Ukraine and materials of judicial and international practice, interviews with advocates, chairs of the Bar self-government on the issues of the Bar operation, etc.

UNBA/BCU Secretariat carried out organizational and technical support of the work of committees, councils, centers, and other bodies and structures of UNBA (BCU). In particular, provided rooms for meetings, as well as the necessary materials; rendered technical and legal support of Committees' work.

VIII. Record keeping

UNBA/BCU Secretariat continues to organize and provide for the conduct of paperwork within UNBA, which is confirmed by the following indicators in 2019:

- **processed 1566 submissions of individuals, legal entities and individual advocates;**
- **processed 686 Documents** – correspondence with central and local State authorities, local self-government concerning core (specialized) issues;
- **processed 962 documents** – correspondence with the bodies of Bar self-government concerning core (specialized) issues
- **total number of incoming mail correspondence – 3336 documents.**



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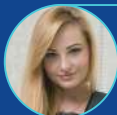
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UNBA | Financial balance indicators 2019

Income	2017	2018	2019
Proceeds from RBCs transferring 30% of annual fees for the implementation of the advocates' self-government in Ukraine	1 316 979	1 293 488	1 637 175
Annual advocates' fees towards realization of the statutory tasks of the Bar self-governance	16537143	19 061 209	26 678 129
Other, incl. passive income *	501 005	817 109	1 018 992
Transfer of funds for the needs of UNBA/BCU	0	1 400 000	1 600 000
Warrant books	518	1 277	109
Charitable aid	0	44 800	22 400
Financial assistance	190 540	300 000	0
Organizational and technical support of the Expert Council	124 800	492 190	0
Traineeship	0	8 622 087	8 547 254
Providing copies of documents	4 173	0	5 216
Sublease of premises	403 371	1 836 238	0
Consideration of the complaints	0	1 762	182 000
Sale of fixed assets	0		0
Event participation	0	194 739	108 782
Total:	19 078 529 ₴	34 064 899 ₴	39 800 057 ₴ +17%

* Passive income—incomes received as interest, dividends, insurance payments, and refunds, as well as royalty (Tax Code of Ukraine from 02.12.2010, №2755–VI)

Expenses	2017	2018	2019
General Labor Remuneration account:	3 333 763	5032522	6947322
Mandatory deductions (taxes and fees):	2 076 854	2942549	3671294
Office maintenance costs (rental of premises, security, office management, Internet, communications, stationery, maintenance and rental of a car, courier and postal services, services*)	4 343 114	8449157	8179692
Organizational and technical support of the Congress of Advocates, meetings of the Bar Council of Ukraine, conferences, meetings, round tables, etc.	2 454 685	4495645	6298083
Organization of training for Ukrainian advocates	2 015 880	2696296	2115467
Expenses on the production of official certificates to the chairs of the bar self-government bodies; advocates' certificates, diplomas, etc.	586 665	528229	529847
Maintenance of the official website; Printing of UNBA Bulletin	2 040 590	3356850	4092398
Expenses on payment of accounting, legal and notarial services	786263	4239824	6927207
purchase of the fixed and intangible assets	922 676	1037519	944072
Financial assistance	—	100000	0
Total:	11 329 726 ₴	32 878 591 ₴	39 705 382 ₴ +21%

* The costs of office maintenance include expenses for stationery, which were used for organization of events and seminars on the professional development of advocates, and expenses for fuel-lubricants, which were used for organization of events and seminars on the training of advocates.

Activities of UNBA Committees

The structure of the Ukrainian National Bar Association includes permanent advisory bodies – UNBA Committees, whose main task is to be the avant-garde in their focus areas, to maintain unity and confidence in the professional development of Ukrainian advocacy. The issue of strategic development of committees and sections is one of the priority tasks of UNBA.

In 2019, the UNBA Committees held a large number of events on a variety of topics and in many formats (round tables, discussions, public talk, informal meetings) aimed at increasing the level of advocacy engagement in the public life and increasing the prestige of UNBA among advocates. That also allowed not only to convey the position of Ukrainian advocacy to the Ukrainian executive and judicial branches of power but also to find a compromise on resolving problematic issues in the field of human rights protection. Considerable attention was also concentrated on conducting systematic specialized training activities aimed at encouraging young advocates to improve their professional knowledge and skills.

We cannot possibly overlook the active involvement of UNBA Committee members in cooperation with the UNBA Higher School of Advocacy, which acted as lecturers of the specialized training CLE courses and seminars on the current issues faced by advocates in the course of their practice. Thus they contributed to the strengthening of ties between legal science, education, and practice. And the professional mastery of content delivery became a source of motivation for the participants to gain membership in this or other UNBA Committee.

In order to establish coordination of activities, effective work, and development of UNBA committees and sections the position of UNBA Committee Coordinator was introduced. In July 2019, advocate Ganna Garo was appointed as such, and from the beginning, she formulated her main objectives in this position: "formation of the super-professional environment for advocates in which the UNBA Committees shall be a kind of broadcasting channel of this expertise and exclusive professionalism of the advocacy, and also may also become an effective instrument of formation and consolidation of UNBA leadership in the legal profession".

Members of the UNBA Committees are advocates, professionals in their respective areas, for whom their own professional development and raising the quality of legal advice, provided by

advocates, is the prime motivation in the process of exercising the profession.

Several Members of the Committees have scientific degrees and academic titles and teach at leading law schools of Ukraine. That is why the combination of practice and science in the committees' activities is the driving force for their rapid development.

Timely reaction to important social phenomena that occur in the State, allows UNBA Committees to be actively involved in the legislative process, by introducing their draft law proposals and remarks to the relevant committees of Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine.

In particular, UNBA Committees in 2019 carried out monitoring and legal analysis, prepared proposals to draft laws, introduced to the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine, that may possibly influence the state of protection of human rights and freedoms. Members of the UNBA Committees personally took an active part in meetings and other events, organized by the relevant Parliamentary Committees, represented and defended the consolidated position of the Bar.

Thus, we can safely say that activities of the UNBA Committees promote compliance with guarantees of legal practice, protection of professional rights of advocates, and ensuring a high professional level of advocates.



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Activities of UNBA Committees

In 2019, a total of 13 UNBA Committees were created (currently there are 35 committees in UNBA)(including by way of transformations from Section to Committee), and to launch their active work (including involvement of advocate-experts) a total of 13 committees of the UNBA (currently there are 35 UNBA Committees).

List of UNBA Committees as of 31.12.2019:

1. UNBA Committee on Protection of Advocates' Professional Rights and Guarantees

2. UNBA International Relations Committee

3. UNBA Committee on Legislative Initiatives on the Bar

4. UNBA Committee on Advocates' Professional Conduct

5. UNBA Committee for Strategic Development and Setting Priority Objectives

6. UNBA Committee on coordination of legal assistance to participants of anti-terrorist operation, their families and internally displaced persons

7. UNBA Committee on Protection of Human Rights

8. UNBA Committee on Free Legal Aid

9. UNBA Committee on Expert Support of Practice of Law

10. UNBA Committee on Mediation

11. UNBA Committee for Physical Culture and Sports

12. UNBA Committee on Information Policy and Informational Security

13. UNBA Committee on Approximation of the Advocacy of Ukraine to the European Legal Standards

14. UNBA Committee on Medical and Pharmaceutical Law and Bioethics

15. UNBA Rule of Law Committee

16. UNBA Family Law Committee

17. UNBA IT Law Committee

18. UNBA Committee for Continuing Legal Education

19. UNBA Committee on Anti-Corruption Policy and Compliance

20. UNBA Youth Committee –“UNBA NextGen”.

21. UNBA Regulatory Policy Committee

23. UNBA Committee on Electronic Litigation and Cybersecurity of Legal practice

24. UNBA Intellectual Property Committee

25. UNBA Committee on Interaction with the Civil Society

26. UNBA Committee for Legal Education

27. UNBA International Law Committee

28. UNBA Criminal Law and Procedure Committee

29. UNBA Civil Law and Procedure Committee

30. UNBA Committee for Business and Investor Protection

31. UNBA Committee on Bankruptcy

32. UNBA Committee for Agrarian and Land Law

33. UNBA Committee on Humanitarian Issues and Creative Initiatives

34. UNBA Construction Law Committee

35. UNBA Committee for Tax and Customs Law

2019 Report of UNBA Committee on Protection of Advocates' Professional Rights and Guarantees

In 2019, the Committee held 23 events, of those:

- **14 ordinary Committee meetings;**
- **6 extraordinary Committee meetings;**
- **1 press-conference;**
- **2 roundtables.**
- **The Committee took part in 5 events organized by international organizations:**
 - 10.08. 2019. – participation in the roundtable (held in Kyiv), dedicated to the presentation of the project "Strengthening the Rule of Law in Ukraine", organized by the international rights group International Society for Human Rights.
 - 15.08–18.08. 2019, and 14.12–15.12. 2019 – participation in the Prague Club meeting in Berlin, Germany;
 - 26.09. 2019 – participation in the discussion seeking for effective international mechanisms to protect the rights of advocates, held at the OSCE site in Warsaw;

In 2019, 88 submissions alleging violations of advocates' professional rights and legal practice guarantees were received by the UNBA Committee on Protection of Advocates' Professional Rights and Guarantees. In response, the Committee filed 101 requests, of those 54 – to the leadership of the law enforcement authorities with demands to put an end to violations of advocate's rights and conduct internal probes against violators, bring them to liability.

The Committee is working on the prevention of violations of the advocates' professional rights and guarantees of legal practice by law enforcement officers. In particular, there was a mutual understanding reached with the National Anti-Corruption Bureau of Ukraine, Specialized Anti-Corruption Prosecutor's Office, the Qualification and Disciplinary Commission of Prosecutors, the State Criminal Execution Service of Ukraine, the Main Investigative Department of the National Police of Ukraine for the prevention of further violations of advocate's rights and guarantees. The leadership of the above-mentioned bodies appointed dedicated commanding officers, responsible for the compliance with and protection of professional rights of advocates and guarantees of



legal practice. At present, there is a possibility for swift prevention of advocates' rights and guarantees violations via telephone.

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The Committee prepared the address to the Deputy Chair of Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine Committee on Human Rights, National Minorities and Inter-ethnic Relations Logvynskyi G.V. The subject of the address was systematic violations of advocates' professional rights and guarantees of legal practice by public authorities. The address described more than fifty cases of violations of advocates' professional rights and guarantees of legal practice.

The Committee organized several training seminars for advocates in different cities of Ukraine. The seminars were devoted to the protection of advocates' professional rights in criminal proceedings. The Committee members were speakers at the event, some of the most experienced criminal advocates in Ukraine. The above-mentioned seminars were conducted with the support of regional Bar Councils.

Tuesday, January 22, 2019, The Committee held a press conference on the topic "persecution and attacks on advocates – the present realities in the State of Ukraine". The event was attended by advocates, representatives of public organizations, and authorities.

Wednesday, March 6, 2019, The Committee held a roundtable discussion "International mechanisms

for the protection of advocates' rights and professional guarantees of legal practice". The roundtable was held with the participation of the Director of the ICJ Programs in Europe and Central Asia Róisín Pillay, Acting President of the Netherlands

Bar Association Monika Bremer, a Swiss advocate Joseph Alcat, Senior Legal Adviser of the European Integration Program Timur Shakirov, and legal counsel for the Program Maria Rudko.

On March 6, 2019, the meeting of the ICJ delegation and the Committee leadership took place. The meeting was dedicated to the strengthening of the collaboration for the purpose of effective protection of advocates' professional rights and guarantees of legal practice.

On Saturday, August 10, 2019, representatives of the Committee took part in the round table dedicated to the presentation of the project "Strengthening the Rule of Law in Ukraine", organized by the international human rights organization "International Society for Human Rights". As a result of the event, the aforementioned organization started monitoring the case of advocate Chibirdin O., whose professional rights and guarantees were grossly violated.

On Thursday, August 29, 2019, the Committee held a round table "Are there too many rights for advocates?". Participants of the event discussed the issues: on the state of advocates' rights and guarantees of legal practice; the need to expand additional guarantees of advocate's independence, physical safety enshrined in legislation; prevention of diminishing of advocate's rights in the procedures during the implementation of judicial reform.

September 2019, upon the invitation of the International Commission of Jurists, Members of the Committee, together with the supervisor of the NGO "Association for Defending Rights of Lawyers" D. Pylypenko, took part in the discussion seeking for effective international mechanisms of protection of the rights of advocates, held at the OSCE site in Warsaw; The participants of the meeting supported the creation of an international Convention for the protection of advocates' rights and creation of the International Committee for the protection of advocate's rights.

On 27–28 September 2019, representatives of UNBA acted as trainers during the training on the protection of advocates' rights and legal practice guarantees in Dushanbe (Tajikistan), organized by the International Commission of Jurists (ICJ) in cooperation with the Union of Lawyers of the Republic of Tajikistan. Ukrainian delegation members that are also Committee members shared best practices and recommendations for overcoming challenges arising in the work of the Bar self-government.

November 2019. The Committee, along with the Higher School of Advocacy and the National Anti-Corruption Bureau of Ukraine, organized a joint scientific and practical discussion on the issues of advocates' rights in criminal proceedings.

Lawyers and detectives of the National Anti-Corruption Bureau of Ukraine took part in the discussion. After discussing several topical problems regarding the protection of advocates' rights in the criminal process, the participants concluded that despite the adversariality, the investigator and the advocate carry out a single socially important function – the protection of the rights and freedoms of natural and legal persons, society and the State. The actions of an advocate or investigator aimed at the humiliation of the procedural opponent are not acceptable.



2019 Report of the UNBA Committee on Legislative Initiatives on the Bar

1. Events held by the Committee in the sphere of its competence, visited by Committee members.

Representatives of the UNBA Committee on Legislative Initiatives on the Bar part in the following events:

- **Meeting of Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine Committee on Legal Policy** during consideration of the draft laws of Ukraine "On amendments to the Constitution of Ukraine (on cancellation of advocacy monopoly)" (reg. №1013) held on 13 November 2019. In their speeches, Representatives of the Committee have been stressing on the inadmissibility of supporting the draft law in the proposed wording.
- **Roundtable on "Reforming the Legislation on the Bar and Practice of Law"**, held on November 26, 2019. Participants of the round table, including representatives of the Committee, exchanged views on the ways of the further amendments to the law on the Bar and Practice of Law.
- **Roundtable discussion on the topic: "Disciplinary liability and protection of the rights of an advocate in administrative proceedings", 06 December 2019.** Participants of the round table discussed the main issues of bringing advocates to disciplinary liability, including court practice on resolving disputes regarding the appeal of the outcomes of such procedure, and also described the main problems of the application of legislation in this area.

Participation of the Committee in the presentation of the Council of Europe Handbook on Principles of Administrative Law in the

Relationship between the Person and Authorities "Management and You", which took place on October 31, 2019. The main principles of administrative law in the context of relations between the person and the authorities, their application in Ukraine and European experience were discussed in the process of the event.

Participation of the Committee in the lawmaking process:

The Committee prepared comprehensive amendments to the draft law of Ukraine "On the Bar and Practice of Law". The specified amendments, in particular, are expected:

- 1) **to bring the provisions of the current law of Ukraine "On the Bar and Practice of Law" in line with the Constitution of Ukraine in relation to providing professional legal assistance;**
- 2) **to establish the priority of the provisions of the Law of Ukraine "On the Bar and Practice of Law" over other laws regulating the issues of advocacy;**
- 3) **to ensure mandatory involvement of advocates in the process of drafting legislation regulating advocacy issues;**
- 4) **to expand the number of activities, which are credited as work experience in the field of law, necessary to acquire the right to practice law;**
- 5) **to consolidate the rights of advocates practicing individually, allow engagement of other advocates to performance of the legal advice contracts on the contractual basis;**
- 6) **to granting additional rights and guarantees to advocates, including:**

— to familiarize themselves with the documents containing the confidential and secret information;

— to have unimpeded access to the premises of the State authorities and bodies of local self-government;

— to gain identified access to State registers, including the Unified Register of Pre-trial Investigations, the Unified State Register of Enforcement Proceedings, to the Unified Judicial Information and Telecommunication System;



- to insure professional liability;
- to establish, that evidence obtained during the procedural actions on advocate's housing or office in the absence of a representative of the regional Bar Council is inadmissible;
- to establish a tight time frame for the law enforcement authority and/or its officers that detained an advocate or applied restrictive measure against him to immediately notify the relevant regional Bar Council about such action (from the moment of detention of application of such measure);
- to simplify the procedure of sending the advocate's letter of inquiry.

The said draft law was submitted to the relevant Working group under the President of Ukraine for consideration.

The Committee produced the draft law of Ukraine "On the Amendment to Article 4 of the Law of Ukraine "On Collection and Accounting of the Single Compulsory Social Insurance Contribution" to avoid the double payment of the single contribution by persons who conduct independent professional activities".

The Draft envisages exemption from SSC for persons conducting independent professional activities (in particular, advocates), if such persons are simultaneously registered as private entrepreneurs or work under labor contracts (agreements) and already pay the single social contribution, respectively, as individual entrepreneurs, or where their employers pay SSC as their tax agents.

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The Committee prepared amendments and proposals to the draft law of Ukraine "On the introduction of amendments to certain legislative acts of Ukraine on the expansion of self-representation opportunities of State authorities, the authorities of the Autonomous Republic of Crimea, local self-government and other legal entities irrespective of their origin in courts "(Reg. №.2261 from 15.10.2019).

The mentioned amendments and proposals are aimed at avoiding violations of the Constitution of Ukraine in the process of representation of State authorities and local self-government bodies. On December 9, 2019, the said amendments and proposals were submitted to Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine.

The Committee representatives took part in preparation of the position of Ukrainian National Bar Association in relation to the inconsistency of the draft law №.1013 on amendments to the Constitution of Ukraine (concerning the abolition of the advocacy monopoly) with the Articles 157 and 158 of the Constitution of Ukraine.

The relevant letter is directed by Ukrainian National Bar Association to the Constitutional Court of Ukraine during the preparation of the Conclusion concerning the draft's compliance with the requirements of the Constitution of Ukraine.



2019 Report of UNBA Committee on Advocates' Professional Conduct

The Committee's work in 2019 was held in the form of electronic communication, as Committee Members unanimously agreed. The format for consideration of appeals remained unchanged. During the discussion of appeals received by the Committee, the greatest possible participation of all stakeholders, the openness of discussion, and means for the parties to deliver their positions were ensured, as well as approval of the draft decisions by the Committee.

In 2019 the Committee's composition was updated. The following advocates joined the Committee as its members: Mazurok Dmytro Igorovych, Tarasova Asya Mykolaivna, Nazarenko Diana Leonidivna, Opanasyk Vladislav Volodymyrovych. Advocate Roman Hryshankov takes an active part in the Committee's work.

The Committee continues to interact with other UNBA Committees to review relevant appeals regarding proposals to amend the Rules of Professional Conduct and to develop a common position on these issues.

In total, seven appeals were received from the Committee in 2019, from which the whole 100% were considered on merits. 5 of them concerned the violation of the Rules of Professional Conduct, 1 – about clarification of the Rules of Professional Conduct, 1 – on the acceptance to the Committee.

Taking into account the confidentiality of the Committee's work, there are no grounds for a detailed report of the Committee's activity, as such a list may adversely affect the Committee's image and business reputation. The information provided in applicants' submissions is also not meant for the report, because it is confidential and also may negatively affect certain relationships

of the colleagues and their clients or other persons, which were mentioned in the submissions.

The Committee maintains cooperation with other committees on UNBA, conducts meetings and consultations with advocates who refer to the Committee both with oral and written appeals, provides consultations assisting advocates in solving problematic issues.

As regards the further organization of the Committee's work, further work will be continuously conducted through joint meetings within the framework of communication and further approval of minutes of such meetings within the framework of exchange by e-mail.

In 2019, with the participation of the Committee members, there were held regional CLE events in order to develop the universal approaches of application of the Rules of Professional Conduct, improvement of qualification of advocates based on the "Procedure of CLE for advocates of Ukraine".

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2019 Report of UNBA Committee on coordination of legal assistance to participants of anti-terrorist operation, their families, and internally displaced persons

Committee members conducted:

- 2 webinars based at the UNBA Higher School of Advocacy (December 11 and 26, 2019);

- conference-training "Guardians of veterans' rights" in the city of Rivne (28–29 September 2019), Chernihiv (19–20 October 2019), Svyatogirsk (9–10 November 2019). The events were held upon the initiative of the "Union of Veterans of War with Russia" and supported by the Ministry of Veterans Affairs, temporarily occupied territories and internally displaced persons of Ukraine;

- A round table was organized discussing the problem of investigation of military criminal offenses, the difficulties of military justice, and the ways of their countering them, which took place on January 25, 2019, jointly held by the NGO "Legal Hundred" at "Veteran's Hub" with the participation of the lecturers from the National Academy of Prosecution of Ukraine, judges of the Shevchenko District Court of Kyiv representatives of the Military Law Enforcement Service, Military Prosecutor's Office, General Staff of the Armed Forces, Ministry of Defense and other advocates – military specialists;

- On Tuesday, February 26, 2019, – with the participation of the Committee members, within the framework of the cooperation with the NGO "Legal Hundred", the round table was held discussing the issue of providing legal aid to ATO servicemen and members of their families;

- On March 23, 2019 lectures were held dedicated to the topic: "Ensuring judicial protection in the conditions of armed aggression" at the General Staff of the Armed Forces of Ukraine;

- presentation on July 09, 2019, jointly held by the NGO "Legal Hundred" of the analytical report, summing up the cases against servicemen over 2014–2018;

- participation in the program "Open World". Visiting the United States of America in order to develop and increase the qualification in the sphere of defending rights of servicemen and veterans, September 6–14, 2019;

- participation in the presentation in Lviv City "Female Advocates Defending rights of servicemen/women" upon the initiative of the Association of Women Advocates of Ukraine "JurFem", October 11, 2019;



- Participation in the Round table "Court Cases of Defenders of Ukraine" organized by "Legal Hundred" held at the "Pravokator" Club on November 13, 2019;

- conference-training "Guardians of Veterans' Rights" in the city of Kyiv, Pushcha-Vodytsya, on 23–24, 2019 upon the initiative of NGO "Union of Veterans of War with Russia" and supported by the Ministry of Veterans Affairs, temporarily occupied territories and internally displaced persons of Ukraine;

- the Chair of the Committee took part in the human rights protection marathon, organized by the UNBA Committee on Protection of Human Rights on 09 Dec 2019 "Protection of rights of persons with PTSD in conditions of military aggression";



• Chair of the Committee participated in a round table organized by the OSCE Projects Coordinator in Ukraine on December 11, 2019, about: "Perspectives of development of military justice and problems of observance of human rights and fundamental freedoms";

II. Working meetings concerning complex solution for achieving Committee objectives, visited by advocates-Members of the Committee:

- with the representatives of the All-Ukrainian Civic Organization "Legal Hundred", CO "Educational Assembly", the CO "National Center for Rights Protection", CO
- "Union of Veterans of War with Russia", and other public organizations that conduct human rights activities in the interests of the participants of the armed conflict in the Eastern Ukraine, including, in the field of providing legal assistance "pro bono";
- Representatives of the Ministry of Veterans Affairs temporarily occupied territories and internally displaced persons of Ukraine, the General Staff of the Armed Forces of Ukraine, the Military Law Enforcement Service, the Military Prosecutor's Office of the ATO forces;
- Representatives of the Ukrainian Parliamentary Commissioner for Human Rights;
- Representatives of the Coordination Centre for Legal Aid Providing;
- Representatives of the administrative center for providing social, psychological, and legal support "Veteran Hub";
- The results of participation in the program "Open World", held in the USA for the purpose of development and increase of qualification in the sphere of defending the rights of servicemen and veterans.



2019 Report of UNBA Committee on Protection of Advocates' Professional Rights and Guarantees

UNBA Committee on Protection of Human Rights is a permanent consultative body formed within the Ukrainian National Bar Association according to the Order of the President of the Ukrainian National Bar Association, Bar Council of Ukraine №. 20 dated 03 March 2015. In the course of 5 years, the purpose of the Committee is to observe and protect human and civil rights, which is the key national idea of all institutions of democracy in the world, the analysis and generalization of practices in the field of human rights protection and fundamental freedoms, the study and application of human rights activities in countries with a high level of protection of the rights and freedoms of citizens, including children, following the provisions of the Convention for the Protection of Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms (1950), provisions of the Convention on the Rights of the Child, ratified by the Ruling of the Parliament №.789-XII dated 27.02.1991, International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights of 1966, the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights 1966, the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, adopted at the UN General Assembly in 1948.

The work in 2019 began with the meeting of the Committee on Protection of Human Rights, which was adopted by the 2019 activity plan.

During 2019, the Committee held the activities covering several directions at the same time:

Protecting the rights of the child.

In this direction the Committee allocates quite a wide range of problematic issues that require consideration, namely:

- legal education of teenagers and youth; protection of the rights of a child; right to education, work, and leisure of teenagers; family violence and other issues. For this purpose, the Section, back in 2017, launched the project "Protection of rights of the child", which continuously operates to this day. Within the framework of this project, the Section on the rights of the child, during the year, held more than 10 interactive seminars devoted to the application of the law to teenage children.

The Committee members took part in the meetings of the Working Group, chaired by Mykola Kuleba, Commissioner of the President of Ukraine for Children's Rights. Organized a round table event dedicated to the "Family Day" on the topic: "Child's advocate", during which the questions about the proper protection of the rights and interests of children, problems of participation of a



child in court in disputes that somehow relate to the protection of its rights and interests, in particular on issues related to alimony payment, the establishment of child's place of residence, determining the way of participation in the child's raising and communication with her, the child's representation in court, the need to engage of a psychologist, social workers in the litigation, etc. The Order of UNBA/BCU President from October 29, 2019, a joint working group of advocates of the Committee on Protection of Human Rights and UNBA Family Law Committee under the title "Child Advocate" aimed at preparation of amendments to the current legislation of Ukraine on the realization of child's direct right to access to legal aid regardless of the position or consent of the second parent (both parents), development of methodical recommendations and standards for child protection and advocate representation of the child, practical implementation of the proposed changes and training seminars.



Members of the Committee, participating in the project "Child's advocate", visited the orphanage in the city of Nizhyn and agreed on close cooperation to ensure proper legal assistance to children resident at this institution.



Analysis of decisions of the European Court of Human Rights.

The Human Rights Committee paid no less attention to the decision of the European Court of Human Rights in 2019. Concerning the application of the ECHR judgments, the Section constantly analyzes ECHR decisions and prepares a collection of key decisions which are applied by a defense party and prosecution during the election of the preventive measure, recusal of judges, provision of evidence, with the definition of the main mistakes made in relation to applying these decisions

Committee members took part in the conference "Uniformity of Judicial Practice: the approach of the European Court of Human Rights and the Supreme Court".

Members of the European Social Charter Application Section participated in the events concerning the implementation of the European Social Charter (the right to work, rest, social security, housing, the right to an adequate standard of living for themselves and their families, health care, medical care, and medical insurance)

On 24 October 2019, the official presentation of the CoE Project in Ukraine "Development of social human rights as the key factor of sustainable democracy in Ukraine" took place, visited by the Deputy Head of the Human Rights Committee Tetiana Hnatiuk.

At the meeting of September 2019, the Committee considered a submission and discussed proposals for the preparation of Methodological Recommendations for rendering legal aid to persons with visual impairments. As a result of the discussion, a decision was made to gather analytic materials to prepare the relevant recommendations.

Protection of human rights in criminal proceedings.

The section on human rights protection in criminal proceedings out over 15 events that were devoted to the problem of the protection of the suspect, accused, convicted, and problems of

the representative office of the victim, provision of legal aid to the third person, witness, civil plaintiff.

Committee Chair Ganna Kolesnyk took part in the meeting of the working group on the drafting of the law "On amendments to the Law of Ukraine "On the State Bureau of Investigations" and other legislative acts on the improvement of legal regulation of activity of the State Bureau of Investigation", meetings of the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine Committee on Law Enforcement, hearings at the Committee on Legislative Support of Law Enforcement concerning the work of the SBI.

At the end of 2019, an extraordinary Committee meeting was held, where the main attention was paid to consideration of the draft Law of Ukraine "On amendments to the Criminal Code of Ukraine concerning liability for crimes committed by the criminal community" (Reg. №2513). As a result of the discussion, Committee members concluded, that even though the explanatory note to the specified draft law of Ukraine states about the presence of the justified need for the adoption of this law; at the same time that is not true, and in the event of the adoption of the said draft law by Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine, it will lead to massive violations of human rights, which required immediate Committee's appeal to Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine with the relevant warning.

Combating cybercrime. The Section against Cybercrime continued their work on the study of the problems of the use of electronic evidence in the course of administering justice. "Electronic evidence" is a modern, progressive trend in the averment of evidence. UNBA Committee on Protection of Human



Rights has been working in the appropriate direction for quite a long time, discussing this issue at seminars, round tables, and other events. One such event was the "Regional School of Information Law and Cybercrime", where experienced advocate, the Vice-Chair of the UNBA Committee for the Protection of human rights Oleg Povalyayev delivered a speech. Oleg Borysovych delivered a speech "Information technologies and electronic evidence in proceedings", where he focused upon problematic issues of fixing electronic evidence, as well as discovery thereof during pre-trial investigation. Discussing the relevant subject, participants emphasized that present-day rules of evidence require considerable improvement and painstaking work.

Protection of inmates' rights. The section on protection of inmates' rights continued working on the implementation of the



project "Providing legal assistance to prisoners." Monitoring of advocate's access detainees, imprisoned persons was conducted. Members of the Committee Oleg Povalyayev and Andriy Anapriyuk conducted meetings with representatives of the Ministry of Justice of Ukraine, the Ministry of Internal Affairs, the Head of the Kyiv Investigative Detention facility dedicated to the admission of advocates to prisoners in order to provide legal assistance to them.

Access to justice. Members of the Section of Access to Justice participated in the discussion of the issue of advocacy monopoly, and the Chair expressed the official Committee position concerning the subject. Moreover, on the premises of Ukrinform, the UNBA Committee on Protection of Human Rights held a human rights marathon on the topic: "Human Rights: The right to defense". The event was designed to draw the attention of the professional community to the problematic issues of human rights protection in Ukraine, such as the influence of the institution of advocacy monopoly onto legal assistance quality, the existing shortcomings of law-related practices, and develop recommendations for the improvement of mechanisms for human rights and fundamental freedoms protection, including taking into account international experience. Advocates, judges of the Supreme Court, human rights defenders took part in the said human rights marathon.

Protection of the right to legal assistance. Round table on the right to legal assistance was held: "Admission of advocates to inmates". During the event, the issue of rendering legal aid to persons in detention facilities, investigation isolators, colonies (places intended for the retention of persons serving under a preventive measure in the form of custody selected at any stage of criminal proceedings) was discussed: pre-trial investigation, court hearing, rendering the verdict to transfer the person to the arrest house, correctional center or colony and detention facility serving sentences).

Protection of property rights. The section on protection of property rights led by Oleg Povalyayev in 2019 has conducted active work. The Committee members took part in the open meeting of the "Ukrainian Community of Construction Law". Also, under the auspices of the Human Rights Committee, a Memorandum on cooperation was signed between and public organization "Ukrainian Community of Construction Law". The purpose of this Memorandum is to support the introduction of modern international construction norms and rules of operation in the construction sector and related industries, to participate in the development of normative legal acts, training and

professional development of specialists (professionals) in the field of construction law.

in December 2019. Verkhovna Rada Committee for Organization of State Power, Local Self-government, Regional Development, and Urban Planning decided to sign the Memorandum of Cooperation with UNBA regarding collaboration through the active involvement of UNBA specialists, in particular, the relevant UNBA Committees, like the UNBA Committee on Construction Law and UNBA Committee for the Protection of Human Rights into the development of draft legal acts.

Work was carried out in the direction of protection of rights of land users, namely: the Chair of the Committee took part in the meetings of the Working Group on the Event Organization necessary to implement the decision of the European Court of Human Rights in the case "Zelenchuk and Tsitsyura v. Ukraine"; a number of the committee meetings on this issue was conducted. The Committee organized a roundtable on the topic: "Getting ready for the land market", which addressed the issue of transition from the shadow market to legal, risks for owners of "land plots" and farmers. A joint statement was prepared by the UNBA Committee of Agrarian and Land Law and the UNBA Committee for Protection of Human Rights in which the participants expressed the problems of the land reform and opined on further steps of its implementation.

In addition, the member of the UNBA Committee of the Protection of Human Rights and the "UNBA NextGen" held a training seminar in the form of a game "Politsabotage". This is a developmental, political, business psychological, role-playing game that models public, political life and relies on the enhanced debate system (including "Oxford Debate"). Communicating with each other during the game participants form an idea about the interaction of opposition players of political life, studying and developing political situations, practicing oratory, studying political terms, etc.



2019 Report of the UNBA Committee on Free Legal Aid

During the year 2019 Committee on Free Legal Aid, chaired by Sergiy Valentynovych Vylkov, held 6 sessions, examined 16 appeals (applications, complaints, etc.).

In the spirit of the Memorandum on Cooperation between Ukrainian National Bar Association and the Ministry of Justice of Ukraine in the field of free legal assistance, the decision of the Bar Council of Ukraine, on 27 September 2013 №230 and the Order of the Ministry of Justice of Ukraine from 15 November 2013 of №2424/5, the Committee on Free Legal Aid continued fruitful cooperation with the Coordination Center for Legal Aid Providing.

At the Committee's meetings, in order to solve problematic issues of the free legal aid system, the representatives of the Coordination Center were present and participating.

Chair of the Committee Vylkov S.V. took part in:

- the meetings of the working group on drafting methodological recommendations for legal aid to persons with visual impairments.
- paid a working visit to the Kingdom of Spain to conduct work meetings with the General Council of the Spanish Bars, the Minister of the Justice of Spain, the Supreme Court of Spain.

During 2019, the Chair of the Committee Vylkov S.V. took part in all meetings of the Bar Council of Ukraine, discussing the issues related to the free legal aid, reported on the merits of such issues, resulting in respective decisions adopted by the Bar Council of Ukraine.

As of the year-end, the Committee on Free Legal Aid carried out all decisions of the Bar Council of Ukraine related to the legal aid system and the Committee fulfilled the duties hereunder.

Committee representatives took part in:

- meeting of the Commission on Expert-Legal Analysis;
- the process of improving the Regulation on the Activity of Centers for Free Secondary Legal Aid;
- interacted with the Coordinating Center for Legal Aid.

Providing in regard to the necessity of the development of the Quality Standards of Legal Aid rendered to the people with disabilities.

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Report of UNBA Committee on Mediation 2019

Throughout 2019, among the advocacy community, the work was done to popularize mediation and the practice of the peaceful settlement of disputes. It is necessary to mention separately the following events that were conducted with the assistance of the Committee:

- On May 31, 2019, together with the Association of Administrative Judges, organized the 2nd International Scientific-Practical Conference on the topic: "Dispute settlement involving a judge: Ukrainian and international experience";
- Representatives of the Committee on Mediation took part in the meeting of Verkhovna Rada Committee on Legal policy during the presentation of the draft law "On Mediation";
- Prepared and directed to the Committee of the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine on Legal Policy proposals to the draft law
- 152 — "On mediation" in the context of the development of judicial mediation;
- Members of the Committee took part in the roundtable discussion organized by Kyiv City Commercial Court on the topic: Mediation:– the challenge of modernity.
- Training on mediation held for advocates of the free legal aid system.
- UNBA Committee on Mediation, jointly with the Odesa Academy of Mediation organized the All-Ukrainian forum on the topic: "Mediation and Law".

Active Members of the Committee entered the Working Group of the Ministry of Justice of Ukraine on ratification of the UN Convention "United Nations Convention on International Settlement Agreements Resulting from Mediation".

The Committee continued to cooperate with the social services of Kyiv City, which aimed at the popularization of mediation, in particular, in family matters.

Members of the Committee held a seminar for the Chairs of regional QDCBs, at the Legal Club "PRAVOKATOR": "Mediation – a peaceful way of resolving conflicts and disputes".



2019 Report of UNBA Committee for Physical Culture and Sports

On April 13–14, 2019 the National Football Tournament "UNBA Cup 2019" was held in the city of Dnipro. UNBA Committee for Physical Culture and Sports and UNBA/BCU Secretariat organized the tournament. The event was attended by 21 teams from all regions of Ukraine. In a fierce fight, EVRIS-Kyivshchyna became the winner.

On June 08, 2019, the UNBA Billiards Tournament among Ukrainian Advocates took place in Kyiv. The tournament was held to organize the leisure of advocates sharing a common hobby, attracting more and more advocates and finding winners. Advocates from different cities of Ukraine joined the competition. The Chief Judge of the competition was – Master of Sports in Billiards Sergiy Petrash. According to the results of the tournament, awards were presented to the best players. The tournament will be conducted annually.

On September 14, 2019, the Committee on Physical Culture and Sports of the National Bar of Ukraine organized the first All-Ukrainian Tournament among Advocates of Trap Shooting, held at the Sports and Training complex "Sokol" (Brovary City).

As the Chair of the Committee on Physical Culture and Sports, Taras Lamakh said: "The trapshooting tournament for advocates is a super event, increasing corporate spirit of advocacy, the possibility for informal communication and acquaintance with colleagues. I discovered trap shooting for myself, it is much more dynamic, more interesting than firing on targets. I will train and in the next tournament, I hope to create more serious competition for the top tournament participants.

The Committee held more than 15 meetings. In particular, on **06 November 2019**, at the ordinary meeting, a sports event plan for the year 2020 was devised. As a result of the discussion, the following action plan was prepared: to hold the trap shooting training at SSK "Kupol"; the First Advocates' Bowling Tournament, chess tournament, Third all-Ukrainian tournament of billiard; The Fifth Jubilee All-Ukrainian Advocates' Football Tournament "UNBA Cup 2020"; All-Ukrainian Trap Shooting Tournament, the Second All-Ukrainian Table Tennis Tournament, yachting competition, corporate sailing regatta for advocates. It is also planned to prepare a team for Nova Poshta Kyiv Half Marathon. In fact, the teams of the Notary Chamber of Ukraine, the National Police, the Prosecutor's Office are present there, and the advocates' team will be participating for the very first time.

Also, on the premises of the Combat Sports and Strength Events Department of the National University of Ukraine on Physical



Education and Sport traditional classes on self-defense (boxing, melee-fight, Sambo and just healing gymnastics) are held for advocates. Classes are free to attend. The advocates' are taught by international Masters of Sports in Boxing, kick-boxing world champions.

On December 07, 2019, the First Open All-Ukrainian Advocates' UNBA Bowling Tournament was organized by the UNBA Committee on Physical Culture and Sports. The advocates had an opportunity to compete for the bowling championship, as well as informally communicate with their colleagues and have fun.

As the Chair of the Committee **Taras Lamakh** said: "*The mini-party of the UNBA Committee went perfectly fine, and certainly demonstrated - the advocacy is full of talents in all spheres of activity, including bowling!* "

We invite all advocates to join the Committee's team!

2019 Report of UNBA Committee on Approximation of the Advocacy of Ukraine to the European Legal Standards

UNBA Committee on Approximation of the Advocacy of Ukraine to the European Legal Standards, in 2019, fulfilled several projects which contributed to further professional development of Ukrainian advocacy following the European standards and raising the level of advocate's awareness on the mechanisms of human rights in international law enforcement practice, in particular, by organizing and conducting educational, scientific and practical events, including seminars, pieces of training, forums, conferences, round tables both in Ukraine and abroad, including with the assistance and participation of international organizations, namely:

— organization of CLE training events for advocates;

— conducting lectures at Higher School of Advocacy;

— organization of lectures/practical cases for students;

— speeches at the training events for advocates;

— representation of the Committee at Scientific and Practical conferences, in particular, at the National University "Odesa Law Academy".

The next important step that was made by the Committee on the path of Eurointegration is the establishment and support of business relations with the representatives of international bodies of advocacy, in particular of Spain, Turkey, Germany, France, Italy, Moldova, and others. In order to integrate European standards into the operation of Ukrainian advocacy, in 2019, the Chair of the Committee carried out the fruitful work to establish business ties with international organizations, in particular: The

Council of Europe, including its structural bodies; The European Court of Human Rights; Representatives of the advocacy bodies of European countries, as well as ensuring the development of law enforcement practice in Ukraine. There is currently an established mechanism for further study visits to both the EU and Bar bodies of foreign countries.

One of the main tasks of the Committee is organization of developing, printing, and publication for the general use of explanatory and analytical materials, including certain key recommendations, pamphlets, other supporting clarifications, and materials, on topical legal issues of the institutional development of the human rights and interests protection in the course of legal procedure within European institutions. For that reason, the committee fulfilled the project, which is a significant contribution to the development of modern advocacy. In the course of independent professional activity in the irregular working hours, the advocate is obliged to conduct representation of the client's interests in the courts of Ukraine and other institutions of any forms of ownership – "courtroom" or not, is a workplace of the advocate, which should meet the requirements of the labor legislation (and this, in turn, feature table and chair at the very least), comply with occupational safety and sanitary standards for lighting, vibration and noise levels, microclimate on the premises, etc. Lack of adequate conditions for the work of the advocate is an obstacle for the realization of rights and freedoms of human and citizen, which are granted by the Constitution of Ukraine.

To prevent the aforementioned violation of advocates' rights, the Committee carried out project work, which consisted of the following stages:

1. Identification of obstacles in the work of a lawyer that arise during participation in court proceedings.
2. Conducting a study on the absence or presence of a relevant problem with the workplace of a lawyer in courtrooms in the European Union, studied the case law of the European Court of Human Rights on this issue.
3. Initiation of cooperation with people's deputies of Ukraine for further solution of this problem.
4. Preparation and direct submission of the "Appeal" to the Bar Council of Ukraine, with a detailed analysis and mechanisms for resolving this issue.



5. Obtaining a decision of the Bar Council of Ukraine with the available facts confirming the urgency of this issue and solutions thereto.
6. Preparation of materials, development, and printing of Committee letterheads, analysis of the actual practice of Ukrainian courts.
7. Preparing, printing, and submitting the decision of the Bar Council of Ukraine to the Heads of Courts of Ukraine, namely:

- **Head of the Supreme Court Danishevska Valentyna Ivanivna;**
- **Deputy Head of the Supreme Court, Head of the Cassation Commercial Court Lvov Bogdan Yuriyovich;**
- **Head of the Administrative Court of Cassation, Smokovych Mykhailo Mykhailovich;**
- **Head of the Criminal Court of Cassation Kravchenko Stanislav Ivanovich;**
- **Head of the Civil Court of Cassation Gulko Borys Ivanovich;**
- **to 37 courts of appeal;**
- **to 50 local courts.**



Therefore, the Committee promptly informed 92 of the Heads of the courts of Ukraine about the respective decision of the Bar Council of Ukraine.

8. Receipt of letters in response to the decisions of the Bar Council of Ukraine, by which the representatives of the judicial branch of power expressed their full support to the need to inform about the content and the decision of the Bar Council of Ukraine the meetings of judges and supported the need for ensuring advocates of Ukraine and their clients can use a temporary workplace in the courtroom.



2019 Report of the UNBA Committee on Medical, Pharmaceutical Law and Bioethics

I. Preparation of thematic articles and speeches for the media:

1. During 2019, several thematic articles and speeches for the mass media were prepared by Members of the Committee, in particular: 6 articles and speeches by Yudin O., 6 publications Seniuta I., 2 publications Tereshko H., 5 articles and speeches by Kashyntseva O., 1 publication by Valakh V., 1 article by Kalyniuk N. and Savko I., 1 publication by Dyuzheva D., 1 article by Savelova Yu. 1 article Kalyniuk N. and Savko I., 1 publication Dyuzheva D., 1 article Savelova Yu.

II. Activities of the Committee according to the approved work plan:

Cooperation with the project "Strengthening the Implementation of European Human Rights Standards in Ukraine" within the framework of the Medical Law Training Course "Basic principles of human rights protection in the field of biomedicine"

- HELP training for advocates on the topic: "Basic principles of human rights protection in biomedicine" (coaches – I. Seniuta, H. Tereshko, 13.04.2019, Lviv and 25.05.2019 City of Kharkiv City;
- Presentation of the training course on the HELP program: "Basic principles of human rights protection in biomedicine" and conducting training for trainers. Among those who have passed the training – 20 Members of the Committee (23.11.2019, Kyiv City)
- Participation in organization and conducting of scientific and practical activities in the field of medical law together with the Ukrainian National Bar Association and UNBA Higher School of Advocacy.
- The Committee held 7 webinars, 14 seminars,
- The Committee members held 2 round tables and 1 training course on the premises of UNBA and UNBA Higher School of Advocacy.
- The Chair of the Committee prepared 20 scientific and practical comments for the UNBA HSA website.
- Activities within the All-Ukrainian Week of Law
- Within the framework of All-Ukrainian Week of Law, the



Committee members held 5 pieces of training, 9 lectures, 4 seminars, 2 free-of-charge consultations and conference report.

- Participation in organization and carrying out of scientific and practical activities falling within the Committee's profile
- Members of the Committee, in 2019, participated in 13 seminars, delivered 5 speeches, 4 lectures, 5 conferences, 4 roundtables, 5 pieces of training, 2 expert meetings, forums, webinars, etc.
- Cooperation with interregional resource and communication platforms – "PRAVOKATOR" legal clubs
- In cooperation, the Committee held 4 seminars, 2 speeches and training on the subjects of medical law.

III. International cooperation

- VII Conference of the European Association of Health Law "Innovation and Healthcare: New challenges for Europe" (2019, City of Toulouse, France). Iryna Seniuta, participated in the event, delivered a speech and moderated a workshop, while Christina Tereshko delivered the stand presentation.



- Meeting of the General Assembly of the European Association of Health Law (26.09.2019, Toulouse, France).
- On November 22, 2019, the Memorandum of understanding was signed between the Ukrainian National Bar Association and the World Association of Medical Law. The Memorandum was signed by Valentyn Gvozdiy, the UNBA Vice-President and Kenneth Berger, the Secretary-General of the WAML. The parties agreed to cooperate, in particular, in the following directions: the devising of joint educational products for advocates, aimed at professional development, organization and maintenance of joint scientific and practical activities, preparation of methodical and analytical materials.
- Publication of the article in the Newsletter of the European Medical Law Association (2nd issue of 2019 Newsletter) regarding key news in the field of medical law in Ukraine, prepared by Iryna Seniuta. Among the news, the information about the cooperation of the Committee and UNBA HSA concerning the training courses on medical law, about the HELP training course medical law «Basic principles of human rights protection in the field of biomedicine», jointly conducted in Ukraine by the CoE and the UNBA, were published. You may find the full text of the EAML Information Bulletin at the link: <https://bit.ly/3fjxtBo>

IV. Preparation of analytical materials (conclusions, comments, draft normative legal acts, methodological recommendations, etc.)

- Preparation of proposals to the draft law of Ukraine "On amending certain legislative acts of Ukraine to promote the formation of responsible fatherhood" (prepared by Iryna Seniuta);
- The legal opinion of the Committee of Medical and Pharmaceutical Law and Bioethics on the draft law of Ukraine №. 2089 of 06.09.2019 "On amendments to certain legislative



acts of Ukraine on improving the availability of medicinal products for citizens" (prepared by Oksana Kashyntseva);

- The scientific and practical conclusion to the project of the Law of Ukraine
- "On amendments to certain legislative acts of Ukraine on the realization of the rights of teenagers in the field of health" (prepared by Iryna Seniuta);
- Preparation of methodical recommendations for advocates "European Court of Human Rights practice in the field of healthcare" (authored by Iryna Seniuta).

V. Relations with the media

1. Oleh Yudin and Viktoriya Valakh took part in the television show at Odessa regional channel "7 Kanal" – "Vaccination – coercion, and violation of civil rights or care for the nation" (04.02.2019).
<https://bit.ly/2ymUzXn>
2. Valakh V. took part in the "Theme of the Day" show concerning the rights of unvaccinated children to visit kindergartens and schools, on 15.08.2019.
<https://bit.ly/2SE3ESp>
3. Valakh V. participated in the show "Golden Mean" (topic "Chemical castration: for and against") 16.09. 2019.
<https://bit.ly/3fn1oIO>
4. Kashyntseva O. participated in the radio show "On international procurement of medicinal products"
<https://bit.ly/3fpbUQO>

VI. Advocacy work of Committee members

Conducting advocacy campaign on ratification of the Convention for the protection of Human Rights and Dignity of the Human Being concerning the Application of Biology and Medicine: Convention on Human Rights and Biomedicine from 04.04.1997, which Ukraine signed on 22.03.2002, but did not ratify.

Drafting of an open letter on the draft law "On amending certain laws of Ukraine on the elimination of artificial bureaucratic barriers and corruption factors in the sphere of health care" (№. 2429).

2019 Report of UNBA Family Law Committee

The UNBA Family Law Committee was established as a Section in the structure of the Ukrainian National Bar Association (UNBA) following the Order of UNBA/BCU President №. 6 dated January 25, 2018. On 28 August 2019, the Family Law Section has been reformed into the UNBA Family Law Committee. Chair of the UNBA Family Law Committee Ganna Oleksandrivna.

The purpose of the Committee is the promotion of the development of family law, ensuring effective means of protection of the rights of the subjects of family legal relations, deepening of practical experience of advocates in the creation of algorithms and strategies of extrajudicial protection of rights and interests of the participants of family legal relations.

The Committee's work in 2019 focused on such new directions as:

1. Organization and holding of seminars, conferences, pieces of training, and other UNBA events

At the UNBA Higher School of Advocacy, members of the Family Law Committee conducted 39 events for the training of advocates (seminars and webinars). The lecturers of the events were Chair of the Committee Ganna Garo and Members of the Committee: Dmytro Nezviskyi, Viktoriya Valakh, Anna Kruglyakova, Tetiana Vodopian, Iryna Groza, Larisa Gretchenko, Olga Spektor.

2. Memorandums signed upon the initiative of the Committee:

On July 18, 2019, with the assistance of the UNBA Family Law Committee, the following Memoranda of Cooperation were concluded between:

- Ukrainian National Bar Association with the Notary Chamber of Ukraine. As part of this Memorandum, with the involvement of the Members of the Family Law Committee, the project is expected: to facilitate participation in the development of normative legal acts projects in the sphere of family law; joint participation in scientific, investigation, and other programs and projects aimed at the development of family law; joint preparation of analytical and methodical materials, collection and synthesis of the practice of exercise and law enforcement in the field of family law.
- Ukrainian National Bar Association with the Public Organization "Association of Family Mediators of Ukraine". Memorandum provides for involving members of the UNBA Committee on Mediation and the UNBA Family Law Committee to develop joint proposals and recommendations for draft laws and other regulatory acts, State programs and action plans aimed at ensuring the quality of the provision of family mediation services in Ukraine.



- Ukrainian National Bar Association and the Public Organization "The League of Mediators of Ukraine". With the participation of the UNBA Committee on Mediation and the UNBA Family Law Committee, the framework of the Memorandum provides for the development of joint proposals and recommendations for draft laws and other regulatory acts, government programs, and action plans.
- Ukrainian National Bar Association Ukraine and the Center for Families and Legal Studies. The cooperation also foresees joint research in the field of family law and conducting educational and scientific activities for the study of family legal relations based on the best European and world practices.

The Memorandum includes such a provision as the study and analysis of the trends of family legal relations in Ukraine and the world, as well as develop recommendations to the authorities, public associations, etc.; popularization of human rights and fundamental freedoms protection ideas and international standards.

UNBA signed a Memorandum with the public organization "Modern Law Studio". The document envisages the main goal – of cooperation to be the exchange of information and experience between the parties, implementation of practical activities in the sphere of the rule of practice, protection of rights and freedoms of human and citizen on the basis of the equality and observance of generally accepted norms and principles of international law, in order to promote approximation of Ukrainian legislation and practice of application to the best world standards and fulfillment of Ukraine's international law.

3. Cooperation of UNBA Committees and other structures:

By the order of UNBA/BCU President dated October 29, 2019, a joint working group of advocates from the UNBA Committee on Protection of Human Rights and UNBA Family Law Committee under the name "Child's Advocate" aimed at preparing amendments to the current legislation of Ukraine on the implementation of the direct right of the child for access



to legal assistance regardless of the position or consent of the second parent (both parents), development of methodical recommendations and standards for child representation, practical implementation of the proposed changes and holding training seminars.

4. Preparation of analytical and methodological materials:

On October 09, 2019, the Committee, in cooperation with the Center for Family and Legal Studies, mediators from the Association of Family Mediators of Ukraine, and the League of Mediators of Ukraine prepared the methodical recommendations for advocates "Peaceful resolution of family disputes".

The manual discloses the topic of peaceful settlement of disputes arising in family relations. The recommendations described in detail ways of peaceful settlement of family disputes; reveal how the family mediation takes place, case-studies are described that will help to understand the practical aspect of mediator's activity; the peculiarities of negotiations in family disputes are reviewed, as well as the specifics of the dispute settlement procedure involving the judge; the documents are listed which may witness the peaceful resolutions of a family dispute(s); the role of the advocate during the family dispute is described and hints are provided on how to find and select a mediator. Methodological recommendations are available at the link: <http://bit.ly/2Vyh0Qu>

5. Collection and generalization of legislative compliance practices in the field of family law:

The UNBA Family Law Committee prepared a DIGEST of legal positions of the Supreme Court in family disputes over the 1st half of the year 2019 on general provisions on marriage, marital contract, spouses' rights to common property, the origin of the child, renewal, and termination of parental rights, alimony obligations, and mutual relations with guardianship and custody agencies, and other issues of children's rights. PDF version of the Digest available at the link <https://bit.ly/2yvlIqY>

In December 2019 the Committee prepared and published the Bulletin (Informational Digest of news in the field of family law) for 3 quarters of 2019, which reflects: the news of the Committee, novelties (actual changes) of legislation, forensic activity, scientific publications, dissertations and other publications in the field of Committee's activity. PDF version of the Bulletin available at the link: <https://bit.ly/35KsN3j>

In addition, the Committee prepared a Digest of the ECHR legal positions regarding Ukraine under Article 8 of the ECHR "Right to respect for private and family life, home and correspondence" for the period between 2005 and three quarters of 2019. PDF version of the Digest available at the link: <https://bit.ly/35yJSwR>



6. Participation in the development of draft normative legal acts in the field of family law, proposals to them and the current legislation aimed at optimizing the protection of the rights of subjects of family legal relations:

The Committee (Chair of the Committee Ganna Garo and Member of the Committee Victoria Sanduleyeva) prepared comments and positions on the draft law of Ukraine "On Amendments to Certain Legislative Acts of Ukraine on Promoting the Formation of Responsible Parenthood", which provides for the amendments to the Family Code of Ukraine and other legislative acts on strengthening the responsibility of parents and other persons who care for children in the carrying out their parental duties in order to ensure the best interests of the child.

On October 29, 2019, during a joint meeting with the participation of the Ministry of Social Policy of Ukraine, the Commissioner of the President of Ukraine for Children's Rights, the Ministry of Health of Ukraine, advocates of the Ukrainian National Bar Association, agreed on positions on the developed draft law.



2019 Report of the UNBA Committee on IT Law

1. Work on participation in the creation of training programs, thematic seminars and trainings for advocates in the field of IT law:

1.1. FORUM "IT INDUSTRY: JUDICIAL REALITIES AND ADVOCACY"

On July 12, 2019, the Ukrainian National Bar Association jointly with "Bachynskyy and Partners" Law Firm held a forum "IT industry: Judicial realities and Advocacy", Lviv.

During the forum, the issues pertaining to labor disputes in the IT sector were discussed, problems of judicial protection of trade secrets and confidential information were analyzed, the topic of searches and legal protection of IT business, as well as the practice of ECHR in the IT law sphere, was worked out.

The Forum was duly accredited, namely all 5 of the topics from 5 speakers. According to the results, participants were tested online and received a corresponding number of professional development points.

The number of participants amounted to 50 people. Forum Duration – 5 hours.



1.2. LVIV IT LAW FORUM

On November 15, 2019, the Chair of the Committee Taras Volodymyrovych Bachynskyy, together with other participants, took part in LVIV IT LAW FORUM, where the committee acted as one of the partners and organizers.

The participants discussed several important questions. In particular: Advantages and disadvantages of banning developers'

cooperation with competitors and other clients; the possibility of recovering damages inflicted by the contractor; "internal" and "external" lawyers: which format of IT business support is more effective.

The forum has become the basis for possible further cooperation with other organizations and the involvement of new members in the Committee on IT Law of the Ukrainian National Bar Association.

2. Work on cooperation with NGOs, institutions, educational establishments:

2.1. COOPERATION WITH ONLINE LAW SCHOOL

On January 18, 2019, the IT Law Committee signed a Memorandum of Cooperation with the Online Law School education service.

Members of the IT Law committee acted as trainers in the Online Law School training programs, including the online IT Law course.

The Committee jointly with Online Law School developed two unique special courses on the study of IT law, which include learning the following basic topics, in particular: contracts in IT, corporate and tax structuring of IT business in Ukraine, international corporate and tax structuring, legal support of web resources and legal risks in the work of IT companies, as well as other, as well as more specialized topics of courses, such as Smart-Contracts, LegalTech, services on Blockchain, e-commerce, mediation as a way to resolve disputes in IT, Internet disputes, GDPR – practical application, legal aspects of cryptocurrencies, tokenized assets.

The online course was taken by dozens of students and advocates that only started their journey in the IT law industry.

2.2. GUIDE "BASICS OF IT LAW"

The Chair of the Committee Bachynskyy T.V., co-authored with other advocates and lawyers to develop the manual "Basics of IT Law", which is based on the practical experience of legal support of IT companies in Ukraine. The manual, first of all, is devoted to the analysis of judicial practice and cases. In order to compare and generalize the teaching of foreign experience in the field of IT law was analyzed and shown the experience of the USA and EU countries.

The textbook "Fundamentals of IT Law" is included in the top 20 recommended legal books of Ukraine according to Yurydychna Gazeta.

2019 Report of the UNBA Youth Committee

–“UNBA NextGen”

During 2019, the UNBA Youth Committee – “UNBA NextGen” carried out activities in the following areas:

1. Conducting training activities for advocates

In the area of advocates' training, the Committee organized 18 events on the premises of UNBA Higher School of Advocacy, both in Kyiv and in the regions of Ukraine.



2. Organization of events by the Committee/with the participation of the Committee

Chair of the UNBA NextGen Committee Vladyslav Belotsky and Members of the Committee Vladyslav Vlasniuk, Kateryna Kovalevska, and Evgeniya Khakhina, Chair of the UNBA Committee for Continuing Legal Education, 4–7 April 2019, participated in the annual spring conference of the European Young Bar Association, which took place in the city of Chisinau (Moldova).

The Conference was devoted to the harmonization of national legislation to European Union legislation (“Acquis communautaire”). The conference was attended by young advocates from Eastern and Western Europe. At the opening ceremony, there were representatives of the Union of Advocates of the Republic of Moldova, the U.S. Embassy, and European Commission Delegation to Moldova. During the two-day discussion, participants conversed about strategic planning, the experience of certain countries in the practical adaptation of civil and commercial law to EU requirements. A separate point of the discussion touched upon financial transactions under the

mechanism of the Capetown Convention.

In the course of the Conference, a meeting with the leadership of the European Young Bar Association took place. Ukrainian delegation agreed to continue cooperation with EYBA, in particular, by conducting joint events in Ukraine on the subject matter of the EU law and the work of advocates at the ECHR.

On April 23, 2019, members of UNBA NextGen, Vitalii Vlasniuk, and Olena Mironenko-Shulgan were speakers during the round table “Countering bullying: the first verdicts and further formation of the practice”, held on the premises of the Kyiv City State Administration. The organizers were Ukrainian National Bar Association and NGO “Social Justice “Conscience”.

The advocates of UNBA NextGen Youth Committee Vitalii Vlasniuk and Olena Mironenko-Shulgan introduced the **“StopBullying”** Initiative, meant to provide pro bono legal assistance to bullying victims.

The main goals of the advocacy initiative “StopBullying” are:

- coordination of advocates' work in bullying cases;
- increasing legal awareness of citizens and students of bullying issues.

In Ukraine, bullying problems are extremely acute. One answer to it was the adoption of legislative changes, that implemented the concepts of bullying into the legislation and established liability for it. The law “On Amendments to Certain Legislative Acts of Ukraine Regarding Countering Bullying” came into force on January 19, 2019. However, in order to make the legal mechanism work, the efforts of the public and advocacy are necessary.

The UNBA NextGen Youth Committee became a member of the European Young Bar Association, EYBA.

Representatives of the UNBA NextGen Youth Committee Sergiy Barashin and Vladyslav Belotsky successfully presented the Committee and UNBA at the EYBA Summer Conference in Rome, which took place on June 20–23, 2019.

The European Young Bar Association is a non-profit organization, founded in May 1993. EYBA's purpose of the activity is to represent and protect the interests of young lawyers and advocates throughout Europe, organization of courses, congresses, events,

meetings, and sessions to continuously educate their members and expand their contacts with colleagues from Europe.

At the EYBA 2019 Summer Conference in Rome, representatives of the Committee held a presentation about NextGen and UNBA to the Members and leadership of the Association. The participants expressed particular interest in the structure of UNBA, availability, and activities of UNBA HSA, the works of the Youth Committee, which corresponds to the goal of EYBA activity.

As a result of previous negotiations, EYBA is ready to consider Ukraine as the venue for the next Summer Conference. The corresponding result was achieved due to the common effort of the NextGen committee, including the visit of the EYBA Conference in Moldova, held in autumn 2019.

On August 17, 2019, the UNBA Youth Committee NextGen held the second Summer Gathering for young advocates and lawyers and attracted more than three hundred guests. The partners of the event were the GOLAW law firm and the world brand Jack Daniels. The party was held at the location on the bank of the Dnipro River called «Perfect Place» (Venetian Island, Golden Beach). Upon the proposal of the Committee, the event was held under the slogan "Learn and Have Fun". On the day of the party, guests had an opportunity to visit the course on advocacy ethics at a special price. The course was accredited by the Expert Council and conducted on the premises of the UNBA Higher School of Advocacy, with 2 points of advanced training accrued for the visit.

Mafia for advocates

Sharing experience and networking between lawyers and advocates are among the goals of the UNBA NextGen Youth Committee. Continuing informal meetings between colleagues, the Committee successfully conducted several events: "Mafia for Advocates" (6 of which on 13 March, 10 April, 5 June, 17 July, 4 October 2019). The brightest was the costumed mafia in the Halloween style (31 October) and in the "Great Gatsby" style (23 December).

1. Work of UNBA NextGen in the regions of Ukraine:

Rivne

On 5 October and 9 November 2019, in Rivne, with the support of the Youth Committee of Ukrainian National Bar Association "UNBA NextGen" and the Bar Council of Rivne Region held an event "MY MORNING MOTIVATION" for female advocates and lawyers.

During the event, the participants practiced morning training, led by training speaker advocate Viktoriya Pinchuk, that spoke about how to implement the "upgrade" of the habitual regime of the advocate and integrate the morning motivation into daily lifestyle.

All the attendees were able to get useful recommendations on setting the active morning routine, exchange their own training experience, and communicate in a pleasant atmosphere.



2019 Report UNBA Committee on Gender Policy

The UNBA Committee on Gender Policy was established by order UNBA/BCU President No. 20 dated March 7, 2019, as a permanent collegiate advisory body.

The goal of the Committee is the development of women's leadership in the legal profession, advocacy in particular. Advocate Olga Prosyaniuk chaired the new Committee.

The main events in 2019 were attended by Members of the UNBA Committee on Gender Policy:

On October 22, 2019, a meeting was held with the participation of Olga Prosyaniuk, Chair of the UNBA Committee on Gender Policy Committee, Olga Poyedynok, Chair of the UNBA Committee for Legal Education, and Ganna Garo, Chair of the UNBA Committee on Family Law and the UNBA Committee Coordinator.

The Committee Chairs discussed the directions of the Gender Policy Committee activity to ensure equal rights and opportunities for women and men in professional activities. It is planned to conduct statistical and analytic research, work with youth (in particular, mentoring programs), establish national and international cooperation with relevant organizations, which specialize in gender policy issues.

On December 18, 2019, upon the initiative of the Gender Policy Committee, UNBA held a meeting in the format of opinion exchange and mutual discussion on the topic: "Gender equality in the field of criminal law and procedure: problems and risks. A view of female advocate", which united female lawyers specializing in criminal law and process.

Among the issues that were discussed during the meeting: reasons, which prompted them to choose criminal practice; challenges which they faced at the time of the study (the reaction of relatives, classmates, and the professors); the existence of conflict situations with fellow male colleagues due to the biased attitude of the latter to the females; reaction to the participation of the speakers on the case, because of their gender on the part of procedural opponents (investigators, prosecutors, judges, and others); challenges faced in the process of building a career at different stages; cases of clients refusal to cooperate because gender and, conversely, focus on cooperation with the speaker as a woman.

As a result of the meeting, the participants agreed on the need and importance of continuing similar meetings in the future.



2019 Report of UNBA Committee on Electronic Litigation and Cybersecurity of Legal Practice

UNBA Committee on Electronic Litigation and Cybersecurity of Legal Practice is a permanent collegiate advisory body formed under Ukrainian National Bar Association following the BCU decision №52 dated April 12, 2019.

UNBA Committee on Electronic Litigation and Cybersecurity of Legal practice, in order to study the issues and practices of implementation of the means and methods of cybersecurity and the protection of information, communications, automated systems, telecommunication, and electronic systems and networks, electronic evidence, computer equipment used by advocates in the provision of legal assistance, information that is subject to professional privilege and development of effective means of protection for such information, electronic documents, electronic evidence, professional privilege, electronic data that is owned by advocates and/or were received by them in the course of legal practice (ensuring the cybersecurity of legal practice).

The Committee in 2019, together with the UNBA Committee for Continuing Legal Education and the experts of the Computer Forensics Laboratory, held events to improve the skills of advocates of Rivne, Mykolayiv, Odesa, Lugansk, Zhytomyr, Dnipropetrovsk, Khmelnytskyi regions on cyber defense, electronic evidence, computer and technical examinations in legal practice.

According to the results of the events, received many requests and relevant requests from the advocates regarding the interesting issues, and in respect of which directions in the field of cyber protection are requested to obtain the relevant data, information, and practical data.

The Committee's activities are based on the principles of cooperation with other Committees and various organizations, experts, and specialists. Thus, today the specialist in the field of cyber defense and computer-technical research, which together with the Committee Members carries out the activity of experts in the LLC "Computer Forensics Laboratory", is Sergiy Denisenko. From 2004 to 2015, he worked as a lead expert of the computer-technical research sector in the Kyiv Research Forensic Center of the Main Department at the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Ukraine in Kyiv region, since August 2015 he has been working as executive director of LLC "Computer Forensics Laboratory".

The Committee's activity plans for the year 2020 are to hold events for improving the skills of advocates in cyber defense and

digital forensics, ethical conduct in digital space. Completion of the joint work on methodological materials for advocates on these issues



2019 Report UNBA Intellectual Property Committee

The UNBA Intellectual Property Committee was established by order of UNBA/BCU President №.110 dated March 7, 2019, as a permanent collegiate advisory body. The purpose of the Committee is to promote the development of the system of the legal protection of intellectual property, as well as to fulfill the needs of advocates in the field of intellectual property law.

The Committee is presided by Mykola Pototskiy, Ph.D., advocate, Head of the Department for the Promotion of Rights Protection at the State Enterprise "Ukrpatent". Vice-Chair of the Committee is Sergiy Barbashin, advocate, managing partner at TRUSTME Law Firm, Member of the UNBA NextGen Committee.

Today the Committee comprises about 30 members and dynamically develops.

The Committee's work in 2019 was focused on such new directions as:

1. Professional development of advocates in the field of intellectual property:

In this area of advocates' training, the Committee organized 18 events at the premises of UNBA Higher School of Advocacy, both in Kyiv and in the regions of Ukraine.

At the UNBA Higher school advocacy held 19 events, which involved more than 1200 people. The lecturers of the events were the Committee Chair Mykola Pototskiy, Vice-Chair of the Committee Sergiy Barbashin, and Members of the Committee, in particular: Ganna Prokhorova, Iryna Horodetska, Oleh Chernobay, Kateryna Sopova, Pylyp Bilytskiy, Anna Kravchuk, Dmytro Stefanovych, Igor Starodubov, Yulia Prokhoda.

Also, the Committee holds regular webinars, such as: "Registration of trademarks in 2019" (held on 25.04.2019), "Trademarks – what you need to know for successful registration" (held on 30.05.2019), "Trademarks acquiring distinctiveness" (03.07.2019), "Distinguishing Trademarks Quality" (23.10.2019).

The Vice-Chair of the Committee Sergiy Barbashin separately introduced informal activities for communication between the advocates and experts in the field of intellectual property. IP breakfast was one such activity, covering the topics

"Actual questions regarding the activities of collective management organizations" (15.11.2019), as well as "Intellectual property and advertising" (17.12.2019).



2. Recruitment of active Committee members and expansion of the Committee's scope of activity.

The selection of new members is carried out using announcements and invitations made at the events of the Committee. As of December 2019, the Committee received 23 membership applications and planned to approve the initial Board composed of 15 Members.

3. Monitoring of IP issues and informing the Government about the position of the Bar.

On September 20, 2019, the Committee held a roundtable discussion on the topic: "Higher Court of Intellectual Property: the State of Formation", devoted to the issues of the creation of this court, ensuring publicity and transparency of its composition, as well as the ensuring legislative, expert and organizational support of its activities.

According to the results of the event, the participants of adopted a Resolution, which, in particular, noted the inadmissibility of reduction of the number of judges of the Supreme Court, revision of the decision on the creation of a specialized judicial body in the field of intellectual property, as well as stressed the extraordinary urgency for the Higher Court of Intellectual Property commencement of work.

December 16, 2019, Committee representatives – Mykola Pototskiy, Sergiy Barbashin, Ganna Prokhorova, Valentyn Ryzhak, Pylyp Bilytsky, and Yulia Prokhoda took part in Parliamentary hearings on the topic: "Building an effective intellectual property protection system in Ukraine".

According to the results of Parliamentary hearings, the Committee has prepared a letter to the relevant Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine

Committee on Economic Development. The appeal proposes to pay attention to the urgent need to complete the reform of public administration of intellectual property and the urgent need for adoption of the draft law of Ukraine "On amendments to certain legal acts of Ukraine on the creation of National Intellectual Property Authority (NIPA)" (№. 2255), with due regard to the key provisions of the draft law of Ukraine "On improving the state system of the legal protection of intellectual property" (№. 2255-1).

Also, representatives of the Committee stressed that the development of standards for intellectual property rights in Ukraine stipulates the need to extend the rights of advocates in the field of intellectual property.

As instructed by UNBA/BCU President L.P. Izovitova, the Committee worked on the letter of the Ministry of Justice of Ukraine (23.10.2019 №.8965/27.3/33-19) concerning monitoring the effectiveness of regulatory and legal acts. As a result of this consideration, information was prepared within the competence, that the current legislation in the field of forensic expert activity requires improvements in relation to the preparation of conclusions as requested by case parties, elimination of discriminatory provisions concerning experts who are not employees of specialized expert institutions (unequal conditions of attestation, a period of re-attestation, participation in devising methodicals for forensic expertise, traineeship, the procedure for appointing the expertise).



2019 Report of UNBA Committee on Interaction with the Civil Society

UNBA Committee on Interaction with the Civil Society (hereinafter referred to as the Committee) is a permanent collegiate body formed following the decision of BCU №.83 of 27.06.2019, within the structure of the Ukrainian National Bar Association (hereinafter referred to as UNBA). Chair of the Committee – Misiats Vitaliy Petrovych (appointed by order of the UNBA/BCU President №.82 from 12.07.2019).

The purpose of the Committee is to facilitate the establishment of the authority of the advocacy at both national and local levels through the development of co-operation with Ukrainian and international civil society organizations, donor agencies, international technical assistance programs, and foreign humanitarian missions operating in Ukraine.

For the period of July-December 2019, the Committee carried out the following activities:

Continuing Legal Education events for advocates.

On October 16, 2019, on the eve of the European Day of Combating Human Trafficking, advocates of Khmelnytskyi region were trained to fight trafficking during the training "Detection and countering human trafficking, legal support of victims, obtaining compensations". The training was organized by the UNBA Committee on Interaction with the Civil Society.

In November 2019, advocates and employees of the Free Legal Aid System took part in the Second Series of pieces of training for advocates "Detection and countering human trafficking, legal support of victims, obtaining compensations".

"Human trafficking is a major problem in the Chernihiv region. People often go to work in Belarus and Russia, so the risk of becoming a victim of human trafficking is very high", said Olesya Pyrkovska, Deputy Head of the Chernihiv Regional Secondary Free Legal Aid Center.

November 2019, advocates and employees of the SFLA System of Sumy region discussed the problem of human trafficking at the training

"Detection and countering human trafficking, legal support of victims, obtaining compensations". The training was conducted to increase awareness of the event participants about the issues of professional legal aid to help victims of human trafficking and



identification of cases of human trafficking during the provision of legal aid. 167

The program agenda included: the scale of human trafficking in Ukraine, basic concepts of the topic, detection and identification of persons affected by human trafficking, basic rules/tips for conducting interviews with affected persons, including children, How should the legislation on granting legal aid to human trafficking victims be improved? What should an advocate keep in mind when dealing with victims of human trafficking? What is the recommended algorithm of legal support of the victims of human trafficking?

Participants tried to answer these and other questions at the round table "Strengthening the role of advocacy in combating human trafficking", held on December 6, 2019, at the Ukrainian National Bar Association. The event was attended by leading national experts on countering human trafficking, advocates, representatives of the Coordination Center for the Ministry of Justice on Free Legal Aid Providing, representatives of international and national non-governmental organizations.

According to Sergiy Vylkov, the Chair of the Higher Qualification and Disciplinary Commission of the Bar: "Ukrainian National Bar Association is open to cooperation with civil society and authorities in combating human trafficking. UNBA, with more than 50,000 member advocates, is ready to provide quality and professional legal aid to each victim of human trafficking".

The Chair of the Committee Vitaliy Misiats presented the draft Recommendations for advocates on the provision of legal assistance in cases related to human trafficking. This document,

after taking into account all of the proposals received during the round table, was submitted to the Bar Council of Ukraine and will be recommended for the use by advocates in providing legal assistance to victims of human trafficking, including those advocates who cooperate with the Secondary Free Legal Aid Centers.



2019 Report of UNBA Committee for Legal Education

UNBA Committee for Legal Education is a permanent collegiate advisory body formed under Ukrainian National Bar Association following the BCU decision №.91 dated №. 91 dated 5 June 2019.

Purpose of the Committee: improving the quality of legal aid in Ukraine through the development of Ukrainian legal education to achieve the highest world standards.

The Committee Members Olga Poyedynok and Ivan Gorodysky joined the Working Group on the issues of methodical, organizational, and analytical support of the Uniform State Qualification exam for Specialties 081 "Law" and 293 "International Law", formed according to the Order of the Ministry of Education and Science of Ukraine №.1403 dated November 7, 2019.

UNBA Committee for Legal Education supports students in their desire to feel how the law actually "works" in the real world. That is why the Committee Members Olga Poyedynok and Ivan Gorodysky participate as judges in the 2019 All-Ukrainian State Competition in International Humanitarian Law, held in Kyiv on November 26–28, 2019.

The 2019 All-Ukrainian State Competition in International Humanitarian Law is a three-day event organized by the International Committee of Red Cross (ICRC), which consists of a series of advocacy sessions between student teams and the introductory workshop with the participation of experts and practitioners in the field of international humanitarian law (IHL).

On 28 November 2019, the Chair of the UNBA Committee for Legal Education Olga Poyedynok took part in the All-Ukrainian conference "System of human rights education in Ukraine: development perspectives". In the course of this event, among other things, Mrs. Poyedynok spoke at a panel discussion about the draft National Human Rights Education Program as a working group member, directly engaged in the development of this document.



2019 Report of UNBA International Law Committee

The UNBA International Law Committee was established by order of UNBA/BCU President №102 dated August 28, 2019, as a permanent collegiate advisory body. The purpose of the Committee is to increase international legal awareness and culture among attorneys, since international law is significantly different from the national law and there is objective demand for a better understanding of modern challenges facing Ukraine, including proceedings in the international judicial bodies.

The newly created Committee is led by a professional advocate, international lawyer, Ph.D. in Law, Vice-Chair of the UNBA International Relations Committee Vitalii Vlasniuk. Olga Poyedynok, advocate, Ph.D. in Law was appointed as the Committee Vice-Chair.



The work with students and future lawyers is one of the activity priorities of the UNBA International Law Committee.

On October 31, 2019, the members of the UNBA International Law Committee Olga Poyedynok and Dmytro Nezvisky participated in the III Judicial Forum "Administration of Justice during the armed conflict in the East of Ukraine". During the event, the issues of pension and social security of the population affected by the armed conflict in the East of Ukraine were considered, damages for the destroyed private housing, establishing the facts of birth and death, as well as conducting hereditary cases in the armed conflict were discussed. In addition, in the course of the forum, there was a discussion around the practice of domestic violence legislation, which recently underwent significant changes. Among other things, administrative and criminal legal aspects of bringing the offenders to liability were discussed, as well as the peculiarities of restraint court orders.

On November 1, 2019, the Chair of the UNBA International Law Committee, Vice-Chair of International Relations Committee Vitalii Vlasniuk held a series of working meetings in the framework of the Memorandum on Cooperation between the UNBA and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Ukraine.

Vitalii Vlasniuk held a meeting with the representatives of the local Italian advocacy, in particular one of the most prominent Italian advocates Piero Porciani. Mr. Porciani was a defender in a notable "the arms' dealers" case of Minin and Bout, that inspired a recent Netflix movie. Vitalii and Piero discussed the Markiv case: thus, an Italian advocate emphasized the importance of the effective investigation of the case by Ukraine in the first place. Finally, Vitalii Vlasniuk held working meetings with the active representatives of the Ukrainian community in Rome, Milan, and Zurich for the

The main events in 2019 attended by Members of the UNBA International Law

November 21, 2019, at the NAU HUB in Kyiv, upon request of the Students' League of the Ukrainian Bar Association to the Committee, a workshop on writing complaints to the European Court of Human Rights was held, that gathered interested students and experienced lawyers.

Advocate Dmytro Dvornyk, Member of the UNBA International Law Committee, and advocate Oleksandr Zhurko spoke about the most difficult and interesting aspects of working with the Court, shared some tips from their personal experience.

purpose of developing the UNBA foreign office activity in Italy and Switzerland.

On December 09, 2019, Committee Vice-Chair Olga Poyedynok and Committee Member Zakhar Tropin took part in the marathon: "Human Right: the right to defense", held by the UNBA Committee on Protection of Human Rights.

On December 10, 2019, the Vice-Chair of the UNBA International Law Committee Olga Poyedynok took part in the first National Forum on Migration and Countering Human Trafficking, organized by the Ministry of Social Policy and with the assistance of the OSCE, Council of Europe, UNHCR, International Organization for Migration.

During the event, the participants discussed problems of ensuring the rights and freedoms of internally displaced persons, topical issues of combating human trafficking, peculiarities of employment of Ukrainian people abroad, conditions for the realization of the potential of migrants and diaspora as a factor of Ukraine's development, as well as ways of improvement of the social and economic integration of migrants.

Also, special attention during the forum was paid to the issue of double citizenship, in the course of discussion thereof, Olga Poyedynok was actively contributing.

On December 3, 2019, the Member of UNBA International Law Committee, advocate Maksym Tymochko took part in the XVIII Assembly of the State-Parties to the Rome Statute as part of the Coalition for International Criminal Court. The coalition is one of the world's largest union of non-governmental organizations aiming to attract attention to the ratification of the Rome Statute.

The Assembly was attended by other Ukrainian lawyers from other human rights organizations, in particular, representatives of the Regional Center of Human Rights, advocate Sergiy Zayets, and international lawyer Vitalii Nabukhotnyi. On December 3, at the plenary session of the Assembly, Vitalii Vlasuk presented the position of the Ukrainian NGOs, in which he urged the Assembly participants to support Ukraine in its fight against impunity generated by the armed conflict with the Russian Federation.

On December 18, 2019, the Chair of the UNBA International Law Committee Vitalii Vlasuk and Committee Members Maksym Tymochko and Zakhar Tropin, as well as Member of the Criminal Law Committee, Yuri Bauman, took part in the work of the International Scientific and Practical Conference "The Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court: recognition, correlation, and harmonization". The speakers of the event were some of the renowned specialists in criminal and international law.

The participants discussed a number of important issues: problems of recognition and harmonization of court jurisdictions, the problems of implementation of the Rome Statute of the ICC to the Criminal Code of Ukraine, intricacies of communication with the ICC.



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Civil Law and Procedure Committee



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The Committee's purpose is the improvement of the civil law institutions (in particular, property, contract, and inheritance) and expanding advocates' experience through deepening of their theoretical knowledge and practical skills of judicial and extrajudicial protection of rights and interests of participants of civil legal relations.

On Friday, December 13, 2019, The Chair of the UNBA Civil Law and Procedure Committee Oleg Prostybozhenko took part in the conference: «System of residence registration: the ways and main stages of reforming», and delivered a speech on the influence of the notification system of residence registration onto realization of property rights of persons, including children's rights.

At the conference, the White Book for the Government of proposals on reforming the system of residence registration in Ukraine was presented. The event attended the Chair of the Committee O. Prostybozhenko.

As a result of the conference, O. Prostybozhenko became a member of the Working Group on the development of the new law "On freedom of movement and free choice of residence". Procedure Code of Ukraine, Code of Administrative Justice of Ukraine for improvement of revision of court decisions in appeal and cassation procedure "(reg. №2314 from 15.10.2019).

On Thursday, September 19, 2019, Oleh Prostybozhenko

and Svitlana Savitskaya took part in the Round table

"Improvement of the legal regulation of the responsible fatherhood in Ukraine", held at the Ministry of Justice of Ukraine.

On November 13, 2019 a meeting of Committee on Legal Policy of Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine took place, devoted to, in particular, consideration of the draft law "On amendments to the Code of Commercial Procedure of Ukraine, Civil Within the framework of this event, several important tips on the need for providing parents with equal opportunities for childcare for the newborn child were discussed. The discussion also touched upon the legal regulation of the father's right to be on childcare leave. The Committee Chair Oleg Prostybozhenko drew the attention of the participants to the reasons of conflict between the parents of the child, which often arises as a result of the disintegration of the family, and also expressed ideas for the prevention of such developments.



According to the results of the round table, it was decided to create a working group for the formalization of the ideas and their implementation. UNBA members were invited to join it.

On August 29, 2019, a meeting of UNBA advocates with the European Union Project "Pravo Justice" took place. The purpose of the event was to discuss problems surrounding the practice of the Supreme Court in the relation to advocates' work, access to the legal positions of the Supreme Court, the consistency of the Supreme Court practice, and to develop recommendations for improving the Supreme Court's work on these issues.

The Chair of the UNBA Civil Law and Procedure Committee Oleg Prostybozhenko stressed that the advocates believe that the Supreme Court should be more active in generalization of judicial practice, which would be a kind of beacon for advocates and judges alike. It was also pointed out, that the need exists to systematize the legal positions of the Supreme Court not in chronological order, but rather field of regulation of the relevant legal norms. In particular, it was proposed that relevant references to the key court decisions should be contained either in the database of Ukrainian legislation, or at the website of the Supreme Court.



2019 Report of UNBA Committee for Business and Investor Protection



The UNBA Committee for Business and Investor Protection was established by order UNBA/BCU President № 123 dated 20 September 2019, as a permanent collegiate advisory body. The Committee's purpose is to unite advocates and exchange experience in the field of legal advice to business and investors, interaction with representatives of State and law enforcement agencies in matters of violation of the rights and interests of businesses, the formation of expert position in solving the practical problems, promotion of a legal culture of business representatives and investors.

The Committee is led by Sergiy Khilchenko, advocate, managing partner of the "Caesar" Law Firm. Oleksandr Zinchenko acts as Vice-Chair of the Committee. He is an advocate of the Law Firm "Triumph".

At the end of 2019, the Committee comprises 8 members and conducts active work on attracting new members, remains open for joint projects.

In the framework of cooperation with the UNBA Higher School of Advocacy, a 2-hour course "Search – a game on the minefield" held on November 28, 2019. Sergiy Khilchenko and Oleksandr Svitlychny spoke at the event. Also on November 19, 2019, a webinar took place, dedicated to this very topic.

On 15 November 2019, at the National University "Odessa Law Academy" the following workshops for advocates were held:

- Sergiy Khilchenko on practical aspects of legal practice in civil and economic disputes;
- Oleksandr Svitlychny on the specifics of legal practice during the investigative action – search.

On 07 November 2019, the Committee prepared analytical material on the latest legislative changes regarding protection of property rights, additional guarantees of protection against raider attacks and corporate rights, which was published at the UNBA website

<https://bit.ly/3c9n8pw>

On December 19, 2019, the UNBA Committee for Business and Investor Protection and the UNBA Family Law Committee, with the support of the UNBA/BCU Vice-President Valentyn Gvozdiy debated on the topic "Who is the lawyer?" with schoolchildren at the European Collegium. For the first time, the advocates told children about the world of law and legislation, mentioned the author of the first Constitution of Ukraine Pylyp Orlyk, explain why there's a need for Verkhovna Rada and who is Themis. At the end of the meeting the legal game was held.



2019 Report of UNBA Committee on Bankruptcy

The Committee was established pursuant to the Order of UNBA/BCU President, of September 26, 2019, №. 130, as a permanent collegiate advisory body within Ukrainian National Bar Association.

The general purpose of this Committee is to unite advocates, their cooperation and exchange of experience in the field of bankruptcy, to identify priority areas of bankruptcy practice and to develop an expert position in solving practical issues in this sphere. The Chair of the UNBA Committee on Bankruptcy is advocate Anatoliy Grabovy.

For the first three months of the existence of the UNBA Committee on Bankruptcy, 21 advocates were recruited as Committee members. All of them specialize in renewing the debtor's solvency or declaring it bankrupt, the majority of them are also licensed as insolvency receivers.

Members of the Committee on Bankruptcy vowed to participate in the Committee activities and demonstrated their readiness. The Vice-Chair of the UNBA Committee on Bankruptcy is advocate Sydorovych Ruslan Mykhaylovych, a recognized expert in the field of bankruptcy law, former Member of Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine, co-author of the Code of Ukraine on Bankruptcy Proceedings.

UNBA Committee on Bankruptcy held:

On November 08, 2019, the event "Bankruptcy according to the new Code" was held in cooperation with the EU PROJECT "Pravo-Justice" and the Division of Ukrainian Bar Association in Dnipropetrovsk region, at the Dnepropetrovsk Regional State administration.

On November 19, 2019, the event "Round table on problematic points of the Bankruptcy Code" held at UNBA.

The Committee on Bankruptcy held the following CLE events:

- 2 (two) training events for advocates on "The new bankruptcy procedure in Ukraine: protecting the creditors":
- December 16, 2019 at the UNBA Higher School of Advocacy – 1 hour (webinar),
- **December 26, 2019** at the UNBA Higher School of Advocacy



– 2 hours (seminar).

- **3 (three) training events for** advocates on "The new bankruptcy procedure in Ukraine: who needs it and what for":
- **21 November, 2019** at the UNBA Higher School of Advocacy – 2 hours (seminar),
- **6 December 2019** at the Economic Court of Odessa region – 3 hours (seminar),
- **11 November, 2019** at the UNBA Higher School of Advocacy – 2 hours (seminar).

In general, in the training events organized by the Committee were attended by more than 300 advocates who received the opportunity to gain knowledge about the novelties of the bankruptcy legislation.

Members of the bankruptcy Committee took part:

- **21 October 2019** in the Round Table "Start vs Stop: Judgment Day of bankruptcy reform has started", the organizer «Bankruptcy & Liquidation» Gazette;
- **24 October 24, 2019**, "EBA Expert Talk: Protection of banks from dishonest debtors", the organized by European Business Association;
- **5 December, 2019** Roundtable on the topic: "Experimental 175 bankruptcy or the limit of perfection", organized by the Supreme Court and Economic Court of Kyiv City.

- **11 December, 2019** workshop "Bankruptcy, as an effective "free market" tool", organized by Information Agency "LIGA ZAKON".

Committee's publications in the sphere of bankruptcy:

- Portal "Bankruptcy of & Liquidation", October 03, 2019
- "The bankruptcy law was never perfect," N. Tishchenko;
- Official website of Ukrainian National Bar Association, 03 October 2019, "Does natural person bankruptcy pave way for fraud?" by Y. Grygorenko;
- Portal Delo.UA, 01 November 2019, "New Code of Bankruptcy Procedures: main changes", N. Tishchenko;
- Publication JURIST&ZAKON Information Agency "LIGA ZAKON" November 07, 2019, "The New procedure of bankruptcy in defending creditors", A. Grabovy;
- Legal journal "Femida.UA" 05 December 2019
- "The bankruptcy of natural persons is a procedure for the wealthy", A. Baginsky
- Publication of Yuridicheskaya Praktika, 09 December 2019, "Key changes in bankruptcy and restructuring", A. Grabovy;
- Bulletin of Ukrainian National Bar Association №12 (59) December 2019 "The New procedure of bankruptcy in defending creditors", A. Grabovy;



2019 Report of UNBA Committee for Agrarian and Land Law

The Committee was created by the Order of the UNBA/BCU President on September 16, 2019. Advocate Oleksandr Polivodskyy appointed as the Chair of the Committee, Vice-Chair of the Committee – Vitaliy Zhadobin.

Events conducted by the Committee:

1) Joint Meeting of the UNBA Committee for Agrarian and Land Law and the UNBA Committee for the Protection of Human Rights on topical aspects of protection of human rights in the sphere of land relations, October 22, 2019;

2) Meetings of the Committee for Agrarian and Land Law dedicated to the improvement of legislation concerning the moment of conclusion of the land lease agreement, November 15, 2019

Committee published positions on topical issues of application of agrarian and land legislation:

1) Statement by the UNBA Committee for Agrarian and Land Law and UNBA Committee for the Protection of Human Rights regarding the conduct of land reform, published at the UNBA website;

2) The expert opinion of the UNBA Committee for Agrarian and Land Law regarding the moment of the land lease agreement coming into force, published at the UNBA website, sent to Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine, Ministry of Justice of Ukraine Parliament, Ministry of Economy of Ukraine. A response received with gratitude for the contribution to the development of the legislation.

Other letters of gratitude received from Ministry of Economic Development and Trade of Ukraine and the Ministry of Justice of Ukraine for the contribution to resolving particular issues.

Speeches at events organized by State authorities:

1) International Judicial Forum "Judicial Protection of Natural Environment and Environmental Rights", report on the topic: "Applying the principle of legitimate expectations in environmental disputes: the practice of ECHR and courts of Ukraine", November 07, 2019, the Supreme Court, Kyiv City. Reporter – O. Polivodskiy;

Round Table "Reforming the Law on the Bar"



2) Institute of Legislation of Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine, 26.11.2019, approx. 50 participants (O.Polivodskiy, V.Zhadobin);

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Speeches and participation in the events of UNBA:

1) Human Rights protection Marathon. "Human rights in Ukraine", 09.12.2019, subject of the report: "Protection of human rights in land relations. Novels in court practice". Reporter – V. Zhadobin;

2) Roundtable discussion on the topic: "Preparing for the land market," Committee for Human Rights. 27.09.2019 Kyiv, UNBA.

The CLE events on the topic of Agrarian and Land Law for Lawyersheld:

1) First Land Law School of Ukraine, the organizers – Faculty of Law and International Relations of Borys Grinchenko Kyiv University, UNBA Committee for Agrarian and Land Law, etc. Speakers – Members of the Committee O. Polivodskiy, V. Zhadobin, V.Varyenikova;

2) Training seminar for advocates of Mykolayiv region, 13.06.2019, Mykolayiv Presentation topic: "Practice of dispute resolution in courts in the field of land law. The novels and controversies". Speaker – Yan Bilogoloviy;

3) Training seminar for advocates concerning application of land legislation, the Bar Council of Rivne region, UNBA Higher School of Advocacy, 26.10.2019 Rivne City, more than 350 participants; Report on the topic: "Invalidity of land lease agreements". Reporter – O. Polivodskiy.

4) Training seminar for advocates concerning application of land legislation. The Bar Council of Kharkiv region, UNBA Higher School of Advocacy, 26.10.2019 Kharkiv, more than 550 participants. Reporter – O. Polivodskiy;

5) Training seminar for advocates concerning application of land legislation, UNBA Higher School of Advocacy, 15.10.2019, Kyiv, Reporter – O. Polivodskiy;

6) Workshop "The ECHR Practice in land disputes", UNBA Higher School of Advocacy, 01.09.2019, Kyiv, UNBA, about 25 participants. Reporter – O. Polivodskiy;

7) Seminar: "Invalidity of land lease agreements" 11.09. 2019. UNBA Higher School of Advocacy., Kyiv, UNBA. approx. 35 participants. Reporter – O. Polivodskiy;



Participation in conferences and seminars for business and the public:

1) Conference "Farmer's Boom", report on the topic: "Perspectives of application of land legislation in conditions of preparation for abolition of moratorium", Center for Information Support of Business, November, 22, 2019, Odesa City. Reporter – O. Polivodskiy;

2) Information event: Land and political reforms and other relevant challenges of the agrarian and forestry policies of Ukraine. 03.12.2019, Kyiv, Ukrainian CCI. Reporter – O. Polivodskiy;

3) Conference "Farm Boom 2019", Odesa Regional CCI, Center for Information Support of Business in Odesa 07.11. 2019. About 100 participants. Reporter – O. Polivodskiy;

4) 3rd «AgroPro» Forum: Unity is Strength. Zaporizhia CCI of Ukraine, 31.10.2019 Zaporizhia About 85 participants. Speaker O. Polivodskiy;

5) Discussion on the topic: "What is it, the land market?". Report on legal aspects of land market. Ukrainian Crisis Media Center, 10.10. 2019 Kyiv, "Ukrainian House". Internet broadcast, several thousand of spectators. The speaker – O. Polivodskiy,

Committee members' publications:

1) Polivodskiy: "Exercising your right to a free land has two obstacles: corruption and lack of land". E-edition of GOLOS. UA, 16.12. 2019 O. Polivodskiy; The principle of legitimate expectations in environmental and land disputes. Practice of the European Court of Human Rights and courts of Ukraine: Problems of application and ways to resolve them //

2) Collection of materials of the International Judicial Forum "Judicial protection of the natural environment and environmental rights", Kyiv, November 7, 2019 Publishing House "Helvetica".

2019 Report of UNBA Construction Law Committee

December 4, 2019, the Chair of the Committee took part in the work of the Third International Scientific and Practical Conference "Construction Law: problems of theory and practice".

The conference was held at the premises of Kyiv National University of Construction and Architecture with the support of the Committee on Organization of State, Local Self-government, Regional Development and Urban Planning of Verkhovna Rada and support of the Polish Academy of Sciences and the Academy of Construction of Ukraine. At the conference, the issues of urban planning were considered, problems of legal regulation of small architectural forms and temporary structures, normative and legal support of digitalization of energy efficient construction and much more.

December 12, 2019. Future members of the Committee held a constituent meeting of the Construction Law Committee. Opening the meeting, the Chair of the Committee – Oleg Povalyayev drew attention to the importance of the tasks of the Committee, and outlined the main priorities of its future activities, in particular, towards bringing the norms regulating urban development in Ukraine in line with international standards in this field.

During the meeting there was discussed a vision of future cooperation within the Committee's work. As a result of the discussion, one of the priority tasks was the development of the detailed plan of the committee work for the 2020.

One of the important steps was the establishment of effective cooperation with State and organization bodies, which are directly engaged in research and improvement of construction law in Ukraine. Among the ways to achieve this goal, the need for concluding a memorandum with Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine Committee on the Organization of State, Local Self-government, Regional Development and Urban Planning, as well as planned to conclude such memorandums with the Construction Chamber of Ukraine, the Confederation of Builders of Ukraine, Kyiv National University of Construction and Architecture.

On the same day, on **December 12**, Members of the Committee took part in the roundtable under the FIDIC Club for members and partners of the Association of Engineer Consultants of Ukraine.

December 18, 2019 Committee members took part in the work of the Committee of Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine on Organization of State, Local Self-government, Regional Development and Urban Planning

December 20, 2019 The Committee members started working on the Roundtable "Ukrainian Construction Law. European formation".



Report of the Council of Elders

The UNBA Council of Elders was established by the decision of the Bar Council of Ukraine of 5 August 2017. The Council consists of respectable advocates, that dedicated the life to serving the Bar and made a significant contribution to its development and establishment, with the aim of transferring to the younger generation of advocates the best traditions and well-established principles of organization and work of the Bar self-government, and advices and guidelines for providing legal assistance of high professional level.

In 2019, the UNBA Council of Elders included two experienced advocates, Snigur Nella Mykolayivna and Malaniuk Mykola Mykhailovych.

The Chair of the Council of Elders Galyna Kovbasinska took part in



a solemn event entitled "2019 Young Lawyers' Summer Gathering". The event was held on the occasion of the 1st anniversary of the UNBA Youth Committee - UNBA NextGen, where the Ukrainian National Bar Association expressed the gratitude to young lawyers, judges, advocates, that actively participated in educational projects, helped unite the young generation of advocates around the goals of professional development and career growth, consolidated young communities in the regions of Ukraine.

On September 18, the UNBA website featured a publication with the opinion of Kovbasinska G.V. on the new system of training for advocates. Main quote: "The new Procedure provides for more responsibility – for future advocates, QDCBs, and for the regional Bar Councils, and for the traineeship supervisors, and for operators conducting educational events for advocates. The will be no devaluation of knowledge";

On September 20, the Council of Elders held a meeting in Odesa City. The advocates discussed the need to participate in the training of the young advocates and supported the bid to for mandatory improvement of qualification by advocates, regardless of age and experience.

Also, the members of the Council of Elders suggested UNBA leadership:

- to create advisory UNBA bodies within regional Bar Councils working with young advocates (that have no more than 3 years of professional experience), with the obligatory inclusion of representatives of the Council of Elders therein;
- to introduce the system of mentoring young advocates that completed the internship and have the less than 3 years of professional experience;
- to start publishing activities in the regions for Ukrainian advocates to learn about the Bar activities in the relevant region and the existence of the Council of Elders;
- to publish, with support of UNBA/BCU, and with participation of the Council of Elders the Collection of the Best Speeches of Ukrainian advocates.
- On October 2, Galyna Kovbasinska conducted an event on professional development for attorneys. The lecturer told about ethical aspects of legal practice in 1970–1980.
- During the seminar, the procedure for obtaining a certificate of right to practice law in a comparative aspect was outlined, as well as aspects of professional ethics in those times.

At the end of the meeting, the participants and the lecturer discussed the latter's attitude to the admission examinations of today, raised questions about the study of the advocate's culture and advocate's scattering their expertise over numerous categories of cases.

As a result, Galyna Kovbasinska emphasized to the participants of the seminar that "There must be the law everywhere. If guided by law, everything will be good for everyone".



Moreover, on the premises of Ukrinform, the UNBA Committee on Protection of Human Rights held a human rights marathon on the topic: "Human Rights: The right to defense", where the introductory word was delivered by the Head of the Council of Elders – Galyna Kovbasinska. Opening the event, Galyna Kovbasinska accentuated the point, that the protection of human rights is the primary purpose and mission of the advocacy, and also urged the advocates to continually improve their knowledge and skills to ensure the most complete protection and restoration of human rights.



UNBA Communications

UNBA operates as a modern transparent organization that publicly reports on its activities, supports communication not only within the professional community, but also with the entire society, academic circles, and legal business. In our annual reports, We not only summarize but regularly update statistical information about the activities of all the bodies of Bar self-government, including financial stats.

News about UNBA activity, expert comments, author's publications, normative-legal documents and decisions, message about public activity are quickly published through all channels of corporate communications. UNBA is open to the press and provides information on the activities of advocacy, publicly explains the position of the professional community on judicial reform, recent changes in legislation, protection of citizens' rights.

The UNBA Department of Communications provides operative comments of the leading advocates on a wide range of legal issues for TV channels, printed and online media, radio. During 2019, the advocates provided comments for TV-broadcast by "UKRAINA", 1+1, ZIK, 5th Channel, regional TV channels, online media Censor.net, RBC-Ukraine, Podrobnosti, Korrespondent, Vesty, agencies Ukrainian News, UNIAN, Interfax, print publications "Dzerkalo Tyzhnya", "Voice of Ukraine", "Yuridicheskaya Praktika", "Zakon & Biznes", "Nove Vremya".

In cooperation with the most authoritative legal media, UNBA published articles and organizes interviews concerning subjects which are of professional interest for legal practitioners, scholars, law students alike.



Світовий досвід протидії булінгу та аналіз судової практики в Україні



Сьогодні ми все частіше говоримо про таку проблему в суспільстві як булінг. Багато часу приділяється вчителю, психологам, а також батькам, адже саме тому, щоб довести до учасників навчального процесу всю необхідність цього явища та окреслити правові наслідки його вчинення.

Світлова практика

Система практики з цього приводу досить різноманітна. Сьогодні в багатьох країнах Європейського Союзу, а також у Сполучених Штатах Америки запроваджені державні антибульбимі програми, націлені на зменшення впливу школи серед учнів. Діти заходять до школи для бачення, нагати на дитячому майданчику, навчально-виховні програми високої інтенсивності та тривалості як для дорослих, так і для дітей, використання конкретних дисциплінарних методів. Серед Європейських країн Швеція стала крайньою, у якій ці програми були найфактистичнішими.

Щодо України, то повиття *булігиту* було закріплене на законодавчому рівні та отримало відповідну увагу з боку навчальних закладів після прийняття Закону України «Про внесення змін до деяких законодавчих актів України щодо протиполіційної діяльності» від 18.12.2018, яким внесено зміни до Кодексу України про адміністративні правопорушення та Закону України «Про освіту».

ПОВІСТЯ БУДІНГУ

Булінг (жорстокий): це діяння учасників освітнього процесу, які полягають у психосоціальному, фізичному, економічному, сексуальному насильстві, у тому числі із застосуванням засобів електронних комунікацій, що виконуються стосовно малолітньої чи неповнолітньої особи або такою особою стосовно інших учасників освітнього процесу, наслідком чого могла бути чи була загроза шкоди психічному або фізичному здоров'ю потерпілого.

На жаль, законодавць досить вузько коло осіб та перелік обставин за яких криміналь можна притягнути до відповідальності за вчинення бунту. З огляду на це, наприклад, поодинокі випадки атрессі одного учня щодо іншого неможливо назвати акційним повстанням, але не бунтом. Також, якщо повстанство вчинене не від час навчального

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UNBA official website

The structure of the UNBA official site allows us to place operative information about the UNBA activities in an easy-to-read and searchable presentation.

The number of UNBA Internet portal users increased twofold over the year 2019: **515 344 People** visited the official UNBA website. 73 841 people visited the website every month. During the year, the pages of the UNBA official website got **3 744 749 views**.

The largest number of users was from Ukraine (89.22%). Also, people from the United States (7.01%), Russia – (0.60%) and Germany (0.41%) viewed the portal.

Thematic sections of the site provide full information on access to the legal profession, peculiarities of legal practice, core legislation and UNBA acts, judicial practice, and practice of the European Court of Human Rights. The site contains electronic versions of the thematic and annual reports of the UNBA, methodological manuals, and books, the UNBA Bulletin, photos, and videos.

Given that UNBA has international partners, the Department of Communications supports the English version of the website as well.

The website also contains the Unified Register of Advocates of Ukraine. The portal has the status of the official electronic resource for obtaining information from the Registry.



www.unba.org.ua



UNBA Bulletin

«UNBA Bulletin» – official printed media of Ukrainian National Bar Association. The key decisions of the national-level Bar self-government, official BCU clarifications of particular issues legal practice (access to the profession, CLE, etc.), analytical materials on topical issues (index attached), reviews of the higher instance court practice, generalization of judicial practice on certain categories of cases of the appeal courts are typically published in the Bulletin. UNBA Bulletin is published once a month.



Link to UNBA Bulletin:

goo.gl/ScYZNq



Official Facebook Page

The UNBA page on Facebook is continuously filled with current news. In 2019, the UNBA Facebook page received **33 625 likes**. The number of readers reached **35 847** people. In general, the page covers the audience of **40 941** users. The average post on the page reaches **6 550** people.

The All-Ukrainian project "History of the Advocacy of Ukraine", which is supported by the UNBA Center for Advocacy and Legal Studies, has its own Facebook page. More than a thousand Facebook users are subscribed to the Project's page. The project publishes the latest research on the history of Ukraine's Bar, as well as the records of radio shows, news about the Center's activity, information about educational disciplines that the Center develops for the deepening the knowledge of law students about the history of the profession.



Link to UNBA official Facebook page:

goo.gl/7R5ksb



Link to the page of the said All-Ukrainian project "The History of Advocacy of Ukraine":

goo.gl/NUgTh8

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Link
Official
YouTube
channel:

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Official YouTube page

The UNBA official YouTube channel is an effective tool for informing the advocates through the dissemination of video-information about the activities of UNBA. So, the channel is structured into the following categories:

- **Interview and congratulations of the UNBA leadership;**
- **meetings of the Bar Council of Ukraine;**
- **training seminars for Ukrainian advocates;**
- **documents of the Congress of Advocates of Ukraine;**
- **Information on the Declaration on the protection of human rights in criminal proceedings.**



Official Twitter Page



The official Twitter page, also, receives permanent Updates with the news and photos from the UNBA events. Thus, each registered user has the opportunity to constantly monitor the latest events of the Association in a convenient mode.



Link to official Twitter page:

twitter.com/infounba



Telegram

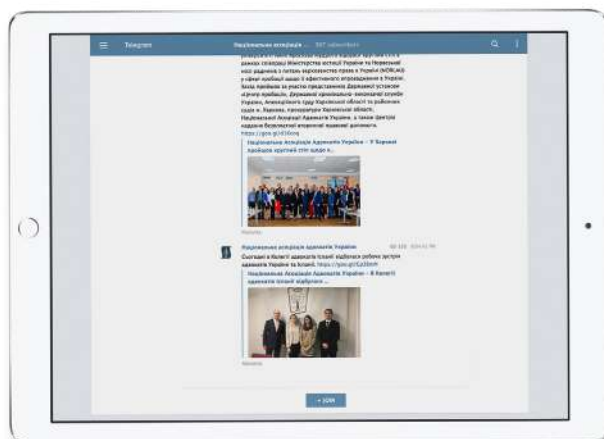


Telegram-channel with thematic news for swift informing of the professional audience launched in 2017. In 2019, the channel had 853 subscribers.



Link to the Telegram channel of Ukrainian National Bar Association in Telegram:

t.me/InfoUNBA



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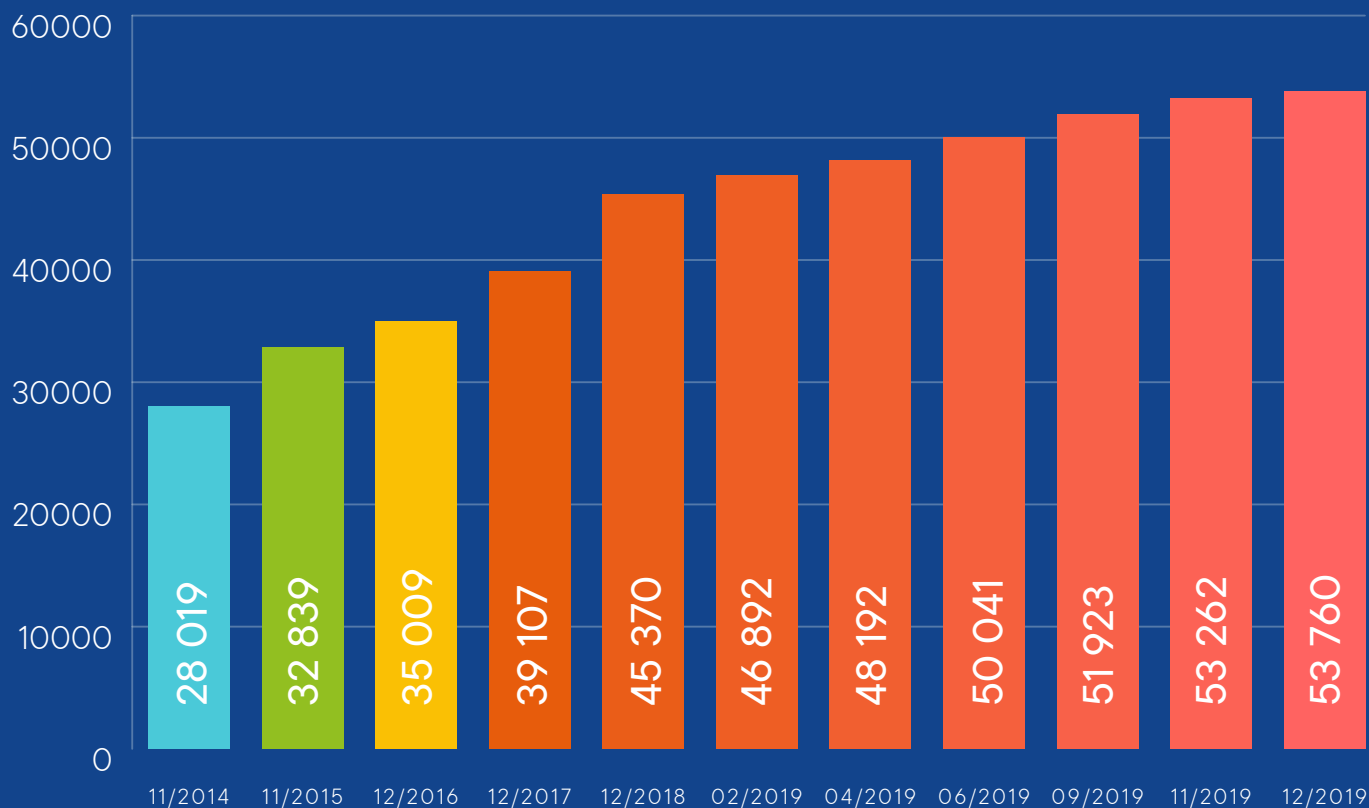
The UNBA communications structure allows to reach all target groups with the help of various instruments of informing and receiving feedback. UNBA continues to develop and implement new information approaches to improve the coverage and informing of advocates and the public on the activities of the Bar self-governance.

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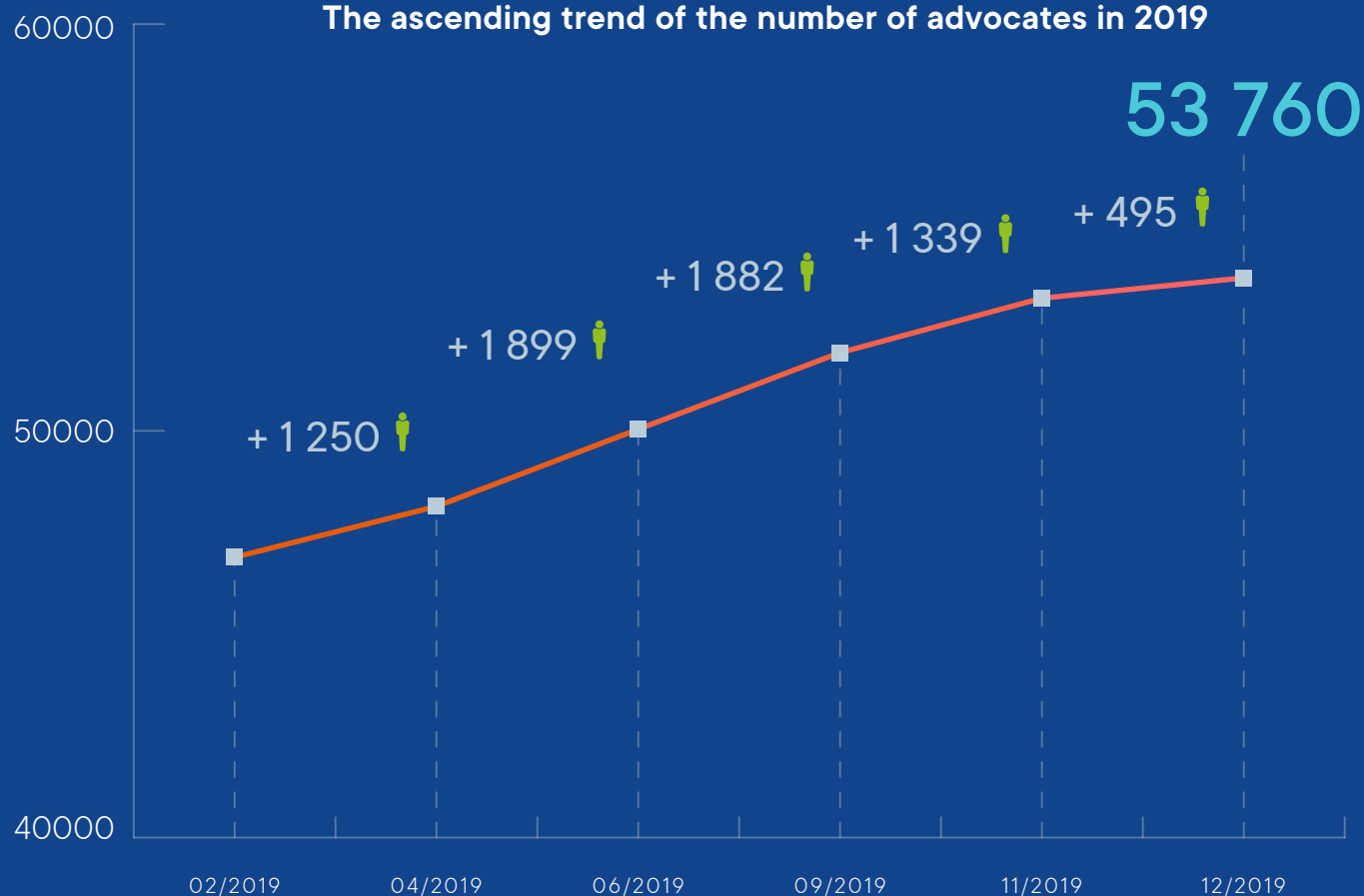


STATISTICAL REPORTING

Dynamics of advocates' quantitative staff



The ascending trend of the number of advocates in 2019



Total number of advocates in URAU in regional aspect

(As of 09/12/2019)



The total number of advocates in URAU, as of 09.12.2019



Number of advocates in URAU (without suspended/terminated/voided) as of 09.12.2019



Number of suspended/terminated/voided, as of 09.12.2019

Region:

AR of Crimea

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Vinnitsia Region

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Volyn Region

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Dnipropetrovsk Region

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Donetsk Region

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Zhytomyr Region

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Region:

Zakarpattia Region

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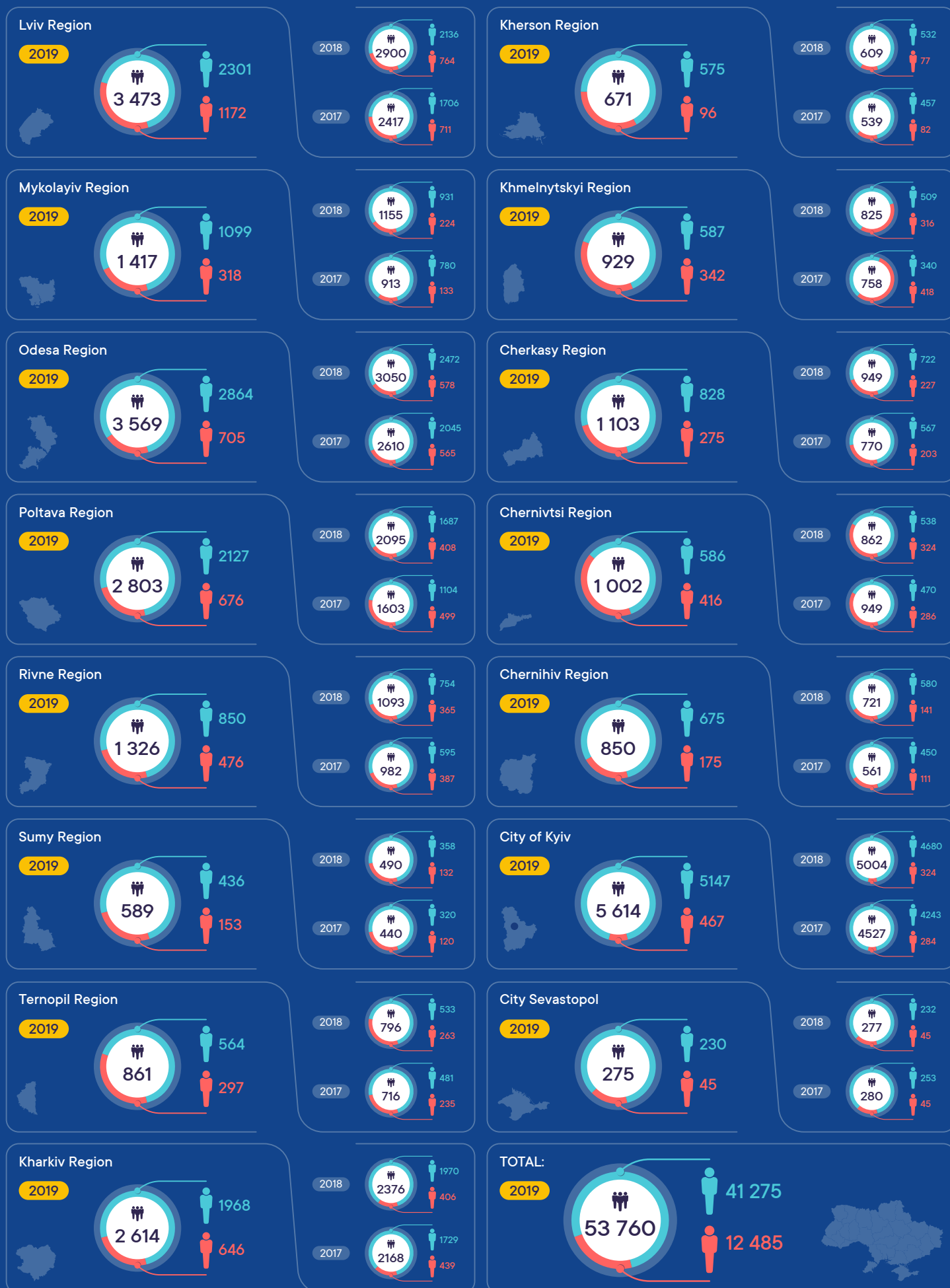


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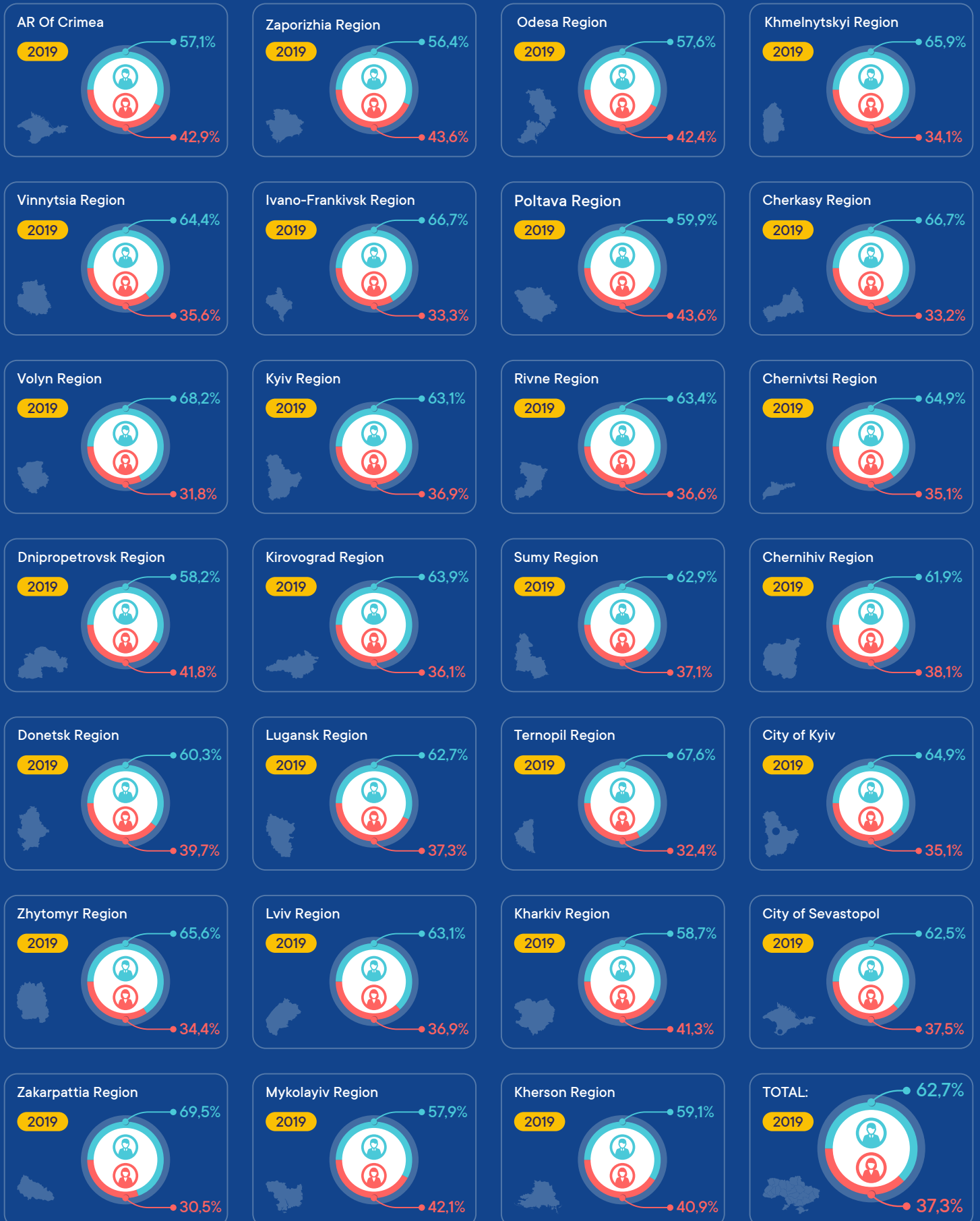
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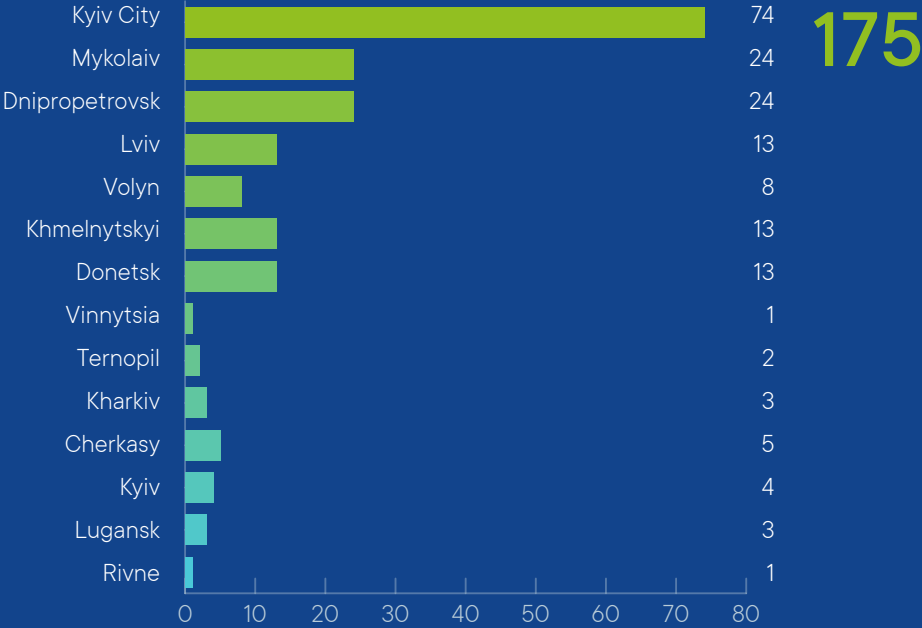
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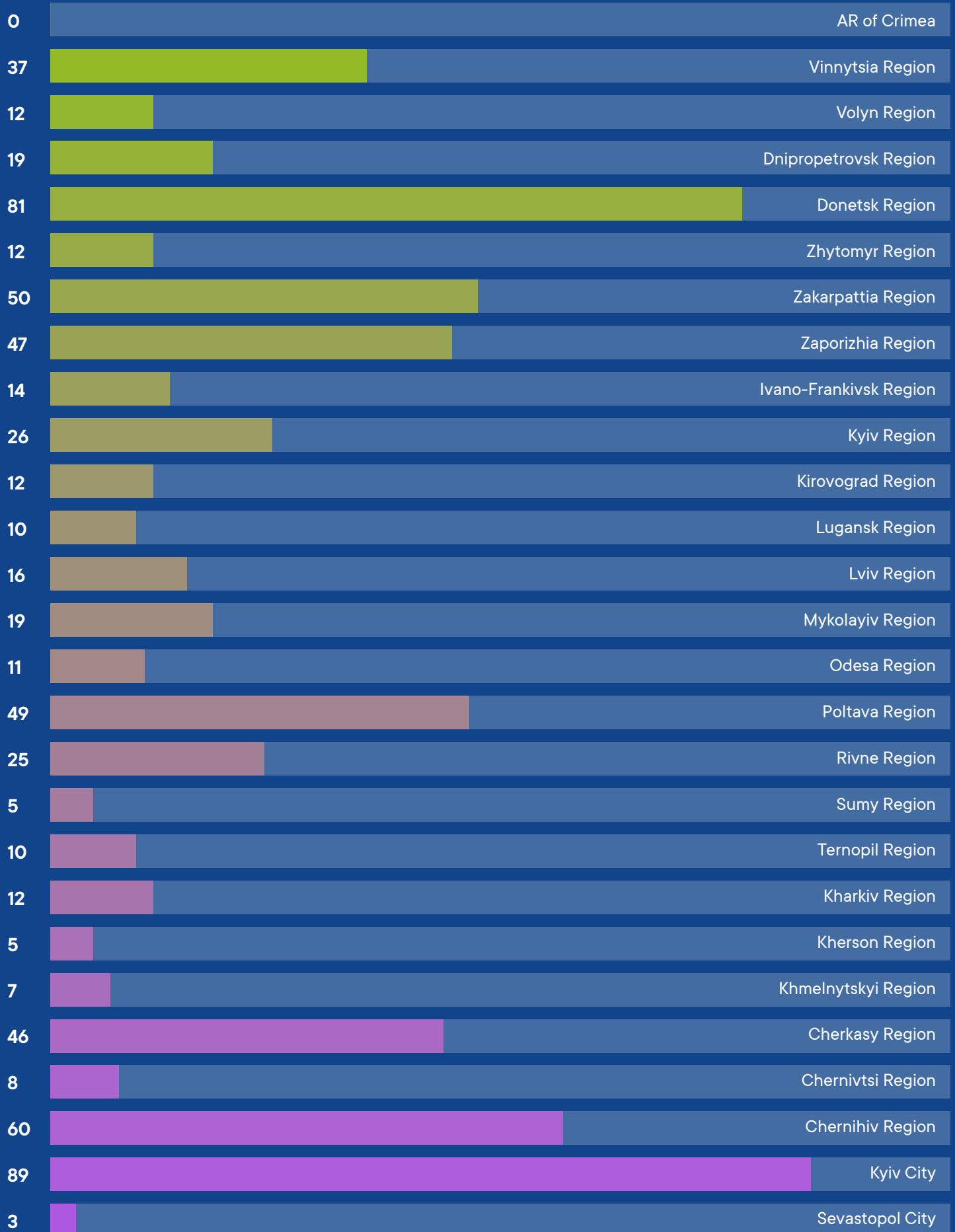
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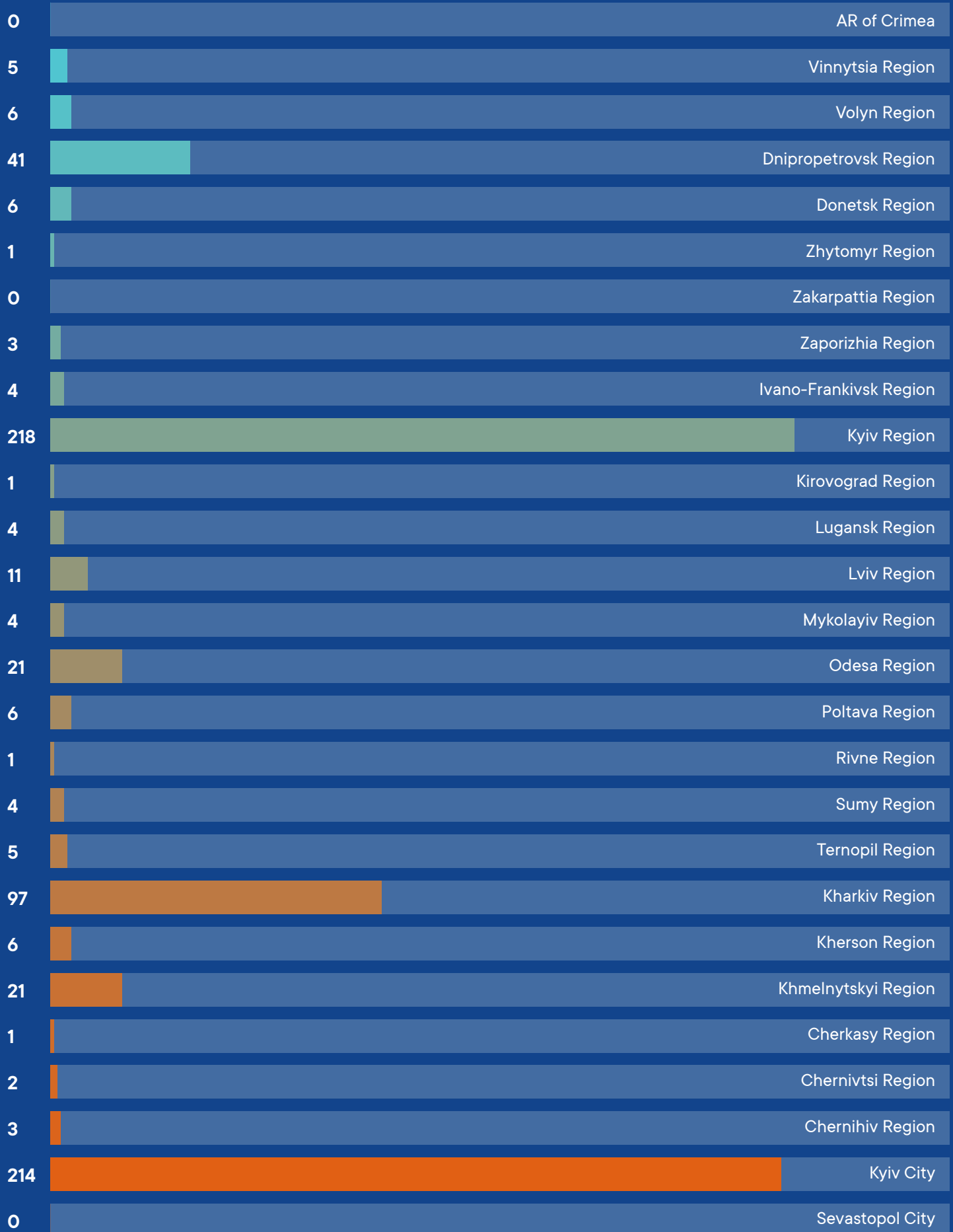
Transfers issued:



TOTAL: 702

Number of advocates granted transfer (2019)

Transfers Received:



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