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ASSOCIATION FOR 2020

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Dear colleagues!

Ukrainian National Bar Association annually presents its activity report, which is the most complete analytical document on the state of the legal profession in our country. We report on the work of Bar self-government, advisory, subsidiary bodies and institutions of UNBA both to the professional community, which currently has 60,000+ advocates, and to all citizens for whom an independent constitutional institution actually works.

The report for 2020 is symbolic and significant. It testifies to the continuity of our work in extraordinary conditions of quarantine restrictions and high risks to everyone's health in connection with the COVID-19 pandemic.

During the year, these difficult circumstances, unfortunately, had a negative effect on human rights protection opportunities in Ukraine. This assessment is provided in the report of the Office of the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights on the impact of the COVID-19 on human rights, published in December 2020.

According to international experts, restrictions related to COVID-19 have affected access to justice and the guarantee of a fair public trial. There have been many obstacles to ensuring equal access to justice through digital technologies. Objectively, every practicing advocate faced these challenges, and it required everyone to be even more professionally dedicated and courageous in times of a general instability, uncertainty, and public anxiety about a dangerous virus.

I am convinced that the legal profession has passed this difficult period with dignity, defending both the interests of each person and the professional rights and immunities of advocates. We, as an institution, provided charitable assistance to the older generation of advocates; initiated changes to the legislation to provide the necessary conditions for the work of advocates during quarantine; provided advice on the accelerated introduction of online tools in the field of justice; created opportunities for remote training of advocates; translated the work of Bar self-government into online formats, realizing the responsibility imposed on us by law and importance of our decisions.



2020 is also a special year for UNBA, as it completes the five-year period of strategic planning of the legal profession. The development strategy adopted for 2016–2020 has received its conclusive assessment. We have achieved ambitious high indicators in each of the areas of strategic activity. These successes are mentioned in dedicated sections of the 2020 Report.

The difficult and unpredictable year of 2020 has once again proved that UNBA has established itself as an independent, professional and effective organization capable of representing the bar, defending the rights of advocates and providing professional legal aid to anyone who needs it. We have demonstrated a willingness to face the latest challenges and, thanks to wisdom and consolidation, a resource of mutual support and institutional expertise, we have stood as an organization and have been able to help thousands of citizens protect their rights, freedoms and interests.

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 fluid, cursive style.

C H A P T E R I

BAR DEVELOPMENT

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 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. (under 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 functions as 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 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 authorised to review appeals against the decisions, actions or inaction of 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 carries out 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 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 a Conferences of Advocates of the Regions.

•**Regional Audit Commission of the Bar** – 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.



UNIFIED REGISTER OF ADVOCATES OF Ukraine

The Unified Register of Advocates of Ukraine is an electronic database that contains information on the quantity and personal data of Ukrainian Bar, advocates of foreign countries that acquired the right to practice law and on the organizational forms of advocacy chosen by advocates.

The Bar Council of Ukraine ensures the management of the URAU, coordinates the activities, provides organizational, methodological, informational support to the Bar Councils of the regions on their submission of information to the URAU and providing extracts therefrom.

The entry of information into the URAU is carried out by the regional Bar Councils and the Bar Council of Ukraine on a two-tier basis.

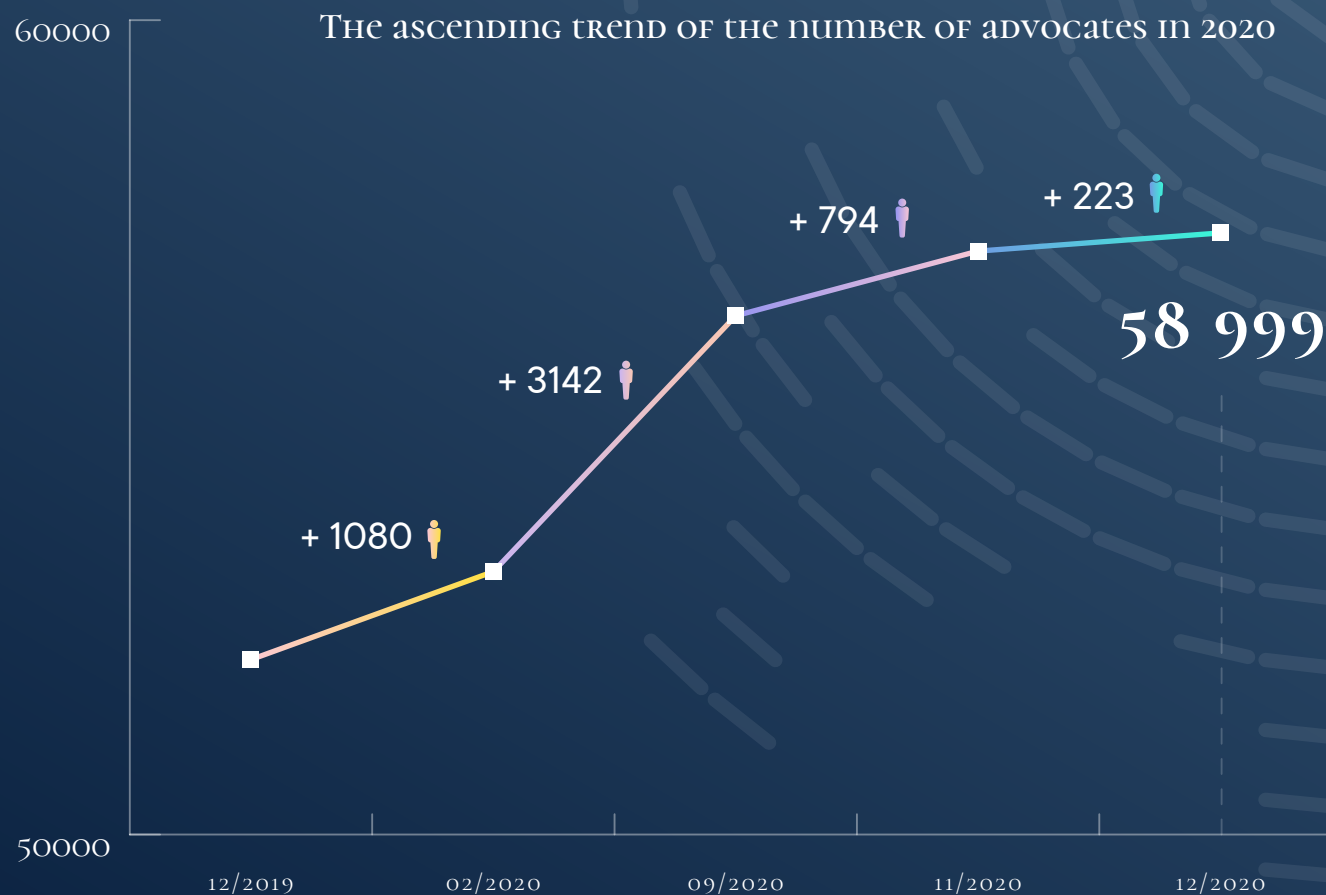
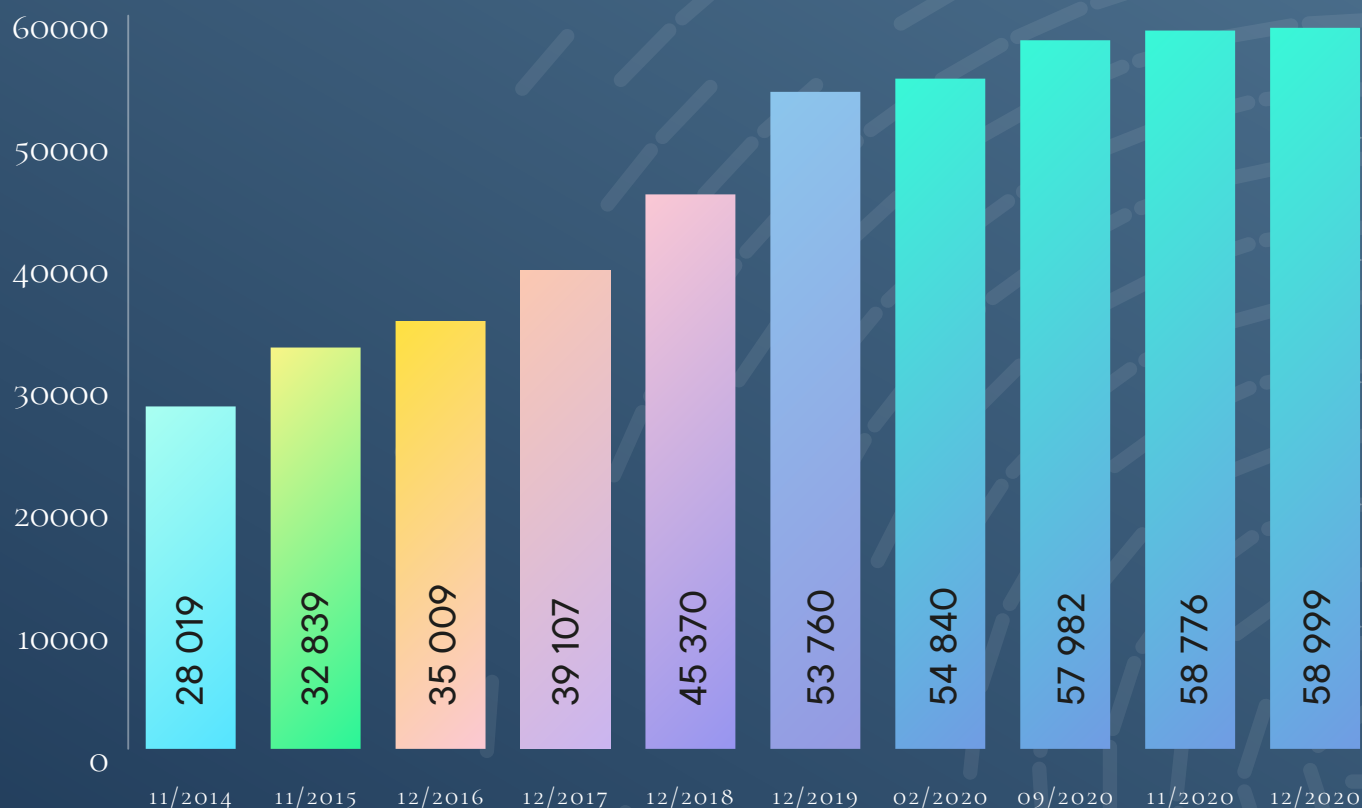
The Register is located at the official website of Ukrainian National Bar Association and is the only official database of all Ukrainian advocates (including more than 59 thousand people). In addition to the law

"On the Bar and Practice of Law", URAU is mentioned in the Criminal Procedure Code: it provides that a non-licensed advocate may not act as a defender, whereas he is not included into URAU, or URAU record contains information that his right to practice law is terminated or suspended.

Realizing the importance of this Register, since 2013 the Bar constantly invested into its development. Now the profile of each advocate contains not only the basic information as required by law, but also additional data about professional achievements, the willingness of advocate to provide legal aid 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 advocate violated the Rules of Professional Conduct, its profile will reflect the disciplinary 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 users. This procedure thus guarantees the constitutional right of citizens to professional legal aid.

The Register is used by the judges, law enforcement agencies for the confirmation of defender's status, while ordinary citizens can find information about a professional advocate licensed to undertake legal practice.

Growth of the number of advocates in URAU



Total number of advocates in URAU in regional aspect

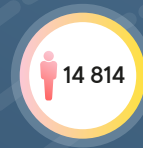
(As of 14/12/2020)



The total number of advocates in URAU, as of 14.12.2020 p.



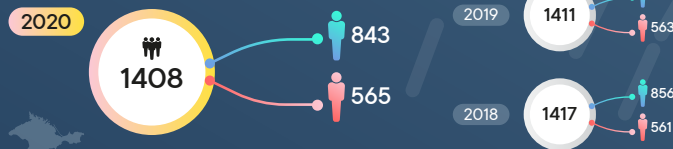
Number of advocates in URAU (without suspended/terminated/voided) as of 14.12.2020 p.



Number of suspended/terminated/voided, as of 14.12.2020 p.

Період:

AR of Crimea



Період:

Zakarpattia Region



Vinnitsia Region



Zaporizhia Region



Volyn Region



Ivano-Frankivsk Region



Dnipropetrovsk Region



Kyiv Region



Donetsk Region



Kirovograd Region

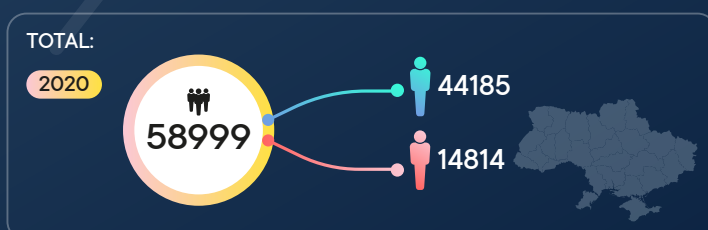
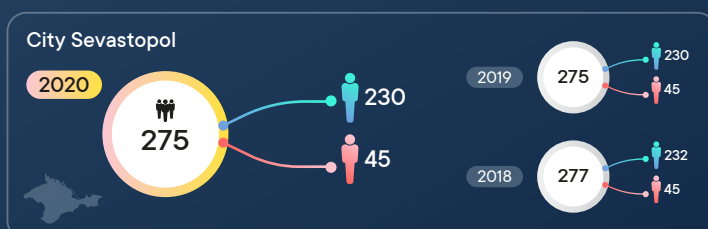
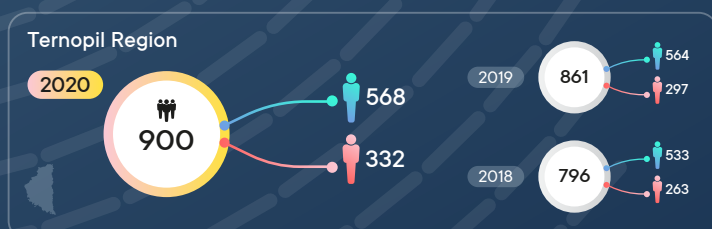
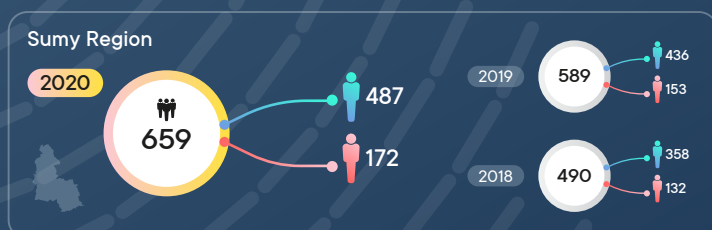
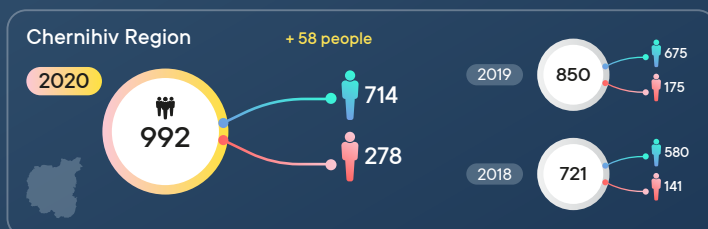
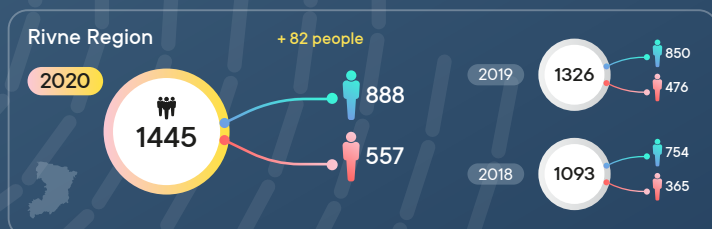
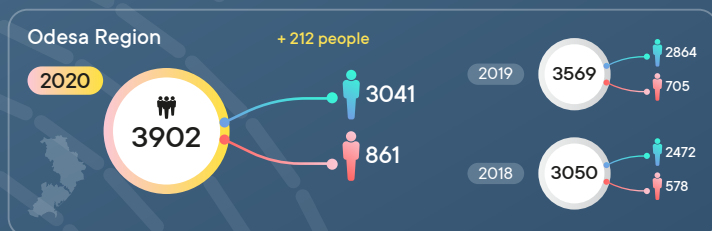
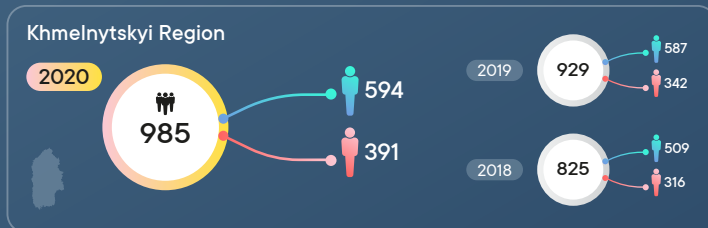
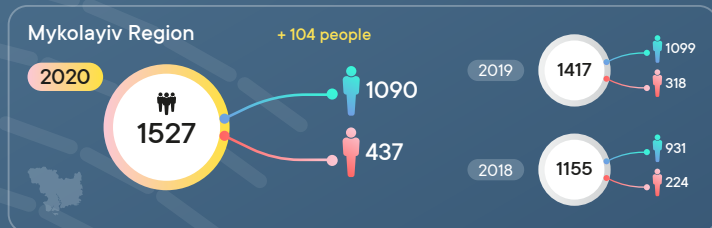
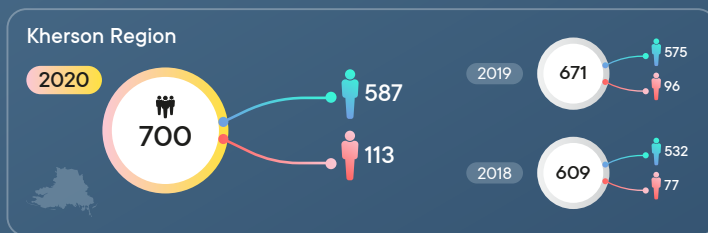
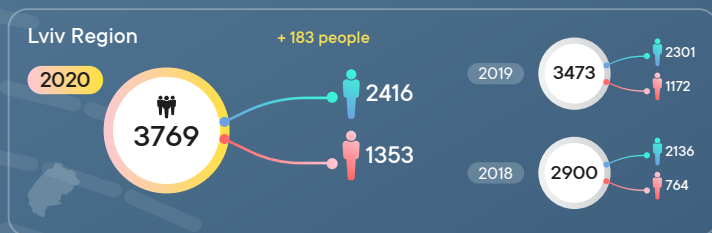


Zhytomyr Region



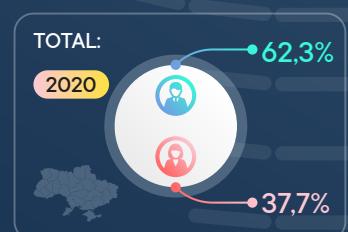
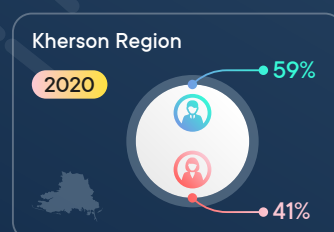
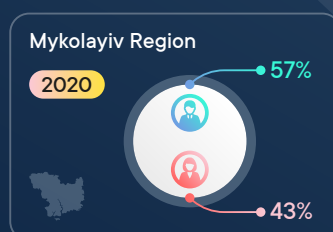
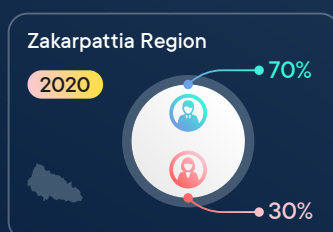
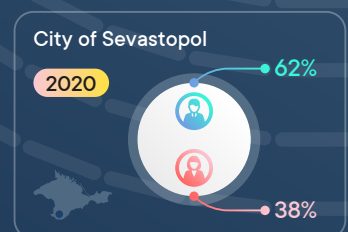
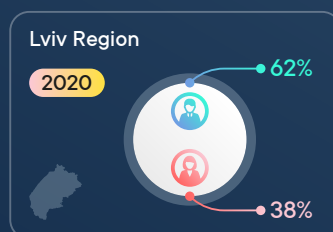
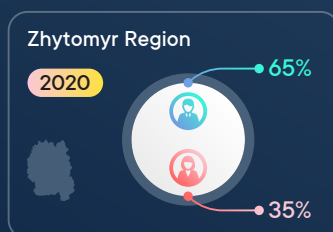
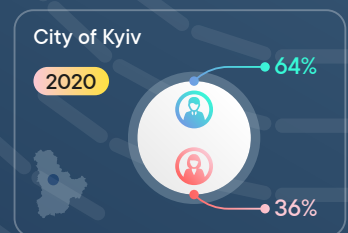
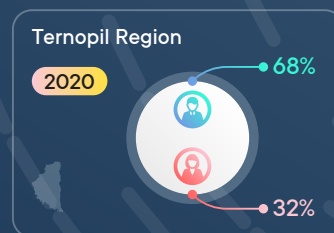
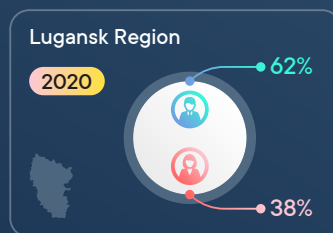
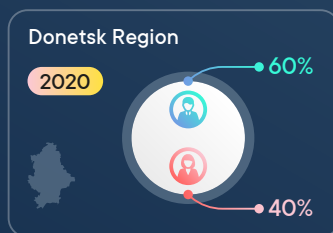
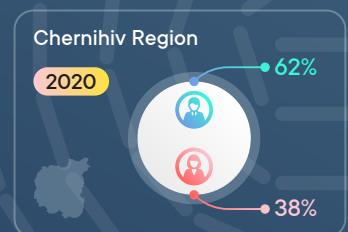
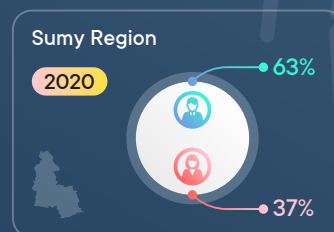
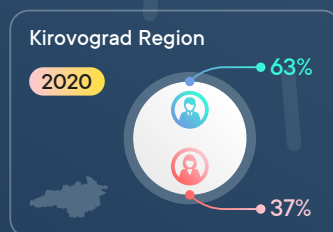
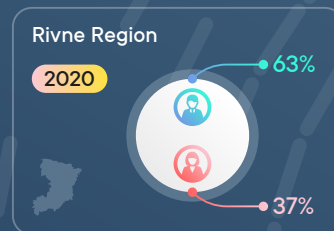
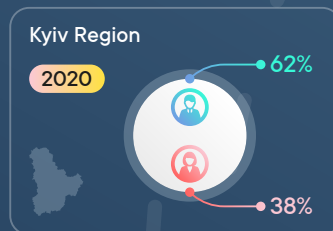
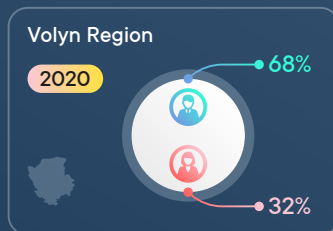
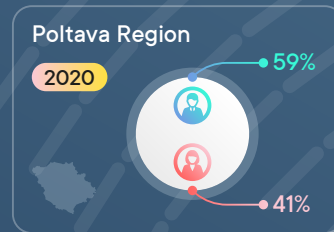
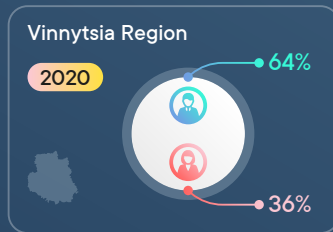
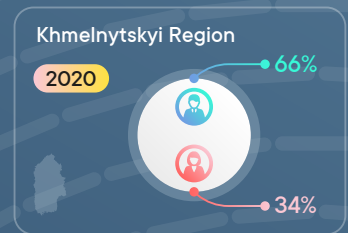
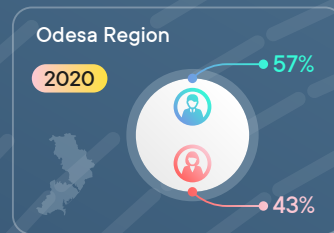
Lugansk Region





Gender—SOCIAL ROLE OF advocates

(As of 14/12/2020)



NUMBER OF entries in URAU database

(As of 14/12/2020)

Trainees



714

Assistants

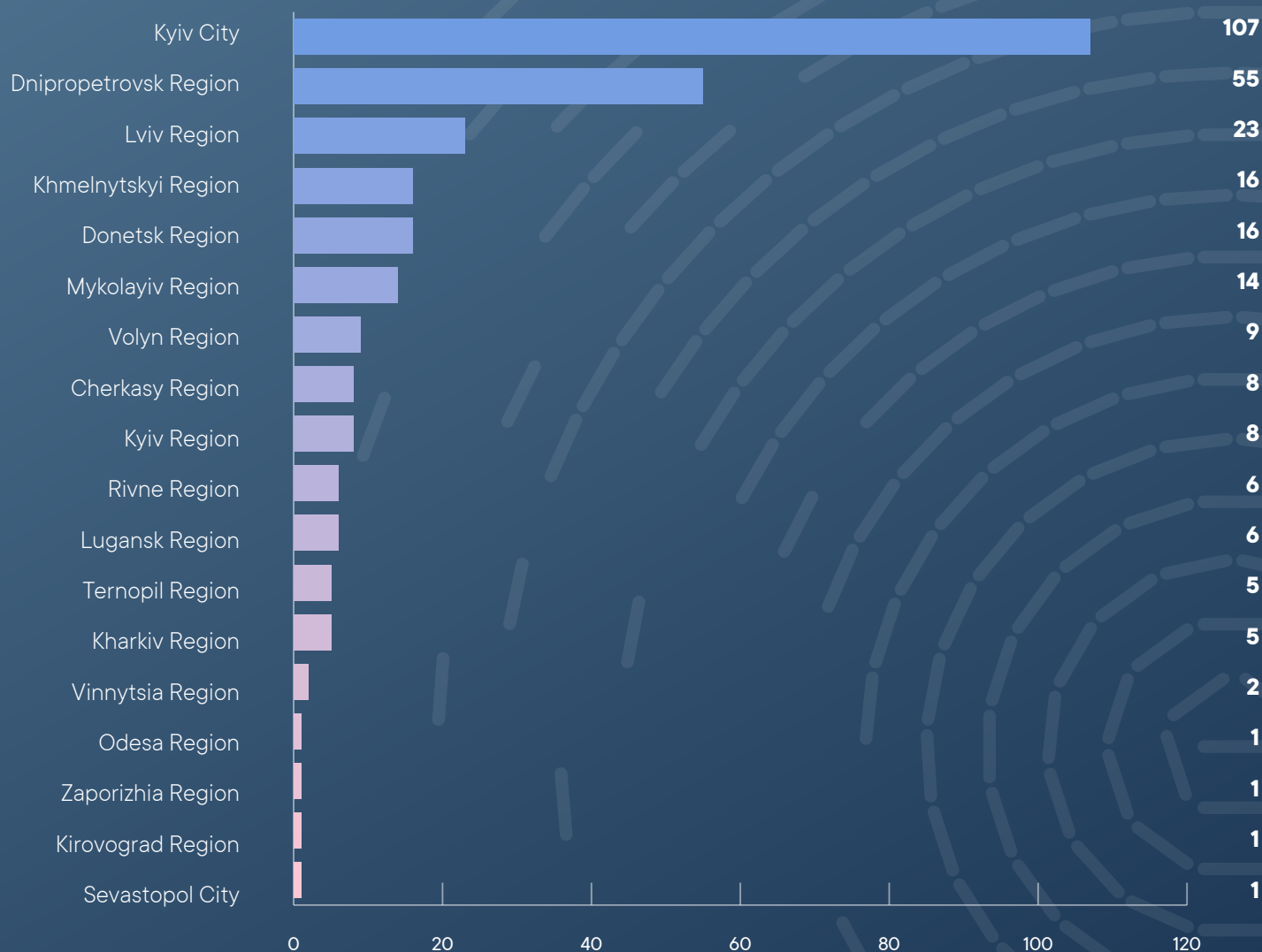


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Advocates rendering services 'PRO BONO'

(As of 14/12/2020)



TOTAL: 284

NUMBER OF LAWYERS GRANTED A TRANSFER 2020

(As of 14/12/2020)

Issued:

5	AR of Crimea
21	Vinnytsia Region
8	Volyn Region
18	Dnipropetrovsk Region
50	Donetsk Region
11	Zhytomyr Region
48	Zakarpattia Region
59	Zaporizhia Region
8	Ivano-Frankivsk Region
29	Kyiv Region
15	Kirovograd Region
4	Lugansk Region
15	Lviv Region
14	Mykolayiv Region
3	Odesa Region
64	Poltava Region
23	Rivne Region
5	Sumy Region
4	Ternopil Region
10	Kharkiv Region
3	Kherson Region
7	Khmelnyskyi Region
25	Cherkasy Region
7	Chernivtsi Region
21	Chernihiv Region
34	Kyiv City
0	Sevastopol City

Total: **511**

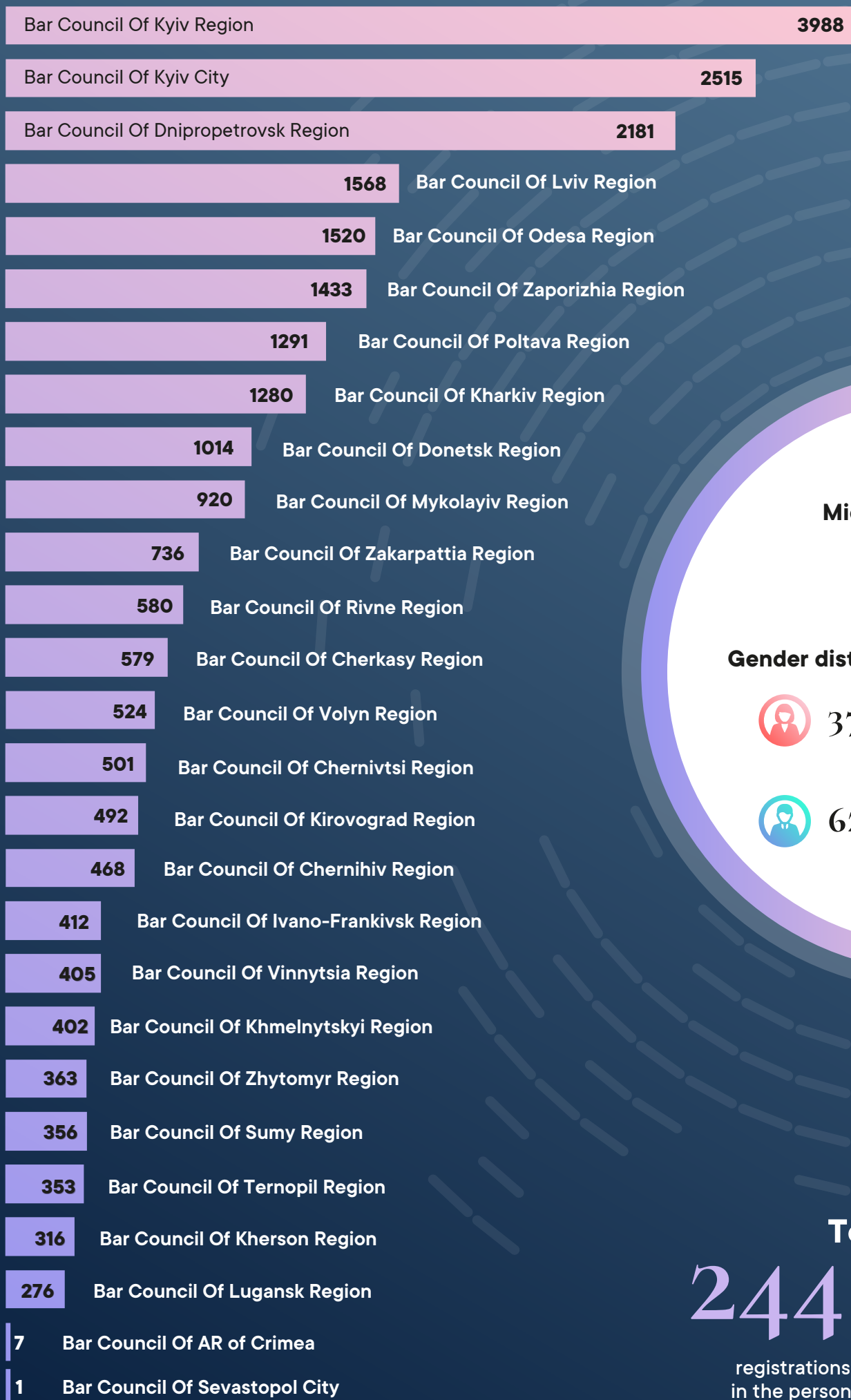
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4	Zaporizhia Region
1	Ivano-Frankivsk Region
139	Kyiv Region
4	Kirovograd Region
4	Lugansk Region
10	Lviv Region
1	Mykolayiv Region
25	Odesa Region
2	Poltava Region
5	Rivne Region
3	Sumy Region
3	Ternopil Region
93	Kharkiv Region
5	Kherson Region
6	Khmelnyskyi Region
4	Cherkasy Region
0	Chernivtsi Region
2	Chernihiv Region
128	Kyiv City
0	Sevastopol City

Total: **503**

Registration of Lawyers in the personal office

(As of January 2019)



Middle age:

33-40

Gender distribution:



37,87 %



62,13 %

Total:

24491

registrations of lawyers
in the personal account

UNBA Continuing Legal Education events (part 1)

Nº	Date	Venue	Type of Event	Number of participants
1	1/29/2020	City of Kyiv	Meet-up "Access to the legal profession: are opportunities equal? "	59
2	2/22/2020	City of Kyiv	UNBA CLE Training seminar for advocates of Kyiv City.	850
3	2/24/2020	City of Kyiv	Public talks "Gender equality in the legal profession: myth or reality?"	898
4	2/26/2020	City of Kyiv	"Ballistic expertise in judicial practice"	468
5	2/29/2020	City of Chernihiv	UNBA Training seminar for advocates of Chernihiv region	249
6	5/20/2020	all of Ukraine (Online)	Three views on the rules of professional conduct or the peculiarities of the advocate's interaction with people with disabilities	379
7	5/21/2020	all of Ukraine (Online)	Adherence to ethical standards and prevention of conflicts of interest in the relationship between advocate and judge	365
8	5/28/2020	all of Ukraine (Online)	Adherence to ethical standards and prevention of conflicts of interest in the relationship between advocate and judge	388
9	6/26/2020	all of Ukraine (Online)	Webinar of UNBA and UNBA NextGen regional office in Cherkasy region: "Participation of an advocate in a court hearing via video conference"	363
10	6/19/2020	all of Ukraine (Online)	Webinar of UNBA and UNBA NextGen regional office in Cherkasy region: "Stress resilience of an advocate: rules of survival in turbulent conditions"	332
11	6/17/2020	all of Ukraine (Online)	Webinar of UNBA and UNBA NextGen regional office in Cherkasy region: "Judicial control in administrative proceedings - an effective tool for enforcing decisions"	350
12	6/18/2020	all of Ukraine (Online)	"Practical aspects of the advocate's application of the legislation on financial monitoring in working with the client"	289
13	6/18/2020	all of Ukraine (Online)	Liability of advocates for violating the procedure for conducting financial monitoring	394
14	6/23/2020	all of Ukraine (Online)	Webinar of UNBA and UNBA NextGen regional office in Zhytomyr region: "Court is not a panacea. Alternative Dispute Resolution"	374
15	6/23/2020	all of Ukraine (Online)	Tax changes under the law №.466-IX. Everything has changed.	396
16	6/25/2020	all of Ukraine (Online)	Liability of advocates for violating the procedure for conducting financial monitoring	268
17	6/26/2020	all of Ukraine (Online)	"Practical aspects of the advocate's application of the legislation on financial monitoring in working with the client"	375
18	7/2/2020	all of Ukraine (Online)	Three views on the rules of professional conduct or the peculiarities of the advocate's interaction with people with disabilities	629
19	7/7/2020	all of Ukraine (Online)	"Practical aspects of the advocate's application of the legislation on financial monitoring in working with the client"	523
20	7/9/2020	all of Ukraine (Online)	Liability of advocates for violating the procedure for conducting financial monitoring	20
21	7/23/2020	all of Ukraine (Online)	NextGen webinar "Organization of productive work of a lawyer remotely"	30
22	7/16/2020	all of Ukraine (Online)	Webinar "Online work of a lawyer in 2020: new regulations and practice" (Unit III will be reported in English)	40
23	7/20/2020	all of Ukraine (Online)	UNBA webinar (Committee for Professional Development) for lawyers of Chernivtsi region	74
24	7/28/2020	all of Ukraine (Online)	UNBA webinar (Professional Development Committee) for lawyers of Vinnytsia region	30

UNBA Continuing Legal Education events (part 2)

№	Date	Venue	Type of Event	Number of participants
25	7/28/2020	all of Ukraine (Online)	Activity of tax militia bodies of financial investigations in Ukraine during the reform	346
26	7/27/2020	all of Ukraine (Online)	UNBA webinar (Committee for Professional Development for advocates of Zhytomyr region)	465
27	8/3/2020	all of Ukraine (Online)	UNBA webinar (UNBA Professional Qualification Development Committee) for advocates of Ivano-Frankivsk region	505
28	8/10/2020	all of Ukraine (Online)	UNBA webinar (UNBA Professional Qualification Development Committee) for advocates of Cherkasy region	561
29	8/11/2020	all of Ukraine (Online)	UNBA webinar (UNBA Professional Qualification Development Committee) for advocates of Volyn region	520
30	8/13/2020	all of Ukraine (Online)	Webinar of UNBA and UNBA NextGen regional office in Cherkasy region: "Electronic democracy in Ukraine and the legal community: interaction tools"	700
31	8/17/2020	all of Ukraine (Online)	UNBA webinar (UNBA Professional Qualification Development Committee) for advocates of Vinnytsia region	499
32	8/18/2020	all of Ukraine (Online)	UNBA webinar (UNBA Professional Qualification Development Committee) for advocates of Lviv region	582
33	8/20/2020	all of Ukraine (Online)	Joint webinar of UNBA (Committee on Business and Investor Protection) and the Business Ombudsman Council: "How to help businesses enforce a court decision. Practice of the Business Ombudsman Council"	351
34	8/27/2020	all of Ukraine (Online)	Training under CoE HELP Project "Internal Displacement"	42
35	8/27/2020	Kharkiv City	Training under CoE HELP Project "Internal Displacement"	11
36	9/1/2020	all of Ukraine (Online)	UNBA webinar (UNBA Professional Qualification Development Committee) for advocates of Sumy region	452
37	9/7/2020	all of Ukraine (Online)	UNBA webinar (UNBA Professional Qualification Development Committee) for advocates of Ternopil region	570
38	9/8/2020	all of Ukraine (Online)	UNBA webinar (UNBA Professional Qualification Development Committee) for advocates of Khmelnytskyi region	461
39	9/14/2020	all of Ukraine (Online)	UNBA webinar (UNBA Professional Qualification Development Committee) for advocates of Kharkiv region	566
40	9/15/2020	all of Ukraine (Online)	UNBA webinar (UNBA Professional Qualification Development Committee) for advocates of Odesa region	501
41	9/21/2020	all of Ukraine (Online)	UNBA webinar (UNBA Professional Qualification Development Committee) for advocates of Kherson region	444
42	9/22/2020	all of Ukraine (Online)	UNBA webinar (UNBA Professional Qualification Development Committee) for advocates of Zaporizhia region	521
43	9/24/2020	all of Ukraine (Online)	UNBA webinar (UNBA Professional Qualification Development Committee) for advocates of Donetsk region	524
44	9/28/2020	all of Ukraine (Online)	UNBA webinar (UNBA Professional Qualification Development Committee) for advocates of Lugansk region	330
45	9/29/2020	all of Ukraine (Online)	UNBA webinar (UNBA Professional Qualification Development Committee) for advocates of Mykolayiv region	470
46	9/30/2020	all of Ukraine (Online)	UNBA webinar (UNBA Professional Qualification Development Committee) for advocates of Kyiv region	510
47	10/5/2020	all of Ukraine (Online)	Round table in videoconference mode: "Court's clarification of the child's opinion: regulations, case law and psychological aspect"	487
48	10/8/2020	all of Ukraine (Online)	Webinar of NAAU and the regional office of UNBA NextGen in Cherkasy region: "General provisions for the organization and conduct of local elections 2020"	418

UNBA Continuing Legal Education events (part 3)

Nº	Date	Venue	Type of Event	Number of participants
49	10/12/2020	all of Ukraine (Online)	Meet-up "Access to the legal profession: are opportunities equal? "	59
50	10/15/2020	all of Ukraine (Online)	UNBA CLE Training seminar for advocates of Kyiv City.	850
51	10/16/2020	all of Ukraine (Online)	Public talks "Gender equality in the legal profession: myth or reality?"	898
52	10/19/2020	all of Ukraine (Online)	"Ballistic expertise in judicial practice"	468
53	10/21/2020	all of Ukraine (Online)	UNBA Training seminar for advocates of Chernihiv region	249
54	11/11/2020	all of Ukraine (Online)	Three views on the rules of professional conduct or the peculiarities of the advocate's interaction with people with disabilities	379
55	11/12/2020	all of Ukraine (Online)	Adherence to ethical standards and prevention of conflicts of interest in the relationship between advocate and judge	365
56	11/16/2020	all of Ukraine (Online)	Adherence to ethical standards and prevention of conflicts of interest in the relationship between advocate and judge	388
57	11/17/2020	all of Ukraine (Online)	Webinar of UNBA and UNBA NextGen regional office in Cherkasy region: "Participation of an advocate in a court hearing via video conference"	363
58	11/30/2020	all of Ukraine (Online)	Webinar of UNBA and UNBA NextGen regional office in Cherkasy region: "Stress resilience of an advocate: rules of survival in turbulent conditions"	332
59	12/28/2020	all of Ukraine (Online)	Webinar of UNBA and UNBA NextGen regional office in Cherkasy region: "Judicial control in administrative proceedings - an effective tool for enforcing decisions"	350
Total				25 011

UNBA partner joint training activities

No.	Date	Venue	Type of Event	Number of participants
1	2/7/2020	all of Ukraine (Online)	Final meeting of the course "Prohibition of Misconduct"	9
2	2/28/2020	all of Ukraine (Online)	Training under CoE HELP Project "Internal Displacement"	30
3	6/11/2020	all of Ukraine (Online)	An online seminar for advocates and arbitration receivers on restoring the solvency of an individual. Practical aspects of application of the Bankruptcy Procedures Code of Ukraine.	459
4	6/25/2020	all of Ukraine (Online)	Ukrainian - German Bar Forum: E-Justice and BEA (advocates special e-mail account)	2682
5	8/4/2020	all of Ukraine (Online)	Joint webinar of UNBA (UNBA Professional Qualification Development Committee) with the National Association of Arbitration Receivers of Ukraine for advocates of Dnipropetrovsk region	469
6	8/25/2020	all of Ukraine (Online)	UNBA webinar (UNBA Professional Qualification Development Committee) jointly held with YouControl "Identification and verification of a contractor"	535
7	8/27/2020	all of Ukraine (Online)	Discussion on the topic: "Why lawyer needs mediation?" joint, free	704
8	10/6/2020	all of Ukraine (Online)	Raiding in state registers: effective counteraction	344
9	10/16/2020	all of Ukraine (Online)	"Three views on the rules of lawyer's ethics or the peculiarities of the lawyer's interaction with persons with disabilities" together with the Bar Council of Kyiv City.	477
10	10/20/2020	all of Ukraine (Online)	Administrative appeal in the areas of public procurement and economic competition: recommendations	338
11	10/22/2020	Kharkiv City	Ukrainian - German Bar Forum: Impact of financial monitoring legislation on advocacy in Ukraine and Germany	561
12	10/27/2020	all of Ukraine (Online)	UNBA and Council of Europe course (HELP program) "Women's Access to Justice"	57
13	11/3/2020	all of Ukraine (Online)	Webinar (meeting-discussion) on the topic: "Business's problems of business at customs: how to act"	333
14	11/6/2020	all of Ukraine (Online)	International forum on: Alternative Dispute Resolution in the Context of the Mediation Bill	342
15	12/10/2020	all of Ukraine (Online)	Webinar: "Defense in Criminal Proceedings for Intentional Murder Committed in a State of Strong Mental Excitement"	254

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CHAPTER II

2020 CHALLENGES AND STRATEGIC ACTIVITIES

Advocacy during the COVID-19 pandemic

The year 2020 for the whole world was marked by emergency conditions imposed due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The normal functioning of government, public institutions, businesses, education, health care, culture and tourism has changed radically due to the global spread of this dangerous disease.

In Ukraine, in March 2020, an unprecedented quarantine regime was introduced, which was later called "lock-down". Throughout the year, this regime continued with various forms, new restrictions being imposed by the government and local authorities.

The response to this challenge was compliance with medical and quarantine recommendations, adaptation of the Bar to new conditions, changing the mode of operation of Bar self-government and active, accelerated transition of many UNBA activities to online platforms. The work of regional bodies of advocacy self-government, UNBA/BCU Secretariat of, HQDCB, the schedule of classes at the Higher School of Advocacy was also changed. As a result of COVID-19, UNBA canceled traditional events – the National Football Championship "UNBA Cup 2020", a large summer gathering for young advocates and international conference of the European Young Bar Association. The BCU also decided to postpone the regional conferences of advocates. Meetings of the Bar Council of Ukraine were held systematically online. International events, such as the Ukrainian-German Advocacy Forum and CLE training, were also transformed into webinars.

In the first, most difficult months of quarantine, the UNBA/BCU President Lidiya Izovitova initiated a charity event in support of senior advocates. The assistance provided by the Charitable Foundation went to the three regions most affected by COVID-19 – Chernivtsi, Ivano-Frankivsk and Ternopil. They became the sources of massive contagion in Ukraine in spring of 2020. Subsequently, advocates from Rivne, Vinnytsia and Zhytomyr regions joined the cause, and together with the regional Bar Council and local branches of the UNBA NextGen



Youth Committee donated product kits and personal protective equipment to elderly advocates.

Since the introduction of quarantine, UNBA has also been actively involved in working to amend legislation and regulations with a view of quarantine restrictions in the areas of administration of justice, the activities of the Bar and contributed to the proper protection of human rights. At the same time, UNBA actively studied the international experience, recommendations of such organizations as the Council of Europe and CCBE concerning the functioning of the justice system during a pandemic.

In March 2020, UNBA addressed Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine with a proposal to amend the Criminal Procedure Code, in order to properly account for the peculiarities of the quarantine regime in the work of defenders in the courts. In March 2020, UNBA addressed Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine with a proposal to amend the Criminal Procedure Code, in order to properly account for the peculiarities of the quarantine regime in the work of defenders in the courts. The bill №3276 on amendments to Section XI "Transitional Provisions" of the Criminal Procedure Code of Ukraine regarding the peculiarities of judicial control over the rights, freedoms and interests of persons in criminal proceedings and consideration of certain issues during the quarantine proceedings established by the Cabinet Ministers of Ukraine to prevent the spread of Coronavirus disease (COVID-19). The bill did not address the issue of court conduct in the event of an advocate's failure to appear for valid reasons (for example, illness or inability to appear before the court due to transport quarantine restrictions). Failure to do so may lead to violations of both the constitutional requirements that human life and health are the highest values and the right to freely choose a defender of one's rights, and the violation of the fundamental fundamental human rights and freedoms (Article 6 of the Convention).



UNBA also sent proposals to Verkhovna Rada concerning the draft law "On Amendments to Section XI" Transitional Provisions" of the Criminal Procedure Code 21 of Ukraine on the peculiarities of judicial control over the observance of the rights, freedoms and interests of persons in criminal proceedings and consideration of certain issues during court proceedings for the period of quarantine established by the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine to prevent the spread of Coronavirus disease (COVID-19) (reg. No. 3276 dated 29.03.2020).

In April 2020, UNBA President Lidiya Izovitova appealed to Verkhovna Rada Commissioner for Human Rights Lyudmila Denisova regarding the conditions of detention of those imprisoned and arrested during the COVID-19 pandemic.

The letter of the UNBA President mentions changes in the national legislation that take into account the peculiarities of quarantine in the justice system. In particular, the Law of Ukraine "On Amendments to Certain Legislative Acts of Ukraine Aimed at Providing Additional Social and Economic Guarantees in Connection with the Spread of Coronaviral Disease (COVID-19)", which entered into force on April 2, 2020, introduced a number of measures to counter the spread of this infectious disease.

UNBA's appeal also cited the position of the Council of Europe's Committee for the Prevention of Torture, which called on states to make more frequent the use of alternatives to detention pending trial, to reduce length of imprisonment, embrace parole and probation, and to reassess the need to continue involuntary hospitalization of psychiatric patients, to discharge or provide communal medical and social assistance to persons in social care institutions, and to refuse, as far as possible, the administrative detention of migrants.

In addition, on 20 March 2020, the Committee approved the List of Principles Concerning the Treatment of Inmates in the Context of the Coronavirus Pandemic (COVID-19). In particular, Principle 5 of the List emphasizes that all the authorities responsible must undertake concerted action to promote alternatives to deprivation of liberty. Such measures are urgently needed, especially given the overcrowding. In addition, the authorities should make greater use of alternatives to pre-trial detention, as well as reduce terms of imprisonment, embrace parole and probation, reassess the need to continue involuntary hospitalization of psychiatric patients, discharge or provide medical and social assistance to persons in care facilities. Reducing the number of prisoners throughout Europe is a prerequisite for ensuring effective sanitation and easing pressure on prison staff and the penitentiary system in general. "Taking into account the recommendations of the European institutions and the situation with the pandemic in Ukraine, UNBA called for effective measures to be taken into account by the courts, the prosecutor's office and the pre-trial investigation in view of the pandemic as one of the considerations in choosing detention or another measure of restraint and finding opportunities to use, if necessary, alternatives. UNBA also called for the establishing in the proce-

dural law (for example, upon the initiative of the defense) to review the already chosen pre-trial measures in the form of detention in favor of something less severe.



UNBA twice appealed to the Ministry of Justice to provide FLA (Free Legal Aid) advocates with personal protection means. UNBA emphasized that despite the introduction of quarantine in connection with the spread of COVID-19, defenders continue to perform their duties and provide free legal aid, in particular, detention facilities and prisons, law enforcement agencies offices, as well as provide such assistance to the less fortunate. During pandemic, there are additional risks of advocates becoming infected with coronavirus infection, and additional costs are borne by the FLA advocates. Given these risks to life, UNBA called on the Ministry to take measures to provide FLA advocates with medical masks and respirators, medical gloves, goggles, hand sanitizers and other necessary disinfectants; initiate the development of a system of measures to facilitate the transportation of FLA advocates to their clients during the execution of relevant assignments. UNBA also sent a corresponding request to the Coordination Center for Legal Aid Provision. Such an initiative was sent to the UNBA President by the relevant UNBA committee, which pointed out that the Resolution of the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine "Issues of payment for services and reimbursement of advocates providing free secondary legal aid" (as amended) of September 17, 2014. No. 465 does not provide for the reimbursement of advocates providing free legal aid for the above-mentioned personal protective equipment, which is essential in order to at least reduce the risk of contracting coronavirus infection while performing their professional duties in order to ensure administration of justice in Ukraine. **At a meeting of the Government on July 29, 2020, 22 the resolution "Some issues of payment for services and reimbursement of advocates that provide free secondary legal aid" was adopted.**

During the year, UNBA studied the international experience of bars and professional law organizations operating in times of COVID-19. **Thus, in June, UNBA President Lidiya Izovitova and UNBA Vice-President Valentyn Gvozdiy took part in a round table "COVID-19-challenges for the legal profession". The interna-**

tional event was initiated by the German Federal Bar (Bundesrechtsanwaltskammer – BRAK).

The topic of COVID-19 was discussed in the course of two sessions. The first focused on how the global pandemic has affected the political agenda for the legal professions. In this context, the leaders of European Bars exchanged experiences of their professional organizations during COVID-19 – e.i. their latest initiatives and how these organizations positioned themselves, what strategies were prepared for quarantine and responding to the challenges facing the legal profession in the future after COVID-19.

The second session was devoted to legal practice during COVID-19. In particular, how to guarantee access to justice for clients and means for online justice that provides protection during a pandemic.

In July 2020, Vice-UNBA/BCU President Valentyn Gvozdiy took part in the round table "Certain aspects of the court's work during the pandemic: organizational measures and issues of sanitary and epidemiological safety".

The event was attended by HCJ (High Council of Justice) Chair Andriy Ovsienko, CJU (Council of Judges of Ukraine) Chair Bogdan Monich, representatives of the Supreme Court, of the USA, Ministry of Justice, National School of Judges, WHO experts, and the the European Union Advisory Mission (EUAM) Ukraine. Ukrainian advocacy was represented in the discussion by Valentyn Gvozdiy.

Valentyn Gvozdiy expressed readiness of UNBA to join the development of relevant recommendations for dispute parties, taking into account the rights of advocates during quarantine restrictions.

According to him, during the quarantine "the Bar adapted quite quickly to the new conditions, but faced a huge number of problems."

At the level of the institution, there is a feeling of lack of communication with the bodies of judicial self-government regarding the proper observance of procedural rights of advocates in court hearings.

"We feel the lack of communication with the Council of Judges of Ukraine and the need for joint communication, because local courts, unfortunately, show some prejudice against advocates and do not take into account the interests and rights of advocates, including their right to life and health", – Valentyn Gvozdiy noted.

He clarified that these are cases "when advocates move to postpone the hearing due to the impossibility to attend due to valid reasons related to COVID-19". At the same time, he stressed that, according to official statistics on the disease, today the situation in the country is much more serious than it was at the start of the quarantine in March of this year. In addition, cases of the disease among court employees have been officially confirmed.

The UNBA Vice-President informed that 30 disciplinary complaints had been initiated against advocates upon the request of judges due to inability of advocates to appear in courts during the quarantine.

The UNBA Vice-President called on the CJU and other parties to enter into a dialog to settle this issue, proposing to resolve it in terms of procedural legislation, but also taking into account the existing challenges of the pandemic.



In August, the UNBA/BCU President Lidiya Izovitova and the UNBA Vice-President Valentyn Gvozdiy took part in the round table "Peculiarities of functioning of courts in quarantine conditions: equal rights for all participants in the process", devoted to the impact of restrictive quarantine measures on parties to the court proceedings. The discussion was also attended by HCJ Vice-Chair Oleksiy Malovatsky, Chair of the Criminal Cassation Court of the Supreme Court Stanislav Kravchenko, Acting Chair of the Higher Anti-Corruption Court Yevhen Kruk, Acting Deputy Chair of the Specialized Anti-Corruption Prosecutor's Office Vitaliy Ponomarenko; representatives of the Council of Judges of Ukraine, the State Judicial Administration of Ukraine, the National School of Judges of Ukraine, the Ministry of Justice of Ukraine, and the State Bureau of Investigation.

Lidiya Izovitova reminded that the Bar Council of Ukraine appealed to the Council of Judges about the fact that judges do not take into account quarantine restrictions as a valid reason for non-appearance of advocates before court. However, judges continue to ignore these appeals. According to her, there are more than 57 thousand advocates in Ukraine that work throughout the country. At the same time, some courts are located in Kyiv, and it is difficult to get there from the regions. However, in the practice of the Higher Anti-Corruption Court, these circumstances are not always recognized as a valid reason for non-appearance.

The President of UNBA also spoke out against advocates risking their health and the health of others contrary to the recommendations of the Ministry of Health during the quarantine period.

In times of pandemic, the notion of reasonable time limits should be assessed more flexibly. After all, even with the



possibility of remote participation in court hearings, some actions take more time than others. For example, if a written statement from another party filed to court online, it is not possible to see or investigate it by video conference. This requires time and moving the next hearing to review new documents.

The UNBA Vice-President Valentyn Gvozdiy stressed that such round tables with representatives of HCJ, BCU, judges, prosecutors are a way to agree on common approaches to solving all problems of justice in times of quarantine.

Valentyn Gvozdiy said that UNBA is currently actively co-operating with the SJA to improve the Electronic Court System that should provide access to justice through online tools.

During the year, UNBA carried out explanatory work on the specifics of quarantine for advocacy, business, justice, the right to receive medical care and the professional rights of doctors.

In December 2020, the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights published a Report on the Impact of the COVID-19 Pandemic on Human Rights.

According to the document, restrictions related to COVID-19 have affected access to justice and the guarantee of a public trial by court.

Some courts barred observers and journalists from accessing the premises; there were many obstacles for ensuring equal access to justice through digital technologies.

"The results of an online survey conducted by OHCHR among 121 advocates practicing in different regions of Ukraine indicates that some courts have applied the recommendations in a way that has created unjustified obstacles to access to justice," - the report said.

Among such unjustified obstacles, advocates cited lack of access to court offices and case materials, as well as delays in court proceedings, which in some cases were caused by judges who persuaded the parties to move to reschedule the hearing. Advocates also complained about poor functionality "Electronic Court", say the UN experts.

According to the State Judicial Administration of Ukraine, in the period from April 1 to November 30, 2020, the courts held 37,860 court hearings by video conference, in which the parties participated outside the court premises.

OHCHR recommends that measures taken to ensure the security of court premises and to prevent the spread of COVID-19 remain exclusive, temporary and accompanied by appropriate safeguards to protect the right to a fair and public trial. In any case, clear and accurate information on all measures taken must be reported immediately.

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Проблеми з правом на справедливий судовий розгляд, окреслені адвокатами*



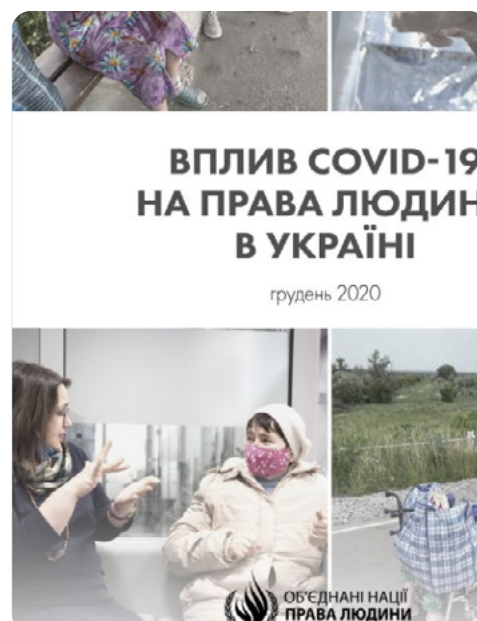
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COVID-19 Publications

13.03.2020

TOP-5 facts to pay attention to business representatives in connection with the introduction of quarantine

UNBA Committee for Business and Investor Protection

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16.03.2020

Is the Coronavirus a force majeure and a ground for contractual default?

Serhii Barbashyn

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

16.03.2020

Mall: how to protect the rights of children in quarantine?

Anna Garo, Oksana Bobak

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

20.03.2020

Tourism during the Coronavirus epidemic. What is worth knowing?

Oleg Povalyaev

<https://bit.ly/2NZN8wS>

23.03.2020

Quarantine is the golden age for raiders and fraudsters

Volodymyr Matsko

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23.03.2020

Business activity during quarantine

Serhii Barbashyn, Oleg Chip

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23.03.2020

VERKHOVNA RADA vs COVID-19: Benefits for business during quarantine

Anatoliy Graboviy

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01.04.2020

Unregistered drugs as an urgent way to treat Ukrainians for coronavirus

Olena Gaidai

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

01.04.2020

How to adhere to the established schedule of meetings with the child during quarantine?

Tatiana Zhidachek

<https://bit.ly/3ruUJ4j>

03.04.2020

Some migration and legal observations in connection with the pandemic

Olga Poyedynok

<https://bit.ly/3suyCfy>

06.04.2020

Deputy Head of Presidential Office Andriy Smirnov: "It is not necessary to live in courts in the conditions of a pandemic in anticipation of sanctions for searches"

Andriy Smirnov

<https://bit.ly/3IWLRmW>

09.04.2020

Electronic court in terms of COVID-19

Volodymyr Matsko

<https://bit.ly/3IXL19v>

10.04.2020

Appeals against "quarantine" measures of foreign governments: what did the courts say?

Vitalii Vlasiuk

<https://bit.ly/3ruVdaD>

22.04.2020

**Operation of the subsystem "Electronic Court".
About UCITS and videoconferencing in courts**

Yuriy Grygorenko

<https://bit.ly/2O3AvB2>

05.05.2020

Digitalization in a COVID-19 pandemic. Electronic digital signature as a tool for access to justice

Elena Mironenko-Shulgan

<https://bit.ly/31ESOjj>

07.05.2020

Electronic litigation - it's time for a change

Volodymyr Matsko

<https://bit.ly/3cuWryr>

01.06.2020

New challenges in labor relations: remote work, flexible working conditions

Kateryna Tsvetkova

<https://bit.ly/3ctgBZu>

02.06.2020

Some issues of employee leave during quarantine

Victoria Polishchuk

<https://bit.ly/3rupbeV>

03.06.2020

Justified reasons for work absenteeism during quarantine

Anna Lysenko

<https://bit.ly/3sCOVZO>

05.06.2020

Coronavirus as an acute occupational disease, behavior tactics for medical workers

Tatiana Matova, Victoria Polishchuk

<https://bit.ly/2PEF2dn>

19.08.2020

Small business in the context of the COVID-19 pandemic: legal regulation of the state financial support

Elena Mironenko-Shulgan

<https://bit.ly/3lYnRzL>

28.08.2020

Investing in civilian clothes is a threat that is worse for business than quarantine

Sergiy Khilchenko

<https://bit.ly/3swzxfD>

22.10.2020

We need to learn to live so that the quality of our lives does not deteriorate and does not depend on viruses

Maxim Soroka

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Protecting advocates' rights

International and domestic aspect

MARCH 2020

Representatives of UNBA and European Bars Federation discussed the issue of violations of advocates' rights



On March 5, 2020, a meeting of representatives of the National Bar Association of Ukraine and the European Bar Association European Bars Federation (FBE) took place. UNBA was represented by the Chair of the Family Law Committee Hanna Garo, the Deputy Chair of the Committee for the Protection of advocates' Rights and Guarantees of Advocacy Yuriy Grygorenko and the Secretary of the Committee on International Relations Oleh Klymyuk. The FAE was represented by the Secretary of the International Relations Committee, Izaskun Azpitarte Astobiza. During the meeting, the parties discussed the issue of violations of professional rights and guarantees of advocacy and possible ways to overcome these mass phenomena, as well as institutional threats to the legal profession in general.

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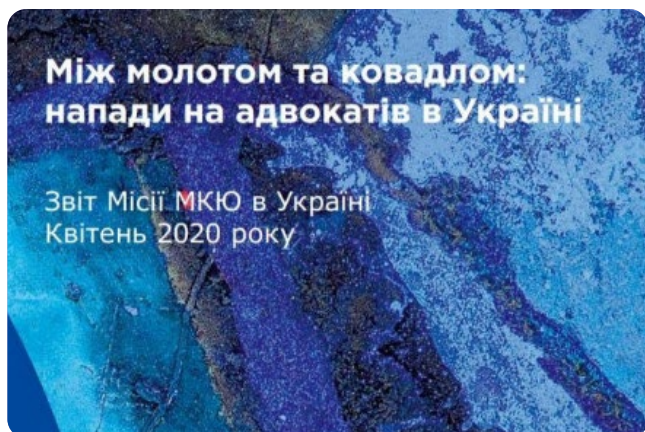
UNBA representatives took part in the discussion of legal practice guarantees organized by the Council of Europe Office in Ukraine

On March 31, 2020, UNBA representatives took part in a round table on the topic: "Guarantees of Legal Practice in Ukraine in the Light of Council of Europe Standards". During the event, a draft report prepared by Jonathan Goldsmith, an international expert and former Secretary General of the Council of Bars and Law Societies of Europe (CCBE), was analyzed. In particular, such aspects of the report as legal privilege, identification of an advocate with a client, free choice of a defender under the contract and in the FLA system were discussed. Separately, the European expert suggested discussing the problem of impunity for violations of the professional rights of advocates in Ukraine.

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In May, the International Commission of Jurists published report titled "Between the Rock and the Anvil: Advocates under Attack in Ukraine"



According to international experts, advocates in Ukraine continue to be targeted, despite various reforms of the judicial and law enforcement systems. Advocates continue to be identified with their clients, facing obstacles not only from violent extremist right-wing radical groups, but also as a result of abuse of legal procedures against them. The report presents conclusions and recommendations on the safety of advocates, murder cases, harassment of advocates through the use of legal mechanisms; as well as the problems faced by advocates in defending human rights, independence and reform of the Bar in Ukraine, the work of advocates in uncontrolled territories.

In particular, the ICJ noted that the 2014 conflict had a significant impact on the justice system, and that some advocates found themselves at the forefront of conflict or ideological consequences in one form or another. Although every advocate has been influenced in their work, those who work on politically sensitive cases suffer assault and harassment, and in some cases are victims of murder. This inevitably sends serious signals to all advocates about the consequences they may face for actively defending their clients and has a "binding" effect on the legal profession.

The report emphasizes that the political approval of violent extremist right-wing radical groups operating in the name of patriotism has weakened the rule of law and a significant level of impunity for attacks on advocates. Not only the bar, but also judges and the justice system in general, were undermined by systematic and regular attacks that went unpunished. Advocates are often left alone with the problem without effective legal protection from groups and individuals who intimidate, threaten, attack and otherwise oppress them and interfere with their professional activities. The most irreparable con-

sequences of such attacks are the killings of advocates, perpetrators thereof have not been prosecuted.

The ICJ acknowledged and commended UNBA for taking an active role in monitoring such cases, despite little progress in an operative and full investigation.

JULY 2020

A joint meeting of UNBA Committee Chairs was dedicated to violations of the rights of advocates providing professional legal aid in anti-corruption proceedings

The event was attended by Ganna Boryak, Chair of Committees for the Protection of Advocates' Rights, Ganna Kolesnyk, Chair of Committee for Protection of Human Rights, Maryna Stavniychuk, Chair of Committee for Rule



of Law, Andriy Tsygankov, Chair of the Committee for Professional Conduct, Oleksandr Gotin, Chair of Committee for Anti-Corruption Policy and Compliance, Angelica Moiseeva, Chair of Committee for Criminal Law and Procedure, Vadim Khabibullin, Chair of Committee for Information Policy, Oleksandr Drozdov, Chair of FLA Committee .

The event was held due to the intensification of violations of advocates' rights by law enforcement agencies and judges of the Higher Anti-Corruption Court - identification of advocates with their clients, violation of procedural rights during court hearings, information campaign to discredit advocates and obstruction of advocacy so-called activists.

The invitations to the meeting received Chair of the Bar Council of Kyiv Region Petro Boyko, advocates Volodymyr Bogatyr, Rostyslav Kravets, Oleksandr Krotiyuk, Roman Maselko, Chair of the Committee for the Protection

of the Rights of Advocates of the Bar Council of Kyiv Region Vitaliy Naum, Member of the Bar Council of Ukraine Igor Cherezov.

attorneys in high-profile cases by judges of the Higher Anti-Corruption Court.



SEPTEMBER 2020

In order to discuss the issues documented in the ICJ report and to find possible solutions, UNBA together with the ICJ in September 2020 discussed the threats to the safety of advocates in Ukraine and the role of advocates in protecting human rights in Ukraine. During the event, the conclusions of the ICJ Report on the safety of advocates and the role of advocates in the protection of human rights in Ukraine, as well as the implementation of international safety standards for advocates in national law were discussed. A separate discussion panel was devoted to the independence and self-government of the bar.

During the discussion, the UNBA/BCU President Lidiya Izovitova stressed that advocates began to face open manifestations of discrimination against their rights in court proceedings that take place during quarantine. This tendency was especially noticeable at the Higher Anti-Corruption Court. In general, in the practice of courts has a prosecutorial incline, which is a challenge to the realization of the rights to defense and guarantees of legal practice.

Speaking about the level of violations of advocates' rights in Ukraine, Lidiya Izovitova reported that thousands of occasions were officially recorded according to the data of regional Bar Councils. In addition, in 2020, the Bar Council of Ukraine adopted 9 decisions addressing the violations of advocates' rights by law enforcement agencies and courts. At the same time, most of these decisions involve appeals to international organizations, as they address absolutely blatant violations of the rights of our colleagues by state bodies. These are criminal cases against Volodymyr Bohatyr's advocates; investigation against former PACE Vice-President, advocate Georgy Logvynskyi and other advocates; pressure on defense

Attacks on advocates related to the conflict in the East should be properly investigated - 30th report of the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights

In Ukraine, advocates providing paid defense services may be at risk through the representation of clients in criminal cases related to the conflict. From April 2014 to April 2020, the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights documented 12 attacks on advocates rendering paid defense services in cases of this type. Experts directly link the attacks to professional activities.

The report is published at the UN website -

<https://bit.ly/3rsyGet>



“The authorities’ failure to ensure the security of advocates, in particular whilst on court premises, and failure to effectively investigate such attacks violates the rights to security of the person and to legal counsel, as well as national protections against interference in the course of advocates’ work”, stated in the document.”

In 2017 and 2018, OHCHR documented eight attacks by members of far-right groups on advocates defending individuals with allegedly “anti-Ukrainian” views (in all these cases, advocates were involved on a paid basis). Six of these attacks were carried out in the presence of police, which failed to intervene. Four advocates were attacked in the courtroom, and in two other cases, advocates’ cars were set on fire. In addition, OHCHR has documented two cases in which advocates have been attacked by members of these groups for defending persons subject of criminal proceedings for possible membership in armed groups.

In the recommendatory part of the report, UN experts advise the Office of the Prosecutor General to ensure the correct criminal classification of attacks on judges and advocates in accordance with the Criminal Code of Ukraine, which will reflect their true nature and severity.



REPORT OF UNBA Committee on Protection of Advocates' Professional Rights and Guarantees

The UNBA Committee for the Protection of Advocates' Professional Rights and Guarantees established in 2013 to protect the professional and other rights of advocates, promote guarantees of legal practice, and create the necessary conditions for advocates to perform their professional duties effectively and efficiently. Within the limits of its powers, the Committee undertakes to eliminate violations of professional rights and guarantees by state bodies and local self-government and other subjects. The Committee is vested with clarification of the ways and good practices in self-defense of professional rights and guarantees, as well as informing the legal community and the public about the protection of professional rights of advocates in Ukraine.

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In 2019, the work of UNBA Committee on Protection of Advocates' Professional Rights and Guarantees was focused on:

1. CONSIDERATION OF STATEMENTS ABOUT VIOLATIONS OF PROFESSIONAL RIGHTS AND GUARANTEES OF THE ADVOCATES.

In 2020, the Committee received 101 complaints alleging violations of advocates' professional rights and guarantees, each properly processed. In particular, the Committee sent 43 appeals to the leadership of law enforcement agencies with requests to stop violations of the rights of advocates, and conduct official investigation into violators and to bring the perpetrators to disciplinary liability.

2. MEETINGS OF THE COMMITTEE

During 2020, 12 meetings were held, where Committee Members considered complaints alleging violations of the professional rights of advocates and identified priority response areas: February 7, March 12, March 26, May 15, June 26, July 22, August 11, September 1, October 1, October 8, November 5, December 7.

3. QUICK RESPONSE TO VIOLATION OF PROFESSIONAL RIGHTS OF ADVOCATES.

- 1) On March 19, the Committee's received (via hotline) a notice of an attempt by SSU officers to conduct a search of an advocate's office. As a result of the visit, representatives of the Committee did not allow SSU employees to

conduct a search.

Thanks to the professional and coordinated work of the Committee's representatives, it was possible to prevent violations of the advocate's rights and prevent the disclosure of legal privilege.

- 2) On March 27, the Committee received (via hotline) a notice on the beating and detention of advocate Ponomarev M.M. by patrol police officers. Committee Members promptly responded to the above message and arrived at the scene (Brovary City, Kyiv region). Together with members of the Committee for the Protection of Advocates' Professional Rights of Kyiv Region, it was established that police officers used physical force and handcuffs on the advocate and his father, causing them bodily harm.

Representatives of the Committees provided legal aid to the victims, inspected the scene, recorded witness statements and escorted the victims to a medical facility to record the injuries.

- 3) On December 29, the Committee's received (via hotline) a call from Anna Vasylenko, an employee of the VB Partners Law Firm, who said that unknown individuals (allegedly police officers, but they did not introduce themselves) broke down the door and entered the premises of the above-mentioned law firm. Unknown persons began to read an unknown document to the client of the above-mentioned law firm. A delegated representative of the Committee arrived at the scene immediately.

According to the results of the visit, it was established that these above-mentioned persons were employees of the Investigative Division of the Main Dept. of the National Police in Kyiv City, that arrived for the purposes of carrying out a procedural notice. As a result of these events, legal privilege was not violated, privileged documents were not inspected or confiscated. The property owned by the law firm and the employed advocates was not damaged.

4. EVENT PARTICIPATION.

- 1) The Committee leadership took part in joint meeting of the Chairs of the UNBA Committees (July 21). The event was dedicated to discussing the problem of intensification of violations of advocates' rights by law enforcement agencies and judges of the Higher Anti-Corruption Court.
- 2) Vice-Chair of the Committee Yuriy Gryhorenko and Member of the Committee Oleksandr Chernykh took part in the meeting of representatives of Ukrainian National Bar Association and the State Judicial Administration of Ukraine (June 26). The event was dedicated to discussing the functioning of the Unified Court Information and Telecommunication System (UCITS) and its subsystem "Electronic Court".



- 3) Volodymyr Klochkov, Vice-Chair of the Committee, delivered a report at round table on "Current Challenges in the Activities of the Higher Anti-Corruption Court" (September 10), organized by the Higher Anti-Corruption Court with the assistance of the OSCE Mission to Ukraine.
- 4) The Committee took part in the organization of an international discussion on "Legal regulation of the independent professional practice of advocate in Ukraine" (September 18). The event was held by UNBA together with the International Commission of Jurists.

5. SCIENCE PUBLICATIONS.

The Committee Members prepared 18 publications, posted at the website of UNBA, HSA, other media and at the Committee's Facebook page.

6. REPRESENTATION OF ADVOCATES' INTERESTS

On June 1, Larysa Kryvoruchko asked the Committee to assist in defending her rights in court regarding the arrest of her car and the criminal proceedings under investigation by the National Police for the commission of a criminal offense.

The Committee decided to send to the competent authorities complaints about illegal actions against advocates. Committee members Iryna Glovyuk and Nonna Nadich also took part in the appeal hearing.

7. THE COMMITTEE MEDIA PROJECTS

During 2020, the following videos were published at the Committee's YouTube channel "The world through the eyes of advocate":

- Interview with the Committee Chair Ganna Boryak "About the Bar and more".
- "The opinion of the prosecutor and the criminal law are sometimes different things."

- Interview with the Chair of the Information Support Section of the Committee Volodymyr Bohatyř "Harassment of an advocate is harassment of democracy" .
- Interview with prof.Oleksandr Sainchin "Education and morality as a prerequisite for the violation of rights advocates".
- Interview with advocate Denys Ponomarenko, partner of Barristers Law Firm:"Court.: Two mayors for one city".

During 2020, law enforcement agencies sent 170 notices for searches and detentions of advocates. In total, local Bar Councils reacted to 229 searches and detentions of colleagues. 53 searches and detentions took place without notification of a regional Bar Council, which is a violation of the Law "On the Bar and Practice of Law".

This is evidenced by the statistical reporting of Bar self-government activities for 2020.

At the same time, Kyiv City and Kyiv region hold record figures for almost all of the above counts, and this trend has persisted throughout the year. Total, in 2020, the Bar Council of the capital received 40 notices of detentions and searches, and 30 such documents were received by the Bar Council of Kyiv region. The Bar Council of Odessa region holds the third spot, with 25 notices of procedural actions against defenders.

In 2020, members of the Bar Council of Kyiv Region reacted to the most searches and detentions of advocates - 70. In the capital, RBC reacted to 42 such occasions, in the Odessa region - 32.

The largest number of unauthorized searches and detentions of advocates also took place in Kyiv region - 32. In Kharkiv and Odesa regions, 8 similar cases were recorded during the year.

Last year, the regional Bar Councils received 1532 appeals from advocates regarding refusal to provide information upon request of an advocate, which is also a violation of the relevant law. In particular, the law stipulates that refusal to provide information upon request of an advocate, untimely or incomplete provision of information thereon, provision of information that does not correspond to reality, entail liability established by law, except in cases of refusal to provide limited access information.

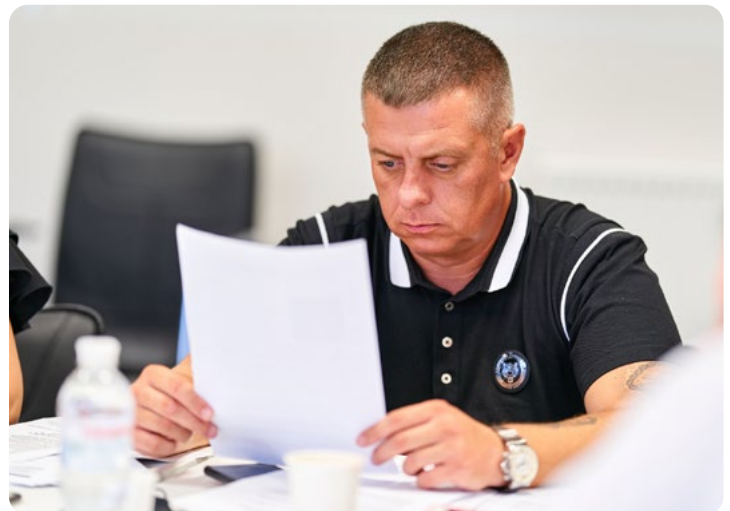
According to this indicator, Kyiv region (397) and Kyiv City (342) led in this category. Bar Council of Odesa region received 120 such appeals. The regional Bar Councils drew up 360 administrative violation protocols: 135 - in Kyiv region, 55 - in Odesa region and 40 - in Dnipropetrovsk region.

In 2020, RBC received 121 appeals from advocates alleging violations of their professional rights. 31 of those appeals were received by the BC of Kyiv region, 19 - of Donetsk region and 11 - of Dnipropetrovsk region.

The Bar Council of Ukraine received 112 complaints about violations of advocates' rights in 2020. 37 of them were sent to law enforcement agencies, 111 - to the Committee for the Protection of Advocates' Rights and Guarantees for further processing. More information about BCU decisions aimed at protecting the rights of advocates can be found in the report "Activities of the Bar Council of Ukraine".

As you know, the Law "On the Bar and Practice of Law provides that during the search or inspection of housing, other property of advocate's premises where he carries out legal practice, temporary access to items and documents a representative of RBC must be present, subject to exceptions. To ensure his participation, the official conducting the relevant investigative action or criminal procedural action must notify the relevant RBC prior to such action(s).

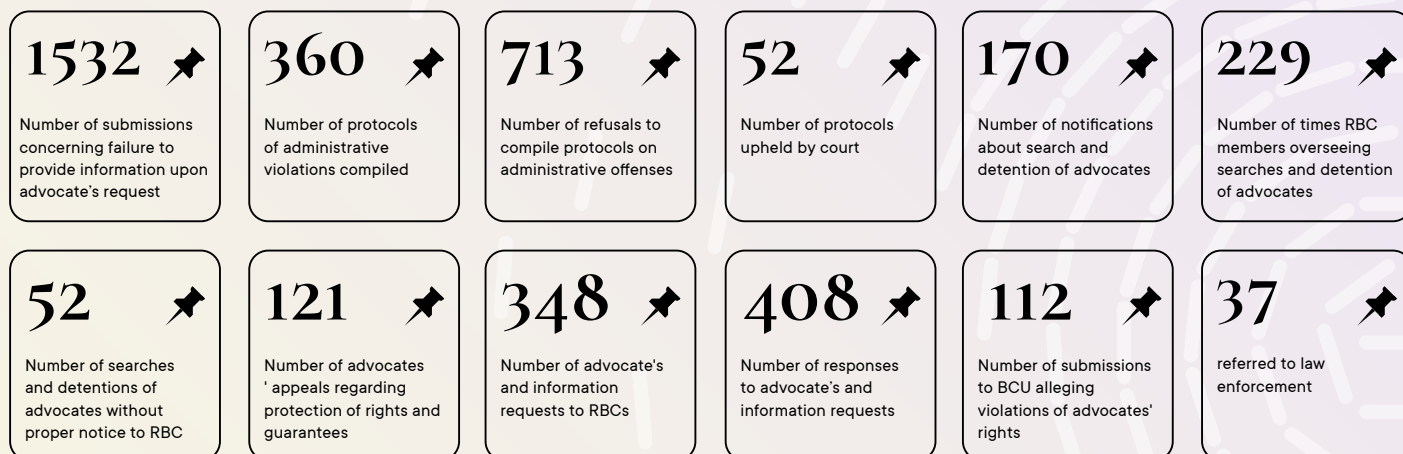
State authorities, local self-government, their officials and officers in relations with advocates are obliged to comply with the requirements of the Constitution of Ukraine and the laws of Ukraine, the 1950 Convention for the Protection of Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms of 1950 and its protocols ratified by Ukraine, the case law of the European Court of Human Rights.



Violation advocates' OF PROFESSIONAL RIGHTS OF AND GUARANTEES (2020)

In 2020, the Bar Council of Ukraine received **112** submissions concerning violations of advocates' rights. **37** thereof were referred to law enforcement

In 2020, Regional Bar Councils received 121 submissions concerning violation of advocates' rights.



In 2020, **101** submissions alleging violations of advocates' professional rights and guarantees were received by UNBA Committee for Protection of Advocates' Professional Rights and Guarantees:



As to the above-mentioned submissions, the Committee sent 100 responses total, 43 were addressed to the law enforcement leadership with the demands to stop violations of the advocates' rights, and pursue violators by conducting official investigations and to bring them to disciplinary liability

Representation of the Bar in Relations with the authorities Participation in judicial reform

One of the activities defined in the UNBA 2020 Strategy, is the effective influence of the legal community on the course of judicial reform and participation in the legislative process.

During 2020, UNBA participated in joint public events with public authorities, courts of higher instances and judicial authorities.

The Bar addressed the most urgent needs of justice reform. In particular, cooperation carried out with Verkhovna Rada committees, whom UNBA sent analytical recommendations to more than 50 draft laws; joint activities with the SJA on the introduction of E Court; dialog with judicial authorities about access to justice and effective protection of human rights.

In 2020, the first Supervisory Board for the Coordination Center of Legal Aid Provision was established. Upon selection, the Council joined Member of the BCU from Khmelnytsky region Oksana Kadenko, the Head of the UNBA Secretariat Vadym Krasnyk (as Chair of the Supervisory Board) and the Vice Chair of HQDCB Andriy Misyats. The new body, in addition to FLA system oversight, must ensure the independence of its management. The strategic goal of this reform is to increase public confidence in the free legal aid system.

I. Taxation of legal practice and financial monitoring

On April 28, 2020, the Law of Ukraine "On Prevention and Counteraction to Legalization (Laundering) of Proceeds from Crime, Financing of Terrorism and Financing of the Proliferation of Weapons of Mass Destruction" № 361-IX entered into force.

The law stipulates that law firms, law offices and individually practicing advocates are specially designated as subjects of primary financial monitoring. Exception covers persons providing services through employment.

The Bar Council of Ukraine has repeatedly considered the implementation of the law "On Prevention and Counteracting Legalization (Laundering) of Proceeds of Crime, Financing of Terrorism and Financing of Proliferation of



Weapons of Mass Destruction", adopted in December 2019. In particular, a working group was set up to develop recommendations for advocates as subjects of primary financial monitoring under this law.

The law significantly expanded the list of responsibilities of such subjects, which include advocates, adding the following items:

- ensuring proper organization and conducting initial financial monitoring to identify possible borderline and suspicious financial transactions;



- ensuring the functioning of an appropriate risk management system and the application of a risk-oriented approach;
- inspection of new and existing clients, monitoring of the client's financial transactions;
- informing the authorized agencies about suspicious financial transactions or attempts to conduct them regardless of the amount immediately after the suspicion

or sufficient grounds for suspicion arise, as well as about the differences between the information about the ultimate beneficiaries of the client's owners contained in the Unified State Register of Legal Entities, and information obtained as a result of a proper inspection of the client, not later than the tenth working day of the month following the month in which the discrepancies were identified.

Відтепер при перевірці клієнта потрібно забезпечувати постійну актуалізацію даних, документів і інформації про клієнта, його кінцевому бенефіціара, встановлення мети і характеру майбутніх ділових відносин.

Адвокатам необхідно звернути увагу, що новим Законом було збільшено розмір суми порогових операцій, про які необхідно повідомляти Державну службу фінансового моніторингу України (Держфінмоніторинг) протягом трьох днів.

Details on how the law will affect legal practice are set out in the article authored by **UNBA Vice-President Valentyn Gvozdiy** at Pravo.ua

The law introduces a new concept - "assets freezing" related to terrorism and its financing, proliferation of weapons of mass destruction and its financing. The subject of primary financial monitoring is obliged to freeze the client's assets if he suspects their illegal origin or possible illegal purpose of their use, and simultaneously with the freezing of such assets - to notify the SFMSU and Security Service of Ukraine. After freezing, the subject must notify the customer in writing upon his written request. Asset freezing should be understood as a ban on the transfer, conversion, placement, movement of assets related to terrorism and its financing, proliferation of weapons of mass destruction and their financing, based on UN Security Council resolutions, decisions of foreign states, court. Valentyn Gvozdiy tells more about the law's novelties for ordinary citizens in a publication in [Fakty](#).

Financial monitoring allows the subjects of primary financial monitoring to check the legality of transactions they work with and for which they are responsible. Every professional is primarily interested in providing quality services to their clients without quality. Regarding accountants and entities providing accounting services, state regulation and supervision in the field of prevention and counteraction are carried out by the SFMSU. Therefore, such persons should inspect the financial transactions of their clients and notify the supervisory authority of suspicious transactions.

During 2020, UNBA systematically provided clarifications on the peculiarities of the application of the law. Round tables, international forums with the participation of UNBA leadership, training events were held on this topic; dozens of expert publications from leading tax advocates were published at the UNBA website and in the media.

In May 2020, UNBA/BCU Vice-President Valentyn Gvozdiy, Chair of the FLA Committee Oleksandr Drozdov and Chair of the Committee on Customs and Tax

Law Yakiv Voronin joined the Working Group on Regulatory Legal Support in the Field of Financial Monitoring at the Ministry of Justice of Ukraine. This working group also included representatives of the Ministry of Justice, the State Financial Monitoring Service, the Notary Chamber of Ukraine and the Ukrainian National Bar Association.

On May 27, Ukrainian National Bar Association, presided by Lidiya Izovitova and with the participation of advocates and representatives of the Ministry of Justice of Ukraine held an online round table on the topic: "New realities of financial monitoring for advocates, law firms and Bar associations".

Presentations of keynote speakers:

BaValentin Gvozdiy "New realities of financial monitoring for advocates, law firms and law offices"

Nadiya Tarasova "New law on financial monitoring. What must be considered by a corporate advocate"

Yuriy Bauman "Responsibility for violating the law and legal privilege"

SEPTEMBER 2020

UNBA hosted a meeting with the Deputy Head of the Main Department of the State Tax Service in Kyiv Oksana Malykhina, Head of the Division of Taxpayers and Accounting of Self-Employed Persons of the Electronic Services Department Nina Proskuryakova and Head of Division for the Single Contribution Administration of Certain Types and Categories taxpayers (SFS) of the Department of Tax Administration of Individuals Svitlana Tereshkina.

On behalf of UNBA, the conversation was attended by UNBA President Lidiya Izovitova, UNBA Vice-President Valentyn Gvozdiy, UNBA Customs and Tax Law Committee Chair Yakov Voronin, Chair of QDCB of Kyiv City Igor Orlov, Head of UNBA/BCU Secretariat Vadym Krasnyk.

The topic of the meeting was the peculiarities of taxation of legal practice as a self-employed person, as part of a law office/law firm. It also covered the registration of advocates in the Tax Capital. In this context, the tax authorities stressed the need to provide an extract from the URAU when registering advocates from Kyiv City as self-employed persons.





During the meeting, Valentyn Gvozdiy explained some aspects of the status of an advocate in accordance with the current profile law, as well as the procedure for including advocates in the URAU, issuing extracts from the Register.

At the meeting of the Bar Council of Ukraine on September 18, 2020, the UNBA/BCU President Lidiya Izovitova proposed to create a Working Group to study the issue of registration of advocates with the Tax Service.

The rationale behind it was a letter from the State Tax Service, asking to clarify the status of persons practicing law, but not on the URAU, and advocates operating as private entrepreneurs.

II. PARTICIPATION IN JUDICIAL REFORM. INTERACTION WITH THE JUDICIARY

JULY 2020

In July 2020, Vice-UNBA/BCU President Valentyn Gvozdiy took part in the round table "Certain aspects of the court's work during the pandemic: organizational measures and issues of sanitary and epidemiological safety".

The event was attended by HCJ Chair Andriy Ovsienko, CJU Chair Bogdan Monich, representatives of the Supreme Court, SJA, Ministry of Justice, National School of Judges, WHO experts, and the EU Advisory Mission to Ukraine. Valentyn Gvozdiy represented the Bar in the discussion.

Valentyn Gvozdiy expressed readiness of UNBA to join the development of appropriate recommendations for court parties, taking into account the rights of advocates during quarantine restrictions.

The UNBA Vice-President informed that 30 disciplinary complaints had been initiated against advocates upon the request of judges due to inability of advocates to appear in courts during the quarantine.

The UNBA Vice-President called on the CJU and other parties to enter into a dialog to resolve this issue, proposing to resolve it in terms of procedural legislation, but also taking into account the existing challenges of the pandemic.

AUGUST 2020

Lidiya Izovitova, President of UNBA/BCU, took part in the VIII International Judicial and Legal Forum.

The discussion panel of the event, dedicated to the authority and independence of judges, was also attended by HCJ Vice-Chair Oleksiy Malovatskyi, Judge of the Civil Court of Cassation of the Supreme Court Yevhen Petrov and CJU member Andriy Zhuk.

Lidiya Izovitova called for the formation of a new concept of justice, for all constitutional subjects to prepare appropriate draft amendments to their own legislation and to propose to the President of Ukraine to introduce such drafts as priority ones for consideration and immediate adoption by Verkhovna Rada.

UNBA President reminded that it was the seventh attempt to carry out judicial reform since 2000, but none of them involved the professional judicial community into drafting changes to the relevant legislation.



SEPTEMBER 2020

Online meeting with members and experts of the Venice Commission involved in the preparation of Joint Opinion on Draft Amendments to the Law 'On the Judiciary and the Status of Judges' and Certain Laws on the Activities of the Supreme Court and Judicial Authorities (Draft Law No.3711)'.

The meeting was attended by UNBA President Lidiya Izovitova, BCU Secretary Igor Kolesnikov, UNBA Rule of Law Committee Chair Marina Stavniychuk, UNBA FLA Committee Chair Oleksandr Drozdov and Head of UNBA/BCU Secretariat Vadym Krasnyk.

The subject matter of discussion were both individual provisions of the draft law No.3711 and the overall effectiveness of judicial reforms, primarily systemic problems that remain

after long chain of attempts to bring the situation within the judicial system of Ukraine closer to European standards.

The draft law No.3711 "On the Judiciary and the Status of Judges", submitted to Verkhovna Rada, actually changes the constitutional functions, including those of the bar, said the UNBA/BCU President Lidiya Izovitova. At the same time, the future Higher Qualifications Commission of Judges (HQCJ), according to this bill, will be formed by a de facto commission of six people, three of whom are international experts appointed without clear criteria and requirements.

According to Maryna Stavnichuk, since 2000 the Venice Commission has issued approx. 25 opinions on draft laws of Ukraine, which is a significant contribution of the European institutions to the formation of Ukrainian national legislation. At the same time, changes to the relevant legislation occur constantly, due to which there are no opportunities to assess the results of their full implementation. Frequent reforms of the judiciary only increase the dependence of the judiciary on political cycles. At present, this legislative instability has given rise to staff shortages in the judiciary and thus questions the state sovereignty in the formation of courts.

During the meeting, the outcome of the formation of the Higher Anti-Corruption Court with the participation of international experts were also discussed. At the same time, practicing advocates called the quality of judicial proceedings in the HACC 'comparable' to the courts of first instance and noted the existence of common problems and shortcomings.

The Chairs of UNBA Committees and members of the Bar self-government took part in the round table "Current Challenges in the Activities of the Higher Anti-Corruption Court", organized with the help of the OSCE on the occasion of the first year of HACC.

At the round table, discussed the topic of judicial control over the observance of the rights, freedoms and interests of subjects to criminal proceedings, the peculiarities of criminal proceedings in the court of first instance and ensuring the unity of judicial practice in corruption offenses.

Ukrainian National Bar Association proposed to the Higher Anti-Corruption Court to draw up an action plan for institutional cooperation. In particular, the introduction of practice of disseminating professional ethics between the HACC and the legal community, ensuring the constitutional principles and principles of justice based on the rule of law and promotion of the legitimacy of the anti-corruption system in Ukraine.

Maryna Stavnichuk, Chair of the UNBA Rule of Law Committee, noted that UNBA is committed to absolutely constructive institutional cooperation with HACC, as the legal community is aware of its shared responsibility for the quality of justice and protection of human rights in Ukraine.

At the same time, she called to listen to the position of



50,000+ advocates regarding problematic issues and jointly search for solutions to solve them. First of all, the legal community is concerned about the constitutional legitimacy of the anti-corruption infrastructure in Ukraine, which has been in force since 2015. In addition, the Bar is concerned about the prosecutorial incline that became apparent after the first year of HACC.

II Odessa Constitutional Forum "Judicial Governance and Constitutionalism: synergy for efficiency", supported by UNBA

On September 25, 2020, the Second Odessa Constitutional Forum "Judicial Governance and Constitutionalism: synergy for efficiency." The event was supported jointly by UNBA, the Association for the Development of Judicial Self-Government of Ukraine, the Fifth Administrative Court of Appeal, the European Union's Pravo-Justice project.

During the event, international and national experts, representatives of the legislature and the judiciary, as well as scholars, discussed the strategic vision of the institutional development of judicial self-government; issues of independence of the judiciary, as well as the issue of administration and financing of courts in the new territorial structure.

UNBA was represented by Maryna Stavnichuk, Chair of the UNBA Rule of Law Committee; she delivered the speech

"Constitutional Transit of Judicial Reform in Ukraine"; Oleksandr Drozdov, Chair of the UNBA Committee on Free Legal Aid spoke about "Judicial independence through the prism



of the case law of the European Court of Human Rights and UN reports"; Igor Kolesnikov, advocate, Secretary of the Bar Council of Ukraine spoke about "Failure to enforce court decision as means of discrediting the judicial system of Ukraine"

OCTOBER 2020

APPEAL TO THE STATE LEADERSHIP AND THE HCJ REGARDING FURTHER JUDICIAL REFORM

UNBA sent an appeal pointing out the limitations of the ability to effectively ensure the state-guaranteed rights and freedoms of citizens, which are realized through the Bar and thanks to the Bar as one of the key elements in the mechanism of realization of the constitutional right to judicial protection.

Judicial reform should be an inclusive process that involves a broad dialog with professional communities, their self-governing bodies, and judicial authorities. The lack of such dialog has led to a number of system errors that contribute to the crisis in the judiciary, the outflow of professionals, and impede the efficiency of justice. As a result, Ukraine has become one of the leading countries in terms of citizens' appeals to the European Court of Human Rights.

On behalf of the Bar, UNBA called for judicial reform to be fully consistent with the spirit and substance of the Constitution of Ukraine, and for the judiciary to be formed and operate in full compliance with the constitutional principles of independence, rule of law, and professionalism. However, further steps of the legislator to reform the judiciary are accompanied, inter alia, by signs of lack of a constitutional basis, as stated by the Grand Chamber of the Constitutional Court of Ukraine in its decision from March 11, 2020 in Case No. 4-p/2020. This decision states that

the body, establishment created a constitutional body may not be legally endowed with a controlling function in relation to that very constitutional body. Thus, the legislative permission for direct participation or indirect influence of supranational, foreign actors on the formation of Ukrainian constitutional bodies of judicial governance and the judiciary in general is undoubtedly a direct threat to the sovereignty of our State and the independence of the judiciary.

Ukraine's reforms undertaken as a matter of its international obligations must strengthen, not destroy, the institutions of the State. In the process of judicial reform, building the Ukrainian State as a legal one, we must take care of its sovereignty and independence. Sacrificing state sovereignty and constitutionality of relevant legislation cannot be a component of financial obligations before international financial institutions.

PARTICIPATION OF UNBA IN THE CONSTITUTIONAL PROCEEDINGS ON THE LAW "ON THE HIGHER ANTI-CORRUPTION COURT"

On October 6, 2020, a plenary session of the Grand Chamber of the Constitutional Court of Ukraine was held. The case was initiated on the basis of the constitutional petition of 49 people's deputies on the constitutionality of the law "On the Higher Anti-Corruption Court".

UNBA's position in the CCU was presented by Maryna Stavniychuk, a well-known constitutionalist and chair of the UNBA Committee on the Rule of Law.

In her speech, she stressed that the disputed question of whether the HACC is a special court, the establishment of which is prohibited by the Constitution, requires a detailed legal analysis, without political arguments, and accounting for international standards. In particular, the powers of the court are formulated in violation of the principle of legal certainty, which is one of the key components of the rule of law. Similarly, the status of HACC as a specialized court is interpreted inconsistently with current national legislation.



UNBA statement on the decision of the CCU on the unconstitutionality of certain PROVISIONS OF ANTI-CORRUPTION LEGISLATION

On October 27, 2020, the Constitutional Court of Ukraine rendered Decision No. 13-p/2020 in case No. 1-24/2020(393/20) on the constitutional petition of 47 People's Deputies of Ukraine of August 4, 2020 on the constitutionality of certain provisions of the Law of Ukraine "On Prevention of Corruption" and the Criminal Code of Ukraine.

The CCU declared unconstitutional a number of provisions of the Law of Ukraine "On Prevention of Corruption" in order to ensure the independence of the judiciary from the executive and legislative branches. First of all, this refers to the right of the National Agency on Corruption Prevention to perform control functions that have a direct impact on the judiciary, and in particular on judges of the judiciary and the CCU. Article 366-1 of the Criminal Code of Ukraine was also declared unconstitutional. In this regard, UNBA issued a public statement that the decision of the CCU provoked a

strong wave of public criticism and speculation by some experts, activists, representatives of political forces and major government agencies, as well as international partners. At the same time, an information attack immediately began with a call to block the implementation of the CCU decision, accompanied by discrediting both individual judges and the Constitutional Court as an institution.

Non-compliance with the CCU decisions entails liability, and no precedents of opposing the legality of these decisions have ever been recorded.

The Bar, as a constitutional institution operating to provide professional legal aid, having essentially a constitutional function of protecting the rights and freedoms of citizens, called all the authorities to unconditionally comply with of the Constitution.

If the Constitutional Court in the manner prescribed by law declares certain provisions of the legislation unconstitutional, the decision of the CCU must be executed in full and it is binding. Its implementation cannot be the subject of any political compromises, let alone be deliberately undermined.

Therefore, unconstitutional provisions of any law recognized as such by a CCU decision must be immediately eliminated by the parliament. All efforts of the subjects of the legislators, people's deputies of Ukraine, the legislature should be aimed at correcting errors and omissions in the national legislation and restoring the supremacy of constitutional norms. This is a manifestation of respect for the Basic Law, observance of guarantees of human rights and freedoms, implementation of the principle of the rule of law.

NOVEMBER 2020

National Discussion "Access to Justice: REALITIES AND PROSPECTS"

In November 2020, Ukrainian National Bar Association together with High Council of Justice initiated national discussion: "Access to justice: realities and prospects". Participants therein were representatives of Bar self-government, judicial government, chairs of UNBA Committees, members of leading professional organizations and associations, members of Ukrainian Parliament, and international experts.

On November 23, 2020, the first event took place, where UNBA/BCU President Lidiya Izovitova outlined the range of problems faced by citizens and advocates in the courts. She stressed that novelties such as increased court fees and decentralization made access justice difficult, alongside catastrophic shortage of judges. This is the real result of the reform, although the goals were noble - to fill the state budget and reduce case burden of the judiciary. According to Lidiya Izovitova, the problem

of staff shortages and lack of experienced judges can be solved by offering retired judges the opportunity to return.

Judicial reform needs audit and error correction -

Lidiya Izovitova: <https://bit.ly/3sDafN2>



The return of retired judges may contribute to resolving the personnel crisis in the courts: <https://bit.ly/3syAR1B>

Participation of international experts in HACC formation is a bad experience for Ukraine - Lidiya Izovitova: <https://bit.ly/2PFOI7r>

The second event in the framework of the national discussion "Access to Justice: realities and prospects" took place on November 30, 2020. Special topic of the event:

"Judiciary Roadmap". Issues such as the model of the judiciary model, staffing of courts; principles of judiciary optimization were the highlights of the discussion. Legal community was represented by UNBA/BCU Vice-President Valentyn Gvozdiy, Chair of HQDCB Sergiy Vylkov, BCU Member Oksana Kadenko, Chair of the Bar Council of Kyiv Region Petro Boyko, Chair of the Bar Council of Volyn Region Halyna Rudenko, President of the Union of Advocates of Ukraine Oleksandr Drozdov, Chair of UNBA Rule of Law Committee Maryna Stavnyiychuk, Chair of UNBA Committee for Legislative Initiatives on Advocacy Activities Oleksiy Yushchenko.

The participants of the second national discussion agreed that in times of personnel crisis and lack of legislative progress it is expedient to restore the HQCJ in its latest composition, as the lack of judges of first and second instances





complicates the work of advocates and limits citizens' right to defense.

In times of personnel crisis and lack of legislative progress it is expedient to restore the HQCJ in its latest composition - participants of the national discussion: <https://bit.ly/31tOlU0>

Maryna Stavnichuk, Chair of the UNBA Rule of Law Committee, stressed that judicial reform violated the state sovereignty and deviated from the Constitutional principles. She singled out a number of systemic problems that make it impossible to build a stable and efficient justice system. Thus, first and foremost, the positive outcome of the changes is leveled by the distrust among the reform stakeholders, as well loss of citizens' trust in public authorities, in particular, the judiciary, according to her.

Judicial reform violated the state sovereignty and deviated from the Constitutional principles - Maryna Stavnichuk: <https://bit.ly/2O4KGFu>

Chair of the UNBA FLA Committee Oleksandr Drozdov stressed that the volatility of national judiciary legislation poses a threat to administration of justice in Ukraine. Namely, the deteriorating quality of this legislation leads to the fact that judges lose self-confidence and do not want to work, he stressed.

Courts' loss of public trust occurred due to volatility of relevant legislation - Oleksandr Drozdov: <https://bit.ly/3srM0Bb>

UNBA/BCU Vice-President Valentyn Gvozdiy drew attention to the constitutional crisis in Ukraine. He believes that the purpose of the Constitutional Court decision, which declared unconstitutional a number of provisions of the Law of Ukraine "On Prevention of Corruption", was to eliminate the levers of influence over the judiciary.

Valentyn Gvozdiy: unconstitutional provisions of any law must be immediately removed by parliament: <https://bit.ly/3syRUAn>

Sergiy Vylkov, Chair of HQDCB, noted that the solution of the staff shortage should become an urgent priority

of the judicial reform and called on the authorities to implement real and not mere declarative changes so that

the courts can administer justice continuously within the framework of stable legislation.

Resolving the staff shortage should become an urgent priority of judicial reform - Sergiy Vylkov: <https://bit.ly/3csePYB>

DECEMBER 2020

THE THIRD NATIONAL DISCUSSION ON ACCESS TO JUSTICE TOOK PLACE ON DECEMBER 9, 2020

Ukrainian National Bar Association represented by its President Lidiya Izovitova, Chair of the Union of Advocates of Ukraine, Chair of UNBA FLA Committee, Member of the Legal Reform Commission Oleksandr Drozdov and UNBA-NextGen coordinator in Odesa City Volodymyr Matsko.



In her speech, Lidiya Izovitova stressed that justice system was on the verge of destruction as a result of experimental reforms. Realization of the right to judicial protection guaranteed to the citizens of Ukraine by the Constitution

is under threat, as today there's no one to administer it. As a result of judicial reforms, a large number of judges have resigned, and new ones cannot be appointed due to deliberate disrupting HQCJ's operation, she stressed.

The judicial system is on the verge of destruction as a result of experimental judicial reforms - Lidiya Izovitova: <https://bit.ly/3m2s7OZ>



The status of the Competition Commission as a governing body for the selection of HQCJ Members levels the role of HCJ - Lidiya Izovitova:

<https://bit.ly/3ctLRwm>

Oleksandr Drozdov, Chair of the UNBA FLA Committee, stated that ill-considered changes in the judiciary led to a deviation from European standards of judicial independence. In particular, such changes resulted in the termination of HQCJ more than a year ago. At the same time, the proposed way of restarting the Commission contradicts the Constitution of Ukraine, decisions of the European Court and standards of the Council of Europe.

Judicial reform has led to violations of European standards - Oleksandr Drozdov: <https://bit.ly/3rthKzL>

This statement was also supported by UNBA NextGen coordinator Odesa City Volodymyr Matsko. He noted that society, including the legal community, needs the restart of the Higher Qualifications Commission of Judges, but without international experts. He stressed that the main condition for any changes in the judiciary should be the principle of judicial independence. Instead, participation of international experts in the formation of the HACC may undermine this principle.

Participation of international experts in the formation of the HQCJ contradicts the independence of the judiciary - Volodymyr Matsko: <https://bit.ly/3rxaSq3>



III. INTRODUCTION OF E-Justice

The legal community has become an active participant in the development and implementation of the E-Court system. Thus, a Working Group on E-justice Implementation in Ukraine was established at UNBA under the lead of UNBA/BCU Vice-President Valentyn Gvozdiy. It managed to establish communication with the High Council of Justice, the State Judicial Administration of Ukraine, and the State Enterprise "Judicial Information Systems" to tackle relevant issues. During 2020, regular meetings and consultations with

government officials were held to coordinate efforts in this direction. The Working Group also participated in development of amendments to the procedural codes concerning the work of the E-Court.

In 2020, UNBA and the State Judicial Administration intensified their efforts to accelerate the implementation of the E-Court system during quarantine restrictions to counter the spread of COVID-19. Memorandum of Cooperation was signed between the parties, which defined the areas of cooperation and joint projects for the development of electronic justice.

JANUARY 2020

Upon request of Ukrainian National Bar Association, the State Judicial Administration of Ukraine amended the Rules of Admission of Persons and Vehicles to the Court Buildings (Premises), and Institutions of the Justice System. In particular, advocate's ID has been added to the list of documents granting admission to court premises.

JUNE 2020

On June 17, UNBA/BCU President Lidiya Izovitova, Valentyn Gvozdiy, Yuriy Grygorenko and Volodymyr Matsko took part in online meeting of the High Council of Justice dedicated to UCITS implementation. Representatives of the State Judicial Administration and other stakeholders also took part in the discussion.

In her speech, Lidiya Izovitova stressed that due to the fact that advocates are vital to court proceedings, and therefore actively use the subsystem "Electronic Court"; participating in such events UNBA aims at appropriately communicating the works of single advocates' professional organization, members of the working group on the effective implementation of "Electronic Court" subsystem to the judiciary.

Currently, some of the major problems that advocates face in practice while interacting with "Electronic Court" subsystem are the following:

- the personal user account of the
- "E-Court" subsystem does not feature advocate identification, the system simply creates an account for an "individual", which is a serious shortcoming in light of the exclusive right of the Bar to represent in court.
- there are difficulties in generating and sending documents in the system;
- judges of different instances expressed ambiguous thoughts regarding the functioning of "Electronic Court";
- there is a distrust of users to the subsystem, in particular advocates question implementation effectiveness;



- **the possibility of accepting and generating powers in electronic form has not been confirmed;**
- **there is uncertainty about the possibility of recording and accepting electronic evidence in courts.**
- **Importantly, the High Council of Justice has decided to involve the Bar in drafting UCITS Regulation to take into account the needs of the bar.**

After event, UNBA's suggestions and comments on the needs of advocates in using some components of the system were sent to the HCJ.

Participants also stressed the importance of the fastest full implementation of the E-Court subsystem as part of the UCITS due to the need arising from COVID-19 quarantine.

Valentyn Gvozdiy, as the Chair of UNBA Working Group on e-Justice Implementation in Ukraine, reiterated the importance of involving the Bar in the process of developing e-justice products and told his colleagues that UNBA is studying the experience of European colleagues in this field, Germany in particular. UNBA/BCU Vice-President stressed that the number one priority for the Bar is to protect the professional privilege when exchanging electronic documents through online services and that this important right should be ensured in the implementation of electronic litigation services.

On June 23, during meeting of the UNBA Working Group on the implementation of E-Justice in Ukraine, the Unified Court Information and Telecommunication System (UCITS) and "Electronic Court" subsystem was discussed.

The meeting was moderated by Valentyn Gvozdiy and attended by members of the working group: Vadym Krasnyk, Sergiy Tyurin, Yuriy Bauman, Oleksandr Chepelyuk, Lyubov Lukashuk, Maryan Chorniy, Oleksandr Chernykh, Serhii Barbashyn and Yuriy Grygorenko.

On the eve of June 22, Valentyn Gvozdiy in a meeting with representatives of the State Judicial Administration drew attention to the fact that currently in the user's personal account

of the "E-Court" person cannot be identified as an advocate. To solve this problem, the participants discussed the possibility of providing access to advocate's "Electronic Court" account through personal advocate's cabinet in the Unified Register of Advocates of Ukraine.

UNBA and the SJA jointly agreed to develop proposals for amendments to the procedural codes that are necessary for e-Court implementation. UNBA Committee for the Protection of Advocates' Professional Rights and Guarantees, UNBA Committee on Commercial Law and Procedure, UNBA Committee on Administrative Law and Procedure, UNBA Committee on Criminal Law and Procedure and UNBA Committee on Civil Law and Procedure were involved in drafting the proposals.

On June 26, a meeting was held between representatives of Ukrainian National Bar Association and the State Judicial Administration of Ukraine, during which the parties discussed the issues of ensuring the functioning of the Unified Judicial Information and Telecommunication System (UCITS) and its subsystem "Electronic Court".

Valentyn Gvozdiy, Chair of UNBA Working Group on the Implementation of E-Justice in Ukraine, noted that the legal community is extremely interested that the voice of the legal community be heard when drafting amendments to the procedural codes concerning the work of the e-Court.

Valentyn Gvozdiy stressed that UNBA not only has its own positive experience in implementing electronic services, such as the Unified Register of Advocates of Ukraine (URAU), but also studied the practical experience of fellow Bars from other countries in this matter. Therefore, the association is ready to assist in launching UCITS.

He suggested that advocates be connected to the e-Court subsystem through the advocate's personal URAU cabinet. During the meeting, UNBA representatives revealed their proposals to the draft amendments to the Procedural Codes to ensure the effective operation of the UCITS and

"Electronic Court". In particular, Chair of UNBA Committee on Administrative Law and the Deputy Chair of UNBA Committee on Criminal Law Yuriy Bauman submitted proposals to the Criminal Procedure Code of Ukraine and the Code of Administrative Procedure of Ukraine.

Deputy Chair of UNBA Committee for the Protection of Advocates' Professional Rights and Guarantees Yuriy Grygorenko drew attention to the fact that during the implementation of E-Court, one must specifically address certain aspects of arbitration receiver's work and make appropriate changes to their personal accounts.

JULY 2020

On July 28, representatives of UNBA and the State Judicial Administration of Ukraine held the first Internet conference on the launch of the project "Active Testing of the Electronic Court"

This project is implemented within the framework of the Memorandum of Cooperation.

"Electronic Court" is a unique service that allows litigants to submit documents to the court in electronic form. The system has been operating in test mode since December 2018, and from June 1, 2020 it moved to trial operation. Currently, there are more than 43,000 E-Court users.

In the near future, UNBA plans to integrate its own electronic services to facilitate advocates' access to e-justice.

UNBA and SJA are working on a draft UCITS E-Court system Regulation. UNBA and the SJA plan to integrate the URAU and the Personal Advocate's cabinet onto the Electronic Court subsystem. Each advocate as an active user of the Personal Cabinet will see a separate tab "Electronic Court, log into the system, send and receive documents.

OCTOBER 2020

BCU appealed to the State Judicial Administration of Ukraine and the Office of the Prosecutor General concerning inadmissibility of unjustified restriction of access to court decisions on the basis of appeals of prosecutors

It is referring to practice of prosecutors classifying court decisions in 2019 - 2020 and their halting their execution. The total number of court decision copies with restricted access is 36,827. It came to light upon response to a request to the Head of the State Judicial Administration of Ukraine.

UNBA also learned that the Unified State Register of Court Decisions contains documents that are allegedly classified by prosecutors. However, such court decisions were rendered in open court and were not subject to disclosure.

In addition, prosecutors often initiate the closure of access to court decisions unreasonably, but the Registry Administrator satisfies prosecutors' motions and investigators without examining the legal grounds therefor.

The Bar Council of Ukraine draws attention to the fact that such actions contradict the requirements of the Law of Ukraine "On Access to Court Decisions", in particular, total restriction of access to the copies of court decisions illicitly restricts everyone's right to access court decisions in the manner set by this Law.

The text of the BCU decision can be viewed here: <https://bit.ly/39FvvdB>



Expanding UNBA partnerships

JANUARY 2020

UNBA and Forensic Science and Expert Research Center agreed to cooperate

Ukrainian National Bar Association and a separate structural subdivision "Forensic Science and Expert Research Center" of the State Enterprise "Judicial Information Systems" signed a Memorandum of Cooperation. The document was signed by the UNBA/BCU President Lidiya Izovitova and the Director of the Forensic Science and Expert Research Center Igor Starodubov. The purpose of the Memorandum is cooperation and exchange of information, scientific exchange and ensuring quality and comprehensive protection of human rights and freedoms.

<https://bit.ly/3u5r9nQ>



UNBA and Union of Experts of Ukraine signed Memorandum of Cooperation

Ukrainian National Bar Association has signed Memorandum of Cooperation with the All-Ukrainian NGO Union of Experts of Ukraine. The purpose of cooperation is to unite efforts and exchange information within the relevant functions and powers of the parties, to carry out scientific activities, to ensure high-quality and comprehensive protection of human rights and freedoms.

<https://bit.ly/3u5r9nQ>



UNBA and Ukrainian Women Lawyers Association "JurFem" signed Memorandum of Cooperation

Ukrainian National Bar Association and Ukrainian Women Lawyers Association "JurFem", with the assistance of the Gender Policy Committee, the Legal Education Committee, and the Family Law Committee, agreed to cooperate by signing a memorandum on January 22. Its purpose is to cooperate and exchange information, analyze existing problems in the field of human rights, including women, and develop and carry out projects to address them, as well as conduct research in the field of women's rights and conduct educational and scientific activities to formation of a gender-sensitive legal community based on the best European and world practices.

<https://bit.ly/3m2v5Tb>



JULY 2020

UNBA and SJA agreed on cooperation in the development of electronic justice - Memorandum

The capabilities of the e-Court and URAU systems will be integrated to facilitate advocates' access to e-litigation.

Ukrainian National Bar Association and State Judicial Administration of Ukraine agreed to work together to integrate the capabilities of the Unified Register of Advocates of Ukraine into the subsystem of the Unified Court Information and Telecommunication System "Electronic Court". This is stated in the Memorandum of Cooperation signed by UNBA and the SJA.

<https://bit.ly/39laAMI>



SEPTEMBER 2020

A memorandum of cooperation was signed between UNBA Higher School of Advocacy and the Training Center of Prosecutors of Ukraine

On September 30, 2020, Savva Kuzmenko, Director of the Higher School of Advocacy of Ukrainian National Bar Association, and Olesya Otradnova, Director of the Training Center of Prosecutors of Ukraine, signed a Memorandum of Cooperation. The purpose of this Memorandum is to facilitate collaboration and exchange of experience in the field of professional training of advocates and pros-



ecutors of Ukraine. The document identifies the main areas of partnership for the effective exchange of experience, communication and organization of joint activities aimed at improving the quality of legal education among advocates and prosecutors..

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

DECEMBER 2020

UNBA and LIGA: Zakon signed Memorandum of Cooperation

The document provides for the creation of favorable conditions for informing advocates about changes in current legislation of Ukraine, current case law. The partners will develop cooperation in other areas as well, raising the standards of the legal profession in Ukraine. The Memorandum was signed by UNBA President Lidiya Izovitova and LIGA:Zakon Head of the Board of Directors Maryna Bondarenko.

The Memorandum stipulates that Liga:Zakon develops a specialized info-analytical system focused on advocacy. The system called LIGA360: UNBA Advocate", features online access to the complete database of regulations with appropriate analytical filters, as well as the database of court decisions and the service of contractors background checks.

<https://bit.ly/2QOc4bO>



International events and accomplishments

FEBRUARY 2020

Meeting of the Standing Committee of the Council of Bars and Law Societies of Europe in Vienna

UNBA delegation led by UNBA/BCU President Lidiya Izovitova took part in the plenary session of the Council of Bars and Law Societies of Europe (CCBE) in Vienna, held on the occasion of the 60th anniversary of the largest European professional organization of advocates. Ukrainian Bar delegation included UNBA/BCU Vice-President Valentyn Gvozdiy, Chair of the Higher Audit Commission of the Bar Maksym Boldin, Chair of UNBA International Relations Committee Ivan Grechkivsky. As a reminder, UNBA has a CCBE observer status and party to the Memorandum on Mutual Recognition of advocates' 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.

Standing Committee approved a plan to enter into negotiations with the Council of Europe to grant the CCBE the status of an advisory body representing the legal profession in the Council of Europe. Negotiations between the CCBE and the Council of Europe will result in the conclusion of a Memorandum of Understanding, affixing the status of CCBE as a non-institutional advisory body to the Council of Europe. This will be an important step forward for CCBE, which will be formally involved in the Council of Europe's competences and will allow CCBE to be involved in the ongoing work of the Council of Europe as the official representative of the European legal profession.

Obtaining the status of an advisory body will strengthen the role of the CCBE in the work of the Council of Europe relating to threats to independence of the Bar and the rights of advocates and thus promote a unified approach to tackling these issues in line with the strategy and priorities of the European Bar.

The role of CCBE in the development of the drafting a European convention on the profession of lawyer will



also increase. The contribution of the CCBE to the activities of the Council of Europe may take the form of general recommendations and/or guidance on certain issues paramount for CCBE (such as the rule of law), which will enhance the importance of the CCBE and the European legal profession in Council of Europe Member States

FEBRUARY 20 meeting OF THE PECO-Committee (“PLATFORM FOR EXCHANGE, COOPERATION AND OUTREACH ”(PECO) COUNCIL OF BARS AND LAW SOCIETIES OF EUROPE (CCBE)

The Committee addressed the following issues brought up by Ukrainian delegation.

- appeals from UNBA regarding the BCU decision No.162 of December 13, 2019 "On appeals to law enforcement agencies regarding interference and obstruction of the work of QDCB of Odessa region" and the BCU decision

No.169 of December 13, 2019 "On providing clarification on the prevalence of the principles of legal practice an advocate in rendering professional legal aid".

European colleagues supported UNBA, in particular, by stressing that existence of undue interference with legal practice is unacceptable to even exist, and expressed their concern that the number of such cases in Ukraine fails to decrease.

In 2019, UNBA received 4 appeals concerning the deprivation of advocate N. Y. Tselovalnichenko's right to practice at the ECtHR; on the BCU decision on the prevalence of the principles of legal practice an advocate in rendering professional legal aid (adopted in response to violations of the rights of advocates by judges of the Higher Anti-Corruption Court), and obstruction of the work of QDCB of Odessa region. These appeals were included in PECO committee meeting agenda, which dealt with the protection of advocates' rights in Europe.

During the meeting of the CCBE Standing Committee, the issue of criminal procedure in connection with the introduction of the the European prosecutor's office; issues of corporate social responsibility of Bar associations in the aspect of diversity, draft legislative regulations of the CCBE on artificial intelligence. The event was attended by the CCBE leadership, past presidents of the organization, delegations of 32 CCBE Member States, delegations of Associate Members and Observers, CCBE committees and workgroups. The meeting was attended by delegate from Ukraine Ivan Grechkivsky.



OLEKSIY KUKHAR and OLEKSANDR DROZDOV TOOK PART IN THE INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE "THE PLACE AND ROLE OF THE BAR IN THE LAW ENFORCEMENT SYSTEM" IN MINSK

Oleksiy Kukhar, UNBA/BCU Vice-President, and Oleksandr Drozdov, Chair of UNBA FLA Committee, took part in the International Conference "The Place and Role of the Bar in the Law Enforcement System" held on February 27 in Minsk. Together with colleagues from four countries - Belarus, Russia, Ukraine and Germany, they discussed the most pressing issues of advocacy.

In particular, the forum raised issues: "The Bar of Belarus in the state and society", "Advocacy as a satellite of justice and professional element of the institutional social system", "Advocacy of Ukraine: concept of development" and others. The event was organized by the Belarusian National Bar Association jointly with UNBA, German Federal Bar with the support of the German Foundation for International Legal Cooperation.



OPENING OF THE 2020 LEGAL YEAR IN MILAN

On February 1, 2020, Milan hosted a significant event for the world legal community - the Opening of the Legal Year in Italy, which associated with a relevant conference.

It was organized by the Milan Bar Association and dedicated to the topic of mediation as an institution that has already gone beyond the national legislation of European countries and gained international recognition.

The event was attended by representatives of national Bar associations not only of Europe but also from around the world. Among the 38 foreign guests were advocates and representatives of the Bar self-government of Poland, Bulgaria, Belgium, Germany, France, Ukraine, Russia, the Netherlands, Mexico, Taiwan, and the United States.

The delegation from Ukrainian National Bar Association was represented by Sergiy Moroz, Managing Partner of Moroz & Partners Law Firm, Member of the Bar Council of Kharkiv Region, and Taras Savchenko, Partner of

Moroz & Partners Law Firm, a member of the Bar Council of Kharkiv Region.

On behalf of the Ukrainian legal community, they presented memorable gifts to the newly elected President of Milan Bar, Vinicio Nardo, and the Head of International Affairs Committee of Milan Bar, Francesca Zanassi and reiterated readiness of Ukrainian advocates to maintain, strengthen and expand scientific and professional ties with Italian colleagues. These areas of cooperation were enshrined in the Memorandum of Cooperation conclud-



ed between Milan Bar Association and Ukrainian National Bar Association in 2019.

MARCH 2020

Representatives of UNBA and the American Bar Association agreed to cooperate

On March 5, 2020, representatives of Ukrainian National Bar Association met with colleagues from the American Bar Association (ABA).

Judith Lichtenberg (Lawyers for Lawyers) and Jasmine D. . Cameron (ABA Center for Human Rights) represented their respective organizations.

UNBA was represented by the Head of the Secretariat Vadym Krasnyk, the Chair of the International Law Committee Vitaliy Vlasiuk, the Vice-Chair of the Committee for the Protection of Advocates' Professional Rights and Guarantees Yuriy Grygorenko, Secretary of the International Relations Committee Oleh Klymyuk and the Chair of the Committee on Interaction with Civil Society Vitaliy Misyats.

Ukrainian and American colleagues agreed to cooperate in preventing violations of advocates' professional rights and guarantees, countering impunity for such crimes, informing general public about this issue.

The American Bar Association is one of the largest professional advocates associations in the world and a long-term partner of UNBA. The American Bar Association accepts not only American advocates, but also advocates from other countries. Among its main goals, the organization declares the development of legal education standards for specialized universities and the development of ethical standards for advocates of various specialties.



The Director of the UNBA Representative Office in Switzerland met with the Speaker of Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine

On March 9, 2020, the Director of the UNBA Representative Office in the Swiss Confederation Olena Vynogradova had a meeting with the Speaker of Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine Dmytro Razumkov during his official visit to Switzerland.

At the meeting, at the Embassy of Ukraine in Switzerland, Olena Vynogradova spoke about the newly established UNBA Representative Office in Geneva, goals and plans

for the coming year. In particular, it was a question of establishing legal support scheme for compatriots in resolving consular issues, organizing joint events aimed at attracting investments to Ukraine, as well as maintaining active dialog with Swiss advocates and jurists. Thus, the Second Conference on Search and Recovery of Assets is planned for the autumn of this year.

Olena Vynogradova also presented her pilot project "Books about Ukraine", distributing about fifty books in foreign languages about the culture, history and tourism of Ukraine among the public libraries of Geneva and Vaud cantons in the Swiss Confederation. In the future, it is planned to expand this project to other cantons.

The meeting was attended by representatives of Ukrainian diaspora in Switzerland, as well as Honorary Consul of Ukraine in the Swiss Confederation Andrei Luzhnytsky and the Chair of the Geneva branch of the Society of Ukrainians in Switzerland Inna Akhtyrsky.

APRIL 2020

UNBA Representation in Hungary PROVIDED PRO BONO PRIMARY LEGAL aid to citizens of Ukraine DURING quarantine measures

UNBA Representative Office in Hungary received a request from Hungarian company WHC Kft for legal aid and clarifications on the current regime of transportation and departure from Hungary and entry into the territory of Ukraine for 200 Ukrainian citizens (during the quarantine measures imposed in both countries).

The mentioned company provides labor leasing services to multinational companies located in Hungary. Citizens of Ukraine make up a significant part of the staff of WHC Kft.

UNBA Representation in Hungary, in close cooperation with the Consular Section of the Embassy of Ukraine in Hungary, provided a full and detailed explanation of the rules, procedures and conditions of departure of Ukrainian citizens during quarantine from Hungary and the procedure for crossing the Hungarian-Ukrainian border at the Zakhon-Chop checkpoint, taking into account the latest changes in the checkpoint operation across the state border of Ukraine. Representatives of WHC Kft.

Also, direct contact established with the Consulate General of Ukraine in Niredgaz to organize further consular assistance in the return of a group of more than 200 Ukrainian citizens back to Ukraine. At the same time, the UNBA Representative Office in Hungary, on a pro bono basis, provided primary legal aid to citizens of Ukraine

staying in Hungary during quarantine measures and needed clarification or protection of their labor and personal rights.

The UNBA office in Athens HELPED 76 Ukrainians return home

UNBA representative office in Athens, in close cooperation with the Consulate and the Embassy of Ukraine in Hellenic Republic, took an active part in the evacuation of Ukrainian citizens aboard the cruise ship Eleftherios Venizelos. Acting Head of the Mission, Anatoliy Kuchirko, personally conducted a direct dialog between the Embassy of Ukraine, the carrier and the Turkish ship operator, which employed 76 Ukrainians. As a result, on April 21, the citizens of Ukraine were granted transport corridor. However, due to queues on the border with Bulgaria, they had been forced to stay, and on April 23 already went home.

JUNE 2020

Ukrainian-German online advocates' forum

The event was jointly organized by UNBA, the UNBA International Relations Committee, the German Foundation for International Legal Cooperation (IRZ) and German Federal Bar. The forum was dedicated to online justice in Germany, in particular, to the operation of a special e-mail box for advocates.

UNBA/BCU Vice-President Valentyn Gvozdiy moderated the event. The discussion embraced 2 central topics of practical application - "Special electronic mailbox for advocates" (speaker - Julia von Zeltmann, Director of German Federal Bar), and e-justice. The second topic was presented by Christoph Sandkueler, Chair of the User Advisory Board on the special e-mail box, BRAK's permanent advisor on e-justice.

JULY 2020

II International Congress on Reproductive Law

On June 26-27, the II International Congress on Reproductive Law was held online covering the topic "Reproductive human rights in new realities". This is a special-

ized scientific and practical platform, enabling discussion of the current issues of legal regulation of human reproduction, in particular the use of methods of assisted reproductive technologies. The event was co-organized by UNBA Committee of Medical and Pharmaceutical Law and Bioethics.

The event brought together a large constellation of international (including representatives of Australia, Spain, USA, Belarus, Kazakhstan) and national experts to discuss important issues of reproductive law, develop an expert model of legislative support in this area, outline international experience, reproductive rights, and subtleties of reproductive tourism.

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OCTOBER 2020

THE SIXTH UKRAINIAN-GERMAN BAR FORUM

The online forum focused on the impact of financial monitoring legislation on advocacy of Ukraine and Germany.

UNBA/BCU President Lidiya Izovitova addressed the forum participants with a welcoming speech. She noted that Ukrainian National Bar Association has been cooperating with German Federal Bar since 2014 and this is one of the important areas of international cooperation for the Ukrainian Bar.

In addition, the forum discussed areas of further cooperation of the legal community with the legislator on financial monitoring. German colleagues also spoke about the sanctions that exist against advocates for violating German legislation on financial monitoring and the subjects of their imposition.

NOVEMBER 2020

FIFTH KAZAKHSTAN BAR FORUM "Digitalization and Advocacy: new challenges to the rule of law, justice and human rights"

The topic of the Ukrainian side's speech was "Digitalization in the management of Ukrainian National Bar Association".

Lidiya Izovitova presented a number of digital projects,

implemented by UNBA to facilitate citizens' access to legal aid and the development of the legal profession.

Thus, since 2013, the Unified Register of Advocates of Ukraine has been functioning at the official UNBA website. This is an open official database that can be used by anyone on the Internet. It contains data on advocates, their contacts, status - current or suspended, the presence of disciplinary sanctions against an advocate, professional achievements and awards. The status of an advocate in Ukraine cannot be fully confirmed without entering data into the register.

The profile significantly simplifies the work of Bar self-government and allows to gradually move from paper to digital format, the UNBA/BCU President emphasized.

The forum was also attended by the UNBA/BCU Vice-President Valentyn Gvozdiy, that presented the UNBA's achievements in the field of digitalization.

On November 6, 2020 UNBA, upon initiative of the Mediation Committee, together with the Association of Mediators of Georgia, Pravo-Justice and the All-Ukrainian Association of Administrative Judges held Zoom-forum about "Alternative Dispute Resolution in the Context of International Experience and the Mediation Bill". UNBA/BCU Vice-President Valentyn Gvozdiy, President of the All-Ukrainian Association of Administrative Judges Oleksandr Pasenyuk and EU Project Pravo-Justice Manager Dovidas Vitkauskas attended the event.

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CHAIR OF UNBA Youth Committee "UNBA NextGen" SERHII BARBASHYN JOINED THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF EUROPEAN YOUNG BAR ASSOCIATION (EYBA)

The European Young Bar Association has announced the membership of the Executive Committee for 2020–2021; the news can be viewed at the EYBA Facebook page. The Executive Committee manages the current activities, determines the strategy, budget and is responsible for Association's activities.

"Membership in the Executive Committee of the European Young Advocates Association is an important achievement for NextGen, given that one of the key activity areas is international cooperation with young advocates and advocates from different countries. I sincerely thank my European colleagues for their trust, and I am grateful to the UNBA NextGen members for their fruitful work and support," said Serhii Barbashyn.

In 2019, UNBA NextGen joined the European Young Bar Association. EYBA membership has been a significant achievement of the Committee, as communication with foreign colleagues is important for young advocates. Representatives of the committee took part in the EYBA 2019 summer conference on June 20–23, 2019.



DECEMBER 2020

REPRESENTATIVES OF UNBA TOOK PART IN THE INTERNATIONAL TAX CONGRESS

On December 3, 2020, the International Tax Congress "Public Finance Management and Problems of Ensuring National Economic Security" was held at the University of the State Fiscal Service of Ukraine. UNBA was represented by UNBA/BCU Secretary Igor Kolesnikov and Member

of UNBA Committee on Customs and Tax Law Anna Leus. Advocates delivered a report named "Advocacy and Public Interest".

<https://bit.ly/39c09uF>

The task of establishing and developing relations between Ukrainian National Bar Association, foreign and international organizations is assigned to the UNBA International Relations Committee. The UNBA International Relations Committee chaired by Ivan Grechkivsky.

**"OUR ADVOCATES ARE RESPECTED
ABROAD, NEGATIVE STEREOTYPES DO NOT
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COMMITTEE, TOLD ZAKON&BIZNES.**

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"Ukrainian advocates are equal partners for many European colleagues"

- UNBA has two international committees: the one you chair and the International Law Committee. How do you distribute functions and areas of interest?

Despite such names, these are completely different committees in their competences. The International Relations Committee is responsible for the development of relations between the Bar of Ukraine and the bars of other countries, representing the interests of the Ukrainian Bar in relations with international organizations such as CCBE, IBA, and the Council of Europe. This is, in essence, the development of diplomatic relations between the professional communities of different countries, with a focus on European democratic countries.



One of the areas of committee work is to promptly inform the international community about cases of violating rights of Ukrainian advocates. Unfortunately, the statistics of violations do not suggest that in the near future there will be less work in this area. For example, when a public authority grossly or systematically violates the rights of advocates, each advocate may approach the relevant UNBA committee, which defends the rights of advocates and submits cases to UNBA. In addition, the international committee has the opportunity to attract the attention of foreign partners. They, in turn, have an intervention toolkit, including public appeals, reports, assessments.

This is not just a statement at the official organization website, it is about intervention letters that are sent simultaneously to the Office of the President, the Office of the Prosecutor General, the Ministry of Justice. A copy is sent to the head of authority that violated the rights of an advocate. We all understand that international assessments is something that cannot be ignored.

Therefore, when single association acts as a united front in defense of the 50,000-strong legal community, you are listened to and heard.

The next big block of our work is the coverage of the Ukrainian Bar's activities. Our foreign offices serve as a good advertisement and an indicator of what we have achieved in 8 years of our institutional development.

Therefore, the International Relations Committee is institutional, and the Committee on International Law is sectoral.

— And what do the representatives of your committee do abroad? Do UNBA foreign missions provide legal aid to our citizens?

First, it should be understood that representations work on a voluntary basis. Each representative office has one or two people that independently organize the work of these offices. It is important to remember that UNBA does not cover the costs of running these offices. Our representations function largely as honorary consulates. Their main objective is to maintain a dialogue with local bars. If we need to quickly organize an event or hear the expert opinion of colleagues, we have the support of the representative offices.

— UNBA signed a memorandum with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. What is it for?

Quite often our citizens turn to Ukrainian consulates with a request to help with certain legal issues. The consulates have lists of advocates, and they have advocates from our offices as well. By the way, such legal aid can often be provided "pro bono".

The full interview is available at:

<https://bit.ly/3IS84IZ>

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Українська адвокатура є прикладом успішної реформи інституту правосуддя. Про те, як удалося здобути репутацію на міжнародній арені, та про політичний досвід співпраці з міжнародними організаціями в інтерв'ю «ЗБ» розповіла голова комітету Національної асоціації адвокатів України з міжнародних зв'язків ІВАН ГРЕЧКІВСЬКИЙ.

«Українські адвокати є рівноправними партнерами для багатьох європейських колег»

— У НААУ є два міжнародні комітети: той, який ви очолюєте, і комітет із міжнародного права. Як ви розподіляєте функції та сфери діяльності?

надсилається керівникові органу, який порушив права адвоката. Ми всі розуміємо, що міжнародні оцінки — те, чого не можна ігнорувати.

Тому, коли одна асоціація виступає єдиним фронтом на захист 50-тисячної адвокатської спільноти, то тебе слухають і чувають.

Наступний великий блок нашої роботи — висвітлення діяльності української адвокатури. Наші представництва є гарною рекламою та показником того, чого ми досягли за 8 років свого інституційного становлення.

Тож комітет з міжнародних зв'язків — інституційний, а комітет з міжнародного права — галузевий.

— І чим займаються представництва вашого комітету за кордоном? Чи надають закордонні представництва НААУ правову допомогу нашим громадянам?

— По-перше, слід розуміти, що представництва — це робота на громадських засадах. У кожному представництві працює одна-дві людини, які самостійно організовують роботу цих офісів. Важливо, що

CHAPTER III

HIGHER BODIES OF ADVOCATE'S SELF-GOVERNMENT

Activity of the Bar Council of Ukraine

IN 2020, THE FOLLOWING WAS HELD:

10 meetings of the Bar Council of Ukraine, of which:

3 by means of electronic communication, and using electronic voting (survey)

1 offline

6 in video conferencing mode

Adopted 123 decisions of the Bar Council of Ukraine.



1. BCU adopted decision "On convening the Conference of Advocates of Mykolayiv Region, On Approval of the Procedure for Nomination 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".
2. BCU adopted decision "On convening the Conference of Advocates of Zaporizhia Region, On Approval of the Procedure for Nomination and Election of Delegates of the Conference of Advocates of Zaporizhia region, the Rules of Procedure for the Conference of Advocates of Zaporizhia region and the establishing a quota of representation".
3. BCU adopted decision "On convening the Conference of Advocates of Kyiv Region, On Approval of the Procedure for Nomination and Election of Delegates of the Conference of Advocates of Kyiv region, the Rules of Procedure for the Conference of Advocates of Kyiv region and the establishing a quota of representation".
4. BCU decided to approve an open statement of the Bar Council of Ukraine slamming identification of advocate with his client.
5. BCU has decided to nominate advocate Ivan Grechivsky for the position of Chair of the PECO Committee in the Council of Bars and Law Societies of Europe (CCBE).
6. BCU decided to approve the clarification on the participation of advocate under the contract on the provision of legal aid to a client who is also his assistant, in the context of Article 9 of the Rules of Professional Conduct.
7. BCU decided to approve the new version of the Regulation on the Bar Council of Zaporizhia Region in connection with the change of its location.
8. BCU decided to establish remuneration for Members of the Higher Audit Commission of the Bar in 2020.
9. BCU decided on the powers of an advocate for the period of suspension of the right to practice law thus responding to an applicant, stating: actions of an advocate being under disciplinary sanction in the form of suspension of the right to practice law aimed at concluding a legal aid contract do not meet the requirements of applicable law and as a result may be grounds for further disciplinary liability; contracts concluded and warrants issued by an advocate under disciplinary sanction are null and void, as they are executed without the appropriate legal capacity.

10. BCU has decided to approve clarification regarding violations of applicable law in case of accepting defense of clients in criminal proceedings within a year from dismissal from prosecutor's office.

11. BCU decided to approve clarification on the re-election of a member of regional Bar self-government by the Conferences of Advocates of the Regions.

12. BCU decided on the issue of admission to the qualifying examination for the right to practice law, of a person dismissed for violation of the rules of prosecutor's professional conduct, explaining that violation of these rules does not fall under definition of s. 4 part 2 Art. 6 of the Law of Ukraine "On the Bar and Practice on the Bar and Practice of Law" and ss. 4 of par.7 of s.2 of the Procedure for Admission to the Qualifying Examination, the procedure for taking the qualifying examination and methods of assessing the results of the qualifying examination for the right to practice law, approved by BCU decision No.270 from 17.12.2013, as amended; and also drew attention to the fact that the decision on admission to the qualifying examinations for the right to practice law is made by the Qualification and Disciplinary Commission of the Bar on the basis of the application and the attached documents, taking into account p. 2 Art. 6 of the Law "On the Bar and Practice of Law" in the context of specific circumstances.

13. BCU decided to refer the appeal of the People's Deputy of Ukraine Kuzmin R.R. No. 70-outg.. from January 27, 2020 to the QDCB of Kyiv City, requesting to check the information published in the media about the legal practice of Zakrevska Ye.O. in "Maidan cases" and alleged violation of the requirements of the Law "On the Bar and Practice of Law" and the general principles of professional conduct of an advocate. Now it is awaiting for proper consideration and response at QDCB of Kyiv City.

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

15. BCU has decided to set the amount of annual fees to ensure the implementation of advocacy self-government by advocates of certain categories, granting regional Bar Councils discretion to decide whether to release or to lower the sum of annual

contribution for the following categories of advocates:

- Persons with disabilities of groups 1 and 2;
- Persons with disabilities incurred at war, army veterans, combat veterans, war veterans;
- Combat veterans abroad, army veterans, persons with disabilities incurred at war, war veterans;;
- Persons that defend and/or defended the independence, sovereignty and territorial integrity of Ukraine and directly and/or indirectly participate/d in the ATO/JFO, facilitating it and received the status of combat veteran in accordance with the Law of Ukraine "On the status of war veterans, their social security";
- Persons that facilitated the liquidation of Chernobyl nuclear accident consequences, Cat. I and Cat.II;
- Persons forced to leave their place of permanent residence in connection with the Anti-Terrorist Operation/Joint Forces Operation;
- Persons mobilized for military service, if such fee has not been previously repaid.



16. According to the appeal of Vice-Chair of UNBA Committee for the Protection Advocates' Professional Rights and Guarantees Solodko Y.V., the statement of advocate Shevkoplyas M. P. regarding gross violations by NABU detectives and SAP prosecutors of the rights of advocate's professional rights and guarantees in a case tentatively titled in the media "The Golden Mandarin case", BCU decided to appeal to European institutions, Committees

of Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine, Prosecutor General highlighting such violations. It was decided to instruct UNBA/BCU President Izovitova L.P. to refer to the Council of Europe Commissioner for Human Rights, the Council of Bars and Law Societies of Europe (CCBE), the IBA, the PACE Monitoring Committee, and the International Commission of Jurists (ICJ) to take appropriate action to prevent further interference and obstacles to legal practice on the part of law enforcement, including prosecuting advocates for rendering legal advice to clients, as well as inform the European Court of Human Rights, the Law Enforcement Committee and the Committee on Legal Policy of Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine, the Prosecutor General about such violations of advocates' professional rights of advocates, and harassment of advocates by law enforcement for performing their professional duties and identifying them with clients.

17. BCU decided to appeal to the CJU, HCJ, European institutions regarding the article by HACC Judge Viktor Maslov "On measures to combat procedural abuse in criminal proceedings", to obligate UNBA/BCU President Izovitova L.P. to refer to the Council of Bars and Law Societies of Europe (CCBE), the Council of Judges of Ukraine, the High Council of Justice, to take measures within their powers to prevent human rights violations, including the right to defense; to inform about the position of HACC Judge Viktor Maslov set out in the article "On measures to combat procedural abuse in criminal proceedings", which shows significant shortcomings in terms of criminal procedure law and European human rights standards and appears to be aimed at inciting the judiciary to disregard procedural rights of the defense, which in turn makes fair trial impossible.

18. BCU decided to amend the HQDCB Rules of Procedure, namely to par. 3.49: "3.49. In case of appeal of the same decision of the Qualification and Disciplinary Commission of the Bar, and/or actions or inaction of the Qualification and Disciplinary Commission of the Bar to HQDCBA and to the court, HQDCB decides to close the proceedings based on the principle of legal certainty established by Law of Ukraine "On the Bar and Practice of Law". In case of simultaneous appeal of the same decision of the Qualification and Disciplinary Commission of the Bar, and/or actions or inaction of the Qualification and Disciplinary Commission of the Bar by different parties to the disciplinary proceedings (the person initiating the issue of disciplinary liability of an advocate and an advocate) to various competent bodies (to the Higher Qualification and Disciplinary Commission of the Bar, to the court), the complaint is considered by the body designated by the subject of appeal".

19. BCU decided to initiate development of the Concept for training Members of the Bar Self-government.

20. BCU approved the 2020 UNBA Partnership Pro-



gram.

21. BCU amended Procedure for Admission to the Qualification Examination, the Procedure for Pass-



ing 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.

22. BCU decided to amend Annex No. 1 of the Regulation on the Advocate's Warrant for Provision of Legal Aid, approved by decision of the Bar Council of Ukraine No. 41 of April 12, 2019.

23. BCU decided to develop a function in URAU for the identification of advocates by indicating advocate's date of birth.

24. BCU approved the clarification on ensuring the rights of advocates to annual leave.
25. BCU appealed to law enforcement agencies regarding obstruction of legal practice and pressure on advocate Boldin M.Y.
26. BCU adopted decision "On payment of the annual contribution for the implementation of the advocate's self-government in 2020".
27. BCU decided on inadmissibility of identification of advocate with the client, according to which BCU pointed out inadmissibility of identification of advocate with client in public speeches of politicians and/or any other persons discrediting the Bar as institution, contain gross violations of the Law of Ukraine "On the Bar and Practice of Law" contradicts the international standards of the legal profession independence in democratic state governed by the rule of law, violates the same constitutional guarantees, as well as the rights to professional legal aid and access to justice. BCU determined that public appeals of politicians and/or any other persons identifying advocate with the client amount to gross violation of the Law of Ukraine "On the Bar and Practice of Law", international standards of legal profession independence in a democratic state governed by the rule of law, violation of constitutional guarantees of independence, violation of the universal right to professional legal aid and access to justice, which may be grounds for advocates to sue for protection of honor, dignity and business reputation.

The Committee on Legislative Initiatives on Advocacy of Ukrainian National Bar Association has been instructed to develop a draft law on establishing liability for breach of advocates' guarantees defined in Article 23 of the Law of Ukraine "On the Bar and Practice of Law" and submit it for consideration and discussion at the regular meeting of the Bar Council of Ukraine for further transfer to legislators. The President of the Bar Council of Ukraine Izovitova L.P. Was obligated to appeal to Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine and request to take measures within its powers to prevent public calls in the official rhetoric of the People's Deputies of Ukraine regarding the identification of advocate with the client.

28. BCU decided to appeal to Ukrainian and international institutions regarding the comments of the Chair of the Supreme Court Valentyna Danishevskya. Her statements were condemned by the Bar Council of Ukraine, as such promoting unconstitutional accusatory bias in the practice of Ukrainian courts; BCU condemned the statement of the Supreme Court Chair V.Danishevskya calling to limit expenses on legal services as denigrating the status of an advocate and interfering with their independent



professional activity. Entrusted to the Chair of the Bar Council of Ukraine Izovitova LP send an appeal to the Chair of the Supreme Court Danishevskya VI regarding the refutation of the position voiced on June 1, 2020, which is inadmissible for advocates, and in case of refusal - to initiate before the Plenum of the Supreme Court early release of VI Danishevskya. from the position of the Chair of the Supreme Court. The President of the Bar Council of Ukraine Izovitova L.P. was obligated to appeal to the High Council of Justice, the Plenum of the Supreme Court, the Council of Judges of Ukraine and the European Association of Judges regarding inadmissibility of repressive justice inclination in the official rhetoric of the President of the newly-reformed Supreme Court.

29. BCU has decided to establish a fee for organizational support of reviewing complaints to the Qualification and Disciplinary Commission the Bar and to the Higher Qualification and Disciplinary Commission of the Bar.
30. BCU adopted decision "On Approval of the Procedure



for Nomination and Election of Delegates of the Election-Reporting Conference of Advocates of Chernihiv region, the Rules of Procedure for the Election-Reporting Conference of Advocates of Chernihiv region and establishing a quota of representation".

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

32. BCU has decided to amend the Rules of Procedure of the Bar Council of Ukraine, approved by the decision of the Bar Council of Ukraine No. 115 of 30.08.2014, enabling remote BCU meetings if ordered by the BCU President via: electronic voting (polling) of BCU Members through electronic communication (mail) and other means of communication; online (real-time voting when connected to the Internet) using apps, video conferencing and other means of communication.

33. BCU decided to amend the Regulations of the Bar Council of the region, approved by the decision of the Bar Council of Ukraine dated 25.10.2014 No. 178, as amended, namely by adding section 13-1 "Procedure for holding a remote RBC session by means of electronic communication".

34. BCU decided to establish a UNBA Representative Office in the Kingdom of Sweden (Stockholm).

35. BCU decided on the participation of advocates in court proceedings during quarantine, in order to protect advocates, instructed the UNBA/BCU President Izovitova L.P. to appeal to the High Council of Justice and the Council of Judges of Ukraine, focusing on the peculiarities that arose during the proceedings, in connection with quarantine restrictions imposed by the Government. This situation can objectively hinder participation of advocates in the proceedings, and therefore should be taken into account when considering cases, as this does not violate reasonable time limits for their consideration.

36. BCU has decided to send to Verkhovna Rada Committee on Legal Policy a scientific and practical opinion to draft Law of Ukraine "On Amendments to the Law "On the Bar and Practice of Law "to resolve certain issues of advocacy organization" (reg. No. 2303 dated 23.10.2019).

37. BCU has decided to appeal to Ukrainian and international institutions regarding position of the Speaker of Verkhovna Rada Committee on Legal Policy Andriy Kostin on reforming regional QDCBs; his proposals of state intervention in particular into

disciplinary procedures, by including a quota of the current judges or retired judges into the composition of Qualification and Disciplinary Commissions of the Bar dismissed as unacceptable. BCU entrusted to UNBA/BCU President Izovitova L.P. to send



appeal to the President of Ukraine, the Speaker of Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine and the Chairs of the Parliamentary Committees regarding the potential threat of destroying the institutional guarantee of the Bar independence - Bar self-government and self-regulation of the profession in particular. BCU entrusted to UNBA/BCU President Izovitova L.P. to address the Council of Bar and Law Societies of Europe (CCBE), the UN General Assembly, informing about the attempts to deviate from European standards and principles on the European path of development of self-government and independence of the Ukrainian Bar. BCU entrusted to UNBA/BCU President Izovitova L.P. to create a working group to develop amendments to the Law of Ukraine "On the Bar and Practice of Law" in order to ensure the effective implementation of constitutional rights and freedoms of human and citizen, the rule of law and access to professional legal aid.

38. BCU decided to appeal to Ukrainian and international institutions on violations of advocates' rights in connection with non-enforcement of court decisions in response to the statement of a Member of UNBA Committee for the Protection of Advocates' Professional Rights and Guarantees Pelikhos E.M. of July 20, 2020 in the interests of advocate Bogatyr V.V. regarding criminal prosecution, non-compliance with the decisions of investigating judges, gross violation of the right to defense by not allowing his defense attorneys to participate in criminal proceedings. BCU entrusted to UNBA/BCU President Izovitova L.P. to send to the Office of the Prosecutor General, the Council of Judges of Ukraine, the High Council of Justice, the Council of Bar and Law Societies of Europe (CCBE), the UN General Assembly a request, within its powers, to take measures to respond to violations of advocates' rights regarding non-compliance with court decisions by

law enforcement agencies, which reiterated defense advocates with access to defense.

39. BCU approved the new version of the Regulation on the Qualification and Disciplinary Commission of the Bar of Zaporizhia region in connection with the change of location of the Qualification and Disciplinary Commission of the Bar of Zaporizhia region.

40. BCU dismissed as unacceptable the identification of advocates with their clients and undue interference with their professional rights in response to the appeal of the Chair of the UNBA Committee for the Protection of Advocates' Professional Rights and Guarantees Boryak G.L. (inc.No.1989/1/1 of July 28, 2020) regarding the violation of the rights of advocate Kravets R.Y. BCU approved the clarification of the provisions of Article 23 of the Law of Ukraine "On the Bar and Practice of Law" concerning prohibition of identifying advocate with his client. BCU entrusted to UNBA/BCU President Izovitova L.P. to address the Office of the Prosecutor General, the Council of Judges of Ukraine, the Council of Bars and Law Societies of Europe (CCBE), the UN General Assembly with a request to take, within their powers, response measures to prevent advocates from being identified with their clients and unjust interference with their professional practice.

41. BCU decided to appeal to Ukrainian and international institutions to prevent further violations of human rights to defense and professional rights of advocates in court in response to the appeals of advocates Boyko P.A., Cherezov I.Y., Kramarenko E.V., Nadtochiyeva A.P., Palagitska G.S., Tsybenko O.V., Cherezova T.O. (inc. No. 1870/O/1-20 of 20.07.2020) on violation by judges of the Higher Anti-Corruption Court of guarantees of advocates' professional rights and guarantees. BCU entrusted to UNBA/BCU President Izovitova L.P. to address the President of Ukraine, the Speaker of Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine, the Office of the Prosecutor General, the High Council of Justice, the Council of Judges of Ukraine, the European Association of Judges, the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe (PACE), the Commissioner of the Council of Europe. Regarding taking measures within their powers to prevent human rights violations by HACC judges and protect the professional rights of advocates in court proceedings.

42. BCU decided to appeal to Ukrainian and international institutions regarding interference with legal practice, in response to the appeal of UNBA Committee for the Protection of Advocates' Professional Rights and Guarantees regarding illegal actions by employees of the National Anti-Corruption Bureau of Ukraine and the Specialized Anti-Corruption

Prosecutor's Office, in particular interference with practice of Logvinsky G.V., Shevkoplyas M.P., Volodymyrska O.M. BCU decided to approve the conclusion of the UNBA Committee for the Protection of Advocates' Professional Rights and Guarantees regarding undue interference with practice of Logvinsky G.V., Shevkoplyas M.P., Volodymyrska O.M. BCU entrusted to UNBA/BCU President Izovitova L.P. To send appeal to the President of Ukraine, the Speaker of Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine and Chairs of Parlia-



mentary Committees, the Office of the Prosecutor General, the High Council of Justice, the Council of Judges of Ukraine, law enforcement agencies, international institutions, namely: Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe (PACE), including the PACE Monitoring Committee, the Commissioner of the Council of Europe, international donors regarding violations of professional the rights and guarantees by law enforcement and state bodies that discredit Ukraine's European integration positions by referring the decision of the European Court of Human Rights from July 6, 2020 dismissing the request of Ukrainian authorities for the waiver of Mr



Logvynskyi's immunity.

43. 43. BCU decided to cancel the decision of the Bar Council of Zakarpattia region to issue a certificate of the right to practice law to Andriy Borysovych

Parshutin.

44. BCU decided to cancel the decisions of the Bar Council of Kharkiv region related to completion of traineeship, the issuance of certificate of right to practice law and swearing in Rynchak V.I.

45. BCU has decided on the draft Law of Ukraine "On Amendments to Certain Legislative Acts to Facilitate Access to Free Legal Aid and Improve the Quality thereof".

46. BCU adopted decision "On Approval of the Procedure for Nomination 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".

47. BCU adopted decision "On Approval of the Procedure for Nomination and Election of Delegates of the Conference of Advocates of Khmelnytskyi region, the Rules of Procedure for the Conference of Advocates of Khmelnytskyi region and establishing a quota of representation".

48. BCU adopted decision "On Approval of the Procedure for Nomination 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 establishing a quota of representation".

49. BCU adopted decision "On Approval of the Procedure for Nomination 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 establishing quota of representation".

50. BCU decided to convene Conference of Advocates of Kirovograd region, approve the Procedure for Nomination and Election of Delegates to the Conference of Advocates of Kirovograd region, Rules of Procedure for the Conference of Advocates of Kirovograd region and establishing representation quota.

51. BCU adopted decision "On convening the Conference of Advocates of Rivne Region, On Approval of the Procedure for Nomination 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 establishing quota of



representation".

52. BCU decided to approve the new version of the Regulation on the Qualification and Disciplinary Commission of the Bar of the Donetsk region in connection with the change of location of QDCB of Donetsk region.

53. BCU decided to approve the new version of the Regulation on the Bar Council of Donetsk Region in connection with the change of location thereof.



54. BCU has decided to consider the appeal of the HCJ Vice-Chair Malovatsky O.V. regarding the draft recommendations on access to justice under quarantine.; BCU obligated UNBA/BCU President Izovitova L.P. to appeal to the High Council of Justice, emphasizing the need to amend the procedural codes to recognize restrictive quarantine measures throughout Ukraine as a just cause for delaying proceedings, in order to further submit amendments to Parliament; entrusted to UNBA/BCU President Izovitova L.P. to send to the High Council of Justice proposals for draft recommendations on access to justice during quarantine.

55. BCU decided to cancel the decision of the Bar Council of Odessa region from April 15, 2020 "On the allocation of funds for advocates for one-time non-refundable tax-free financial assistance to overcome the consequences of COVID-19 pandemic". It is forbidden for Regional Bar Councils to make such expenses, as they may be interpreted by the relevant state bodies as distribution of revenues (profits) or part thereof among the founders (members) of the organization, which may endanger the status of Ukrainian National Bar Association and Regional Bar Councils as non-profit institution and organizations in the Tax Register; It was recommended that the Bar Councils of the regions carry out charitable activities by informing the advocates operating in the respective regions about the existence and operation of UNBA Charitable Foundation for Advocates, established to protect and ensure social and public rights of advocates.

56. BCU decided to consider the appeals of advocate Kubynets V.V. concerning commending with UNBA awards, according to which UNBA/BCU President Izovitova L.P. was entrusted to inform the inquirer about results of the discussion of appeals No. 1022-1-2p dated 23.12.2019, No. 1022-1-3 dated 05.03.2020, No. 1022-1-4 dated 09.07.2020 regarding commending advocates of SeP&P Law Firm Pavlova S.S., Kubynets V.V., Ponomarenko D.Yu. and Senior Scientific Adviser of the form Beya V.I., noting that the UNBA awards procedure remains the exclusive competence of UNBA Nomination Committee.

57. BCU has decided to approve the clarification regarding the consideration of complaints by QDCB alleging undue conduct of an advocate, that declared several work addresses in various regions, according to which disciplinary proceedings against an advocate carried out by the Qualification and Disciplinary Commission of the Bar at the main advocate's work address specified in the Unified Register of Advocates of Ukraine pursuant to Article 33 of the Law in the context of specific circumstances.

58. BCU decided to approve a clarification regarding continuity of service of the Members of Bar self-government.

59. BCU decided to consider open appeal of the QDCB of Odesa region No. 719/O/9-20 from September 17, 2020 regarding interference and obstruction of operation of the QDCB of Odesa region, calling actions of advocates aimed at exerting pressure and preventing consideration of a disciplinary complaint at the meeting of the Disciplinary Chamber of the QDCB of Odesa region involving "professional activists" as unacceptable. In addition, the fact of

involvement of 'professional activists' by an advocate in the course of consideration of complaint by QDCB of Odesa is regarded as a gross one-time violation of the Rules of Professional Conduct, which undermines the authority of the Bar of Ukraine.

60. BCU decided to fund the activities of Bar self-government, and entrusted to HACB Chair Maksym Boldin to develop within 7 days an algorithm for re-



imbursement of business trips expenses of HQDCB members by Regional Bar Councils and submit it for consideration at the next meeting of the Bar Council of Ukraine. Entrusted to the Chair of the Higher Audit Commission of the Bar Boldin M.Y. To schedule and conduct extraordinary inspections of regional bodies of Bar self-government, namely QDCB and Bar Councils of Lviv, Mykolaiv, Sumy and Kharkiv regions and within 20 days to submit the inspection results for consideration at the regular meeting of the Bar Council of Ukraine for rendering a relevant decision. Entrusted to the Chair of the Higher Audit Commission of the Bar Boldin M.Y. to hold a meeting with the Chairs of the Regional Bar Councils and QDCBs regarding reimbursement of travel expenses of region's members of HQDCB and develop common understanding of this issue.

61. BCU approved new version of the Traineeship Program towards obtaining certificate of right to practice law.

62. BCU decided to refer to the HQDCB the Information Opinion of the Special Temporary Commission on holding conference of advocates of Dnipropetrovsk region and materials for further inquiry.

63. BCU amended the Regulations on the Organization and Procedure of Traineeship to obtain certificate of right to practice law.

64. BCU approved clarification of the exhaustive list of requirements to advocate's request.
65. BCU decided to consider the request of the Trade Union "Ukrainian Independent Foundation of Lawyers" outg. No. 846 dated July 9, 2020
66. BCU decided on information regarding Zakalyuk O.Z. In URAU (Certificate of right to practice law series KB No. 5992 dated November 23, 2017).
67. BCU decided on information regarding Stepanova S.E. In URAU (certificate of right to practice law series KB No. 005777 dated June 30, 2016).
68. BCU decided on the information regarding Viter S.V. and Organyuk Y.Y. in URAU
69. BCU decided to amend the Procedure for Maintaining the Unified Register of Advocates of Ukraine.
70. BCU decided to appeal to Ukrainian and international institutions on violations of advocates' professional rights and guarantees in response to the appeal of advocate Avdeyenko V.A. of April 30, 2020 regarding measures to restore his violated rights and guarantees. BCU decided to instruct UNBA/BCU President Izovitova L.P. to address the President of Ukraine, the Speaker of Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine, the Office of the Prosecutor General, the Council of Judges of Ukraine, the High Council of Justice, the International Commission of Jurists, the European Association of Judges, the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe (PACE) requesting to respond within their powers to prevent violations of human rights to defense and professional rights of advocates in court proceedings by HACC judges.
71. BCU decided to establish a Working Group to study the issues raised in the letter of the Deputy Head of the Main Department of the State Tax Service in Kyiv City O. Malykhina No. 130202/10/ 26-15-12-02-17 dated September 17, 2020.
72. BCU adopted decision "On Approval of the Procedure for Nomination and Election of Delegates of the Conference of Advocates of Chernivtsi region, the Rules of Procedure for Conference of Advocates of Chernivtsi region and establishing a quota of representation".

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



74. BCU adopted decision "On Approval of the Procedure for Nomination and Election of Delegates of the Conference of Advocates of Dnipropetrovsk region, the Rules of Procedure for the Conference of Advocates of Dnipropetrovsk region and the establishing a quota of representation".
75. BCU adopted decision "On Approval of the Procedure for Nomination and Election of Delegates of the Conference of Advocates of Kherson region, the Rules of Procedure for the Conference of Advocates of Kherson region and establishing quota of representation".



76. BCU amended its decision "On reimbursement of travel expenses to the executives of the regional Bar self-government" No. 200 from 27.07.2013, as amended by the decision of BCU No. 29 from 04.02.2017, as well as decided further: Regional Bar Coun-

cils in the manner prescribed by this decision, within 10 days from the publication of present decision of the Bar Council of Ukraine at the official UNBA website, to reimburse the costs incurred by region's HQDCB members, if any such outstanding debt exist; to recommend the Conferences of Advocates to envisage appropriate expenditure items in the budget of the regional Bar Council and the Qualification and Disciplinary Commission of the Bar to reimburse travel expenses of region's HQDCB member; to instruct the Higher Audit Commission of the Bar to optimize the expenses of regional Bar self-government by developing recommendations to set travel expenses limits for region's HQDCB member, which are subject to such reimbursement by regional bodies of Bar self-government, subject to RBC's approval; The Higher Audit Commission of the Bar to send the Bar Council of Ukraine the approved algorithm for reimbursement HQDCB member's business travel expenses for further referral to the Bar self-government; to continue operation of the Working Group studying issues of reimbursement of business travel expenses of regional HQDCB members provisionally until receiving the HACB's results of extraordinary inspections of regional Bar self-governments, namely QDCBs and Bar Councils of Lviv, Mykolaiv, Sumy and Kharkiv regions.

77. The BCU approved clarification of the procedure for application of amicable dispute settlement that arose on the basis of a complaint of one advocate against another.

78. BCU approved clarification of the grounds for legal practice in view of the request from the Deputy Head of the Main Department of the State Tax Service in Kyiv City Malykhina No. 130202/10/26-15-12-02-17 dated September 17, 2020.

79. BCU, in view of the appeal of the Higher Anti-Corruption Court judges to the High Council of Justice and the Prosecutor General regarding interference in the activities of judges, letters of the Managing Partner of "CREDENS" Law Firm Svyridenko S.V. and advocate N.P. Drygval about illegal actions of NABU detectives aimed at violating the guarantees of legal practice and obstructing practice of advocate of Drygval N.P. decided: 1. To approve the Official Position of the Bar Council of Ukraine about the appeal of Higher Anti-Corruption Court judges to the High Council of Justice and the Prosecutor General on interference with the activities of judges.. 2. To publish the Official Position of the Bar Council of Ukraine about the appeal of Higher Anti-Corruption Court judges to the High Council of Justice and the Prosecutor General on interference in the activities of judges, as well as a video recording of the court hearing on 20.07.2020 of case No. 761/8826/19 (fragments thereof) at the official website of Ukrainian

an National Bar Association. 3. Send the official position of the Bar Council of Ukraine to the Prosecutor General and the High Council of Justice for information and taking into consideration in review of the appeal of the High Anti-Corruption Court judges regarding interference with their activities. 4. To appeal to the Chair and judges of the Higher Anti-Corruption Court regarding the inadmissibility of public dissemination of false information that harms the authority of Ukrainian National Bar Association, the Bar Council of Ukraine and other Bar self-government, as well as the inadmissibility of identifying professional legal practice exercised for defense of client's rights and legitimate interests, with activities carried out in order to prevent judges from performing their official duties or to obtain an unjust decision. 5. To instruct the UNBA/BCU President Izovitova L.P. to refer to the President of Ukraine, the



Speaker of Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine, the Office of the Prosecutor General, the High Council of Justice, the Council of Judges of Ukraine, the European Association of Judges, the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe (PACE), the Council of Europe Commissioner for Human Rights for response, condemnation, recognition of inadmissibility of identification of identify professional legal practice with activities carried out to protect the client (his rights and legitimate interests) with activities carried out to prevent judges from performing their official duties or to obtain an unjust decision, as well as not public dissemination of false information that harms the authority of Ukrainian National Bar Association, the Bar Council of Ukraine and other bodies of Bar self-government. 6. Send the Official Position of the Bar Council of Ukraine about the appeal of Higher Anti-Corruption Court judges to the High Council of Justice and Prosecutor General on interference with the activities of judges to the Heads of Appeals local Courts .

80. BCU decided to consider the letter of the HQDCB Chair Vylkov S.V. regarding the NACP order "To eliminate of violations of the requirements of p.3 of Art. 53-4 of the Law of Ukraine "On Prevention of Corruption" according to which it was decided: to

instruct the UNBA/BCU President Izovitova L.P. to appeal to the President of Ukraine and the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine, emphasizing the inadmissibility of violating the constitutional guarantee of the independence of the Bar and inadmissibility of State interference with the activities of Bar self-government, including disciplinary procedures of the bar; to instruct the UNBA/BCU President Izovitova L.P. to address the Council of Bars and Law Societies of Europe (CCBE), the Council of Europe Commissioner for Human Rights, reporting on the threat of destruction of the institutional guarantees of the independence of the Bar self-government and self-regulation of the profession.

81. BCU approved the clarification on obtaining the original documents upon request of an advocate, subject to voluntary issuance thereof upon request of an advocate.

82. BCU approved an explanation regarding the possibility of transferring a law office to another person.

83. BCU has decided to classify teaching activities at higher educational institutions of III and IV level of accreditation as professional development of advocates.

84. BCU decided to appeal to the State Judicial Administration of Ukraine and the Office of the Prosecutor General regarding inadmissibility of unjustified restriction of access to court decisions on the basis of prosecutors' motions, according to which: entrusted the UNBA/BCU President Izovitova L.P. to send an appeal to the State Judicial Administration of Ukraine regarding strict compliance with the law in terms of ensuring the openness of court decisions rendered by courts of general jurisdiction, adopted upon consideration of criminal cases, free access thereto at the official web portal of the judiciary of Ukraine; entrusted the UNBA/BCU President Izovitova L.P. to appeal to the Office of the Prosecutor General in order to prevent prosecutors' procedural abuses regarding classifying court decisions made during criminal proceedings and, as a consequence, illegally restricting public access thereto at the official web portal of the judiciary of Ukraine; entrusted to the UNBA/BCU President Izovitova L.P. to file a request with the State Judicial Administration of Ukraine, demanding information about:

cess restricted on the grounds that they permitted search a person's home or other property, refusal to permit search of person's home or other property, permission to conduct covert investigative (search) actions, refusals to permit covert investigative (search) action;



- the number of decisions to which access to the Register is restricted for other reasons (secrecy of the investigation, etc.).

This statistical information requested for the entire period since 2012, as well as separately for 2019 and 2020.

85. BCU appealed to the European Commission 'For Democracy through Law' on the Joint Opinion of the Venice Commission with the Directorate General for Human Rights and the Rule of Law of October 8-9, 2020, instructing UNBA/BCU President Izovitova L.P. appeal to the European Commission "For Democracy through Law", informing the latter about the peculiarities of Ukrainian legislation on the appointment of members to the High Council of Justice.

86. BCU adopted decision "On convening the Conference of Advocates of Ivano-Frankivsk Region, On Approval of the Procedure for Nomination 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".

87. BCU adopted decision "On convening the Conference of Advocates of Mykolayiv Region, On Approval of the Procedure for Nomination 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".

- the number of decisions in the Register with access restricted thereto on the grounds of containing state secrets;

- the number of decisions in the Register with ac-

88. BCU adopted decision "On Approval of the Procedure for Nomination and Election of Delegates of the Conference of Advocates of Zhytomyr region, the Rules of Procedure for Conference of Advocates of Zhytomyr region and establishing a quota of representation".

89. BCU approved the new edition of the Regulations on the Bar Council of Dnipropetrovsk region in connection with the change of its location.

90. BCU approved the new edition of the Regulation on QDCB of Dnipropetrovsk region, in connection with the change of its location.

91. BCU approved the new edition of the Regulation on the Bar Council of Ternopil region, in connection with the change of its location.

92. BCU has decided to postpone annual Conferences of Advocates due to the deteriorating epidemiological situation in the country, in particular: annual Conferences of Advocates in the regions has been postponed until the relevant decision of the Bar Council of Ukraine to resume Conferences of Advocates of the regions, taking into account the current legislation of Ukraine; It is established that until the next Conferences of Advocates of the regions and their approval of the budgets of regional Bar self-government of for 2021, the regional Bar Councils and QDCBs determine the use of funds and property in accordance with the budgets in force for the previous year.

93. BCU clarified the procedure for revoking the decision of regional QDCB on admission to the qualifying examination of the person in violation of the relevant law and other related issues.

94. BCU decided to amend the Regulation on Advocate's Warrant for Legal Assistance, approved in the new wording by the decision of the Bar Council of Ukraine No. 41 of April 12, 2019, as amended.

95. BCU decided to publicly discuss the issue of compliance with the principle of equality of participants in court proceedings, the presumption of innocence, as well as the adversarial process, the smooth exercise of advocate's professional rights and guarantees: to instruct UNBA/BCU President Izovitova L.P. to address the High Council of Justice with a proposal to consider the possibility of initiating a national debate, involving representatives of the professional community of judges, advocates, scholars about independence of the judiciary and the bar;



protection of human rights, freedoms and legitimate interests and the state on the basis of the rule of law; adherence to the principle of equality of participants in court proceedings, adversarial proceedings and unimpeded exercise of the advocate's professional rights and guarantees; inform HACC about the launch of UNBA roundtable on the relationship between advocates and judges, observance of common legal principles and ethical values by all professional trial participants as a prerequisite for the proper administration of justice, inviting HACC judges to participate in this discussion; to create a Working Group, including the Secretary of the Bar Council of Ukraine Kolesnikov I.V., members of the Bar Council of Ukraine Kadenko O.O., Afanasiev R.V., Repeshko P.I., Cherezov I.Y., Grin L.V., Sumska N.D., Chair of UNBA FLA Committee Drozdov O.M. BCU instructed them to prepare a legal position on the interference of judges with advocate's freedom of contract for legal services provision and the exercise of discretion in unilateral refusal to undertake the assignment in context of advocate's compliance with the Rules of Professional Conduct.



96. BCU approved the new version of the Regulation on UNBA Awards and Commendations.

- 97. BCU amended the Regulations on the Organization and Procedure of Traineeship to obtain certificate of right to practice law.
- 98. BCU adopted decision "On paying the advocates' annual contributions for the implementation of the advocates' self-government in 2021".



I

Bar Council of Ukraine

2018	2019	2020
Number of meetings held		
14	11	10
The number of BCU decisions adopted		
234	178	123
Number of canceled BCU decisions		
0	0	3
The number of minutes of BCU meetings drawn up		
14	11	10

II

Certification training

2018	2019	2020
Number of seminars and trainings for advocates		
23	74	59
Number of joint seminars and trainings for advocates		
96	37	15
The number of CLE certificates issued		
13248	16248	32605
The number of advocates who participated in seminars and trainings		
2	3	3
Number of methodological publications		

III

Events

2018	2019	2020
Number of conferences, round tables and forums		
38	38	142

IV

Activities The Unified Register of Advocates of Ukraine

2018	2019	2020
Number of transfer excerpts issued		
2178	659	482
The number of marks on suspension/termination of the right to practice law		
2330	3805	3681
The number of advocates who have resumed their legal practice		
719	799	85
The number new advocates entered into URAU		
6507	8523	5265

V

Legal Department

2018	2019	2020	2018	2019	2020
Total number of court cases in the courts of all instances					
Filed by BCU, UNBA			Filed by other entities		
15	3	1	170	97	83
Total number of court cases that resulted in non-binding decisions					
In favor of BCU, UNBA			In favor of others		
6	17	14	1	3	3
Total number of court cases that resulted in binding decisions					
Of in favor UNBA, BCU			In favor of others		
10	18	12	5	6	13
Number of cases concerning jurisdiction					
In administrative court		In economic court		In civil courts	
2018	2019	2020	2018	2019	2020
122	87	77	0	0	0
63	13	7			
Number of appeals concerning violations of advocates rights					
Referred to law enforcement agencies			Referred to the Committee		
31	12	1	73	101	111

VI

Protecting advocate's RIGHTS

2018	2019	2020	2018	2019	2020	2018	2019	2020
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		
79	106	112	45	52	37	73	101	111

VII

Record Keeping

2018	2019	2020
Total inbox correspondence		
3120	3336	3200
Physical and legal entities, advocates		
1401	1566	1643
Correspondence with central and local authorities, local self-government bodies on the main (profile) issues of activity		
519	686	620
Correspondence with HQDCB, HACB, Bar councils of the region and QDCBs on major (profile) issues		
1179	962	919
Number of parliamentary requests, appeals and other documents		
21	22	18
The number of documents considered		
2107	2165	1882
Number of requests sent to other structures for consideration		
161	213	306

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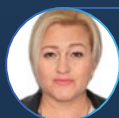
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REPORT OF THE HIGHER QUALIFICATION AND DISCIPLINARY COMMISSION OF THE BAR FOR 2020

I. General Information Powers of HQDCB

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

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

Pursuant to s.2 of Art.7 of the Regulation on Higher Qualifications and Disciplinary Commission of the Bar (hereinafter referred to as the HQDCB Regulation), the Rules of Procedure for Higher Qualifications and Disciplinary Commission of the Bar approved by the Bar Council of Ukraine.

Higher Qualification and Disciplinary Commission of the Bar is a collegiate body vested with review of appeals against decisions, actions or inaction of the Qualification and Disciplinary Commissions of the Bar (s.1, Art. 52 of the Law).

S.4 and 5 of Article 52 of the Law and Article 6 of HQDCB Regulation refer to the following powers of the HQDCB as a collegiate body: 1) consideration of appeals against decisions, actions or inaction of Qualifications and Disciplinary Commissions of the Bar; 2) generalization of disciplinary practice of Qualifications and Disciplinary Commissions of the Bar; 3) other functions under this Law.

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

1) dismiss the appeal and uphold the decision of the Qualification and Disciplinary Commission of the Bar;



2) change decision of the Qualification and Disciplinary Commission of the Bar; 3) cancel decision of Qualification and Disciplinary Commission of the Bar and adopt a new decision; 4) refer case for the new consideration at the relevant Qualification and Disciplinary Commission of the Bar and obligate Qualification and Disciplinary Commission of the Bar to take certain actions.

S.3 and 13 of CLE Procedure for Advocates of Ukraine, approved by BCU decision No.111 dated September 21, 2019, HQDCB is an operator of CLE for advocates in Ukraine, does not require accreditation, has the right to organize CLE independently or in cooperation with Higher School of Advocacy or regional Bar Councils. Similar powers for promoting the organization and holding legal education events, development of the legal profession and the raising the advocates' professional qualification as per s.1.3.3. of HQDCB Rules of Procedure.

In addition, according to s.3 Article 2 of HQDCB Regulation and s.1.3.4. and 1.3.5. of the HQDCB Rules of Procedure, the Commission also carries out the following functions: interacts with national and foreign NGOs and international non-governmental organizations; generalizes the case law of appeals consideration 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 taking such examinations.

II. Ensuring the Commission's work. HQDCB Secretariat

According to s.3 Article 5 of HQDCB Regulation and paragraph 2.8. of HQDCB Rules of Procedure, HQDCB Secretariat is established for the purpose of ensuring organization of daily activities at the HQDCB.

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

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



In 2020, HQDCB, in order to unite and strengthen the advocacy community, ensure professional rights and guarantees continued fruitful cooperation with UNBA (BCU) on improvement of the regulatory framework governing activity of the Bar self-government.

III. Commission's work

Key aspects of HQDCB's activity

In the reporting period, 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 appeals against decisions, actions and inaction of regional QDCBs.

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

The Commission also worked towards analysis and systematization of appeals consideration 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 at regional QDCBs.

In order to assess the practice of regional QDCBs as per Law of Ukraine "On the Bar and Practice of Law" and Rules of Professional Conduct, as well as development of certain criteria and general approaches to solving the issue of classification ethically controversial behavior in particular circumstances, HQDCB published

"Summary practice of Qualification and Disciplinary Commissions of the Bar in 2016–2020". Copies of the publication were sent to each Qualification and Disciplinary Commission of the Bar for use in qualification and disciplinary proceedings, as well as to each Bar Council of the region.

HQDCB Meetings

During the reporting period, 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". In order to exercise its powers, the Commission held 12 meetings in Kyiv, in compliance with the requirements for the prevention of the spread of coronavirus infection.

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Чи чекати адвокатам на покарання, якщо рік вже спливає, а завітні залікові бали ще не набрані? Як впливає карантин та непрацездатність на обов'язок підвищувати професійний рівень? Та чи варто адвокатам нагадувати про самовдосконалення з боку дисциплінарних органів? Голова Вищої кваліфікаційно-дисциплінарної комісії адвокатури Сергій ВИЛКОВ прояснює всі ці спірні аспекти в інтерв'ю для «ЗіБ».

The Commission meetings took place on the following dates: 31.01.2020, 01.02.2020, 23.07.2020, 24.07.2020, 25.07.2020, 28.08.2020, 29.08.2020, 30.09.2020, 01.10.2020, 21.12.2020, 22.12.2020, 23.12.2020.

The regular meetings of Higher Qualification and Disciplinary Commission of the Bar, scheduled for March 31, 2020 and April 1, 2020, were postponed twice due to lockdown imposed by the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine for mass events throughout Ukraine. These meetings were scheduled and held at the soonest possible time,



taking into account and complying with all legal requirements to prevent the spread of coronavirus infection.

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 function of HQDCB Secretary were carried out and continue to be so by Kotelevska K.V., HQDCB Member 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 was adopted 154 decisions.

Access to HQDCB of persons participating in the meetings was not restricted. Individuals under 120 complaints (parties and/or representatives in disciplinary cases) exercised their right to participation and provided explanations during the meetings of Higher Qualification and Disciplinary Commission of the Bar.

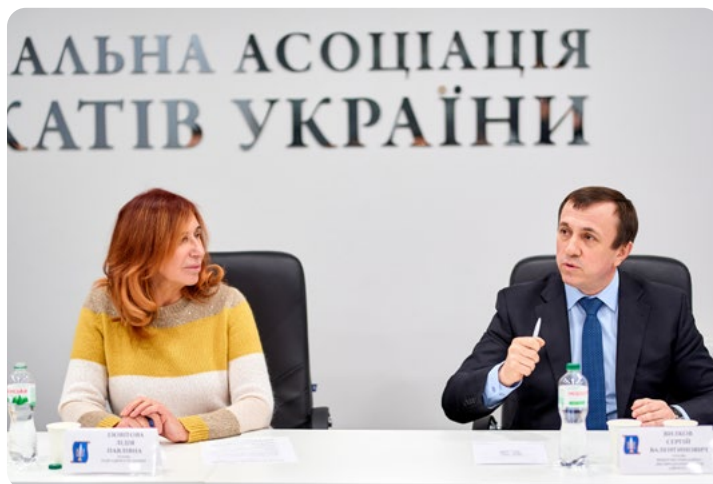
NUMBER OF COMPLAINTS CONSIDERED. Decisions of HQDCB

Pursuant to binding acts, regulating HQDCB's operation, while acting as the appeal collegiate body within the system of Bar self-governance, endowed with the powers to review complaints against the decisions, actions and inaction of regional QDCBs, the Commission may adopt the following types of decisions (as per s.5 of Article 52 of the Law):

- 1) to dismiss appeal and uphold the decision of Qualification and Disciplinary Commission of the Bar;
- 2) to amend decision of Qualification and Disciplinary Commission of the Bar;
- 3) reverse the decision of Qualification and Disciplinary Commission of the Bar and adopt a new decision;
- 4) refer 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 undertake certain actions.

Section 3.45. of HQDCB Rules of Procedure envisages the right for HQDCB to adopt other types of decisions, namely decision to dismiss the complaint, that is, to reject it; such decision to be adopted in case of absence of the majority of votes required by law (16 or more) upon the vote.

In case of appeal of the same decision of Qualification and Disciplinary Commission of the Bar, and/or actions or inaction of the Qualification and Disciplinary Commission of the Bar to HQDCB and to the court, HQDCB decides



to close the proceedings based on the principle of legal certainty established by Law of Ukraine "On the Bar and Practice of Law" (S.3.49) of the HQDCB Rules of Procedure). Also, decisions of HQDCB on correcting the misspellings in the original decision of the Commission are executed in the form of ruling.

According to official statistical data, in 2020, the Commission held 12 meetings, which resulted in 154 decisions, of those, in addition to those rendered under provisions of s.5 of Article 52 of the Law, 13 decisions on complaints against actions and inaction of the QDCBs, 4 protocol decisions, 4 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 125 decisions rendered in accordance with the provisions of s.5 of Article 52 of the Law of Ukraine "On the Bar and Practice of Law":

77 decisions (61.6%) - to dismiss the appeal and uphold decision of Qualification and Disciplinary Commission of Bar;

3 decisions (2.4%) - to amend decision of Qualification and Disciplinary Commission of the Bar;

22 (17.6%) - reverse decision of Qualification and Disciplinary Commission of the Bar and adopt a new decision;

23 decisions (18.4%) - send the case for reconsideration

ЗаконБізнес

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У квітні наберуть чинності зміни до закону щодо фінансового моніторингу. Зовсім скоро адвокатам доведеться обирати «цукерки або життя» — заможні клієнти чи санкції від держави. Про те, як адвокату адаптувати стратегію захисту під нові норми, в інтерв'ю «ЗІБ» розповів голова секретаріату Вищої кваліфікаційно-дисциплінарної комісії адвокатури Віктор ВОВНЮК.



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to respective Qualification and Disciplinary Commission of the Bar and oblige Qualification and Disciplinary Commission of the Bar to undertake certain actions.

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

Decisions of the Commission are depersonalized and published at the official HQDCB website.

Higher Qualifications and Disciplinary Commission of the Bar also quantitatively evaluated the ratio between challenged QDCB decisions by territory and results of their revision by HQDCB, specifically – types of decisions rendered by the Commission, as per s. 5 of Article 52 of the Law of Ukraine "On the Bar and Practice of Law".

In 2020, the largest number of complaints received by HQDCB concerned QDCB of Kyiv Region. The second place in terms of the number of appealed decisions and actions/inactions occupied by QDCB of Kyiv City and Odessa region.

No complaints were received against decisions or actions of Kirovograd and Dnipropetrovsk regions.

Regarding the subject matter of appeals against decisions of the regional QDCBs, the majority of them concerned decisions of regional QDCBs adopted, in connection with improper, in the opinion of the appellants, performance of advocates' professional duties in the course of legal practice.

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

- appellants are not satisfied with decision rendered by QDCB, regarding the unethical conduct of advocate (conflict of interest in the course of legal practice, breach of professional privilege, unethical conduct on the Internet, providing free secondary legal aid to lure client into conclusion of paid legal services contract);
- appeals related to actions of advocates in criminal, civil, commercial and administrative proceedings filed by opponents in the case;
- regarding the return of the fee paid to the advocate;
- appeals regarding imposition of a penalty for non-payment of the advocate's annual contribution;
- appeals against advocates' conduct in court proceedings;
- appeals against advocates who, in the opinion of the appellants, had illegally passed the qualifying examination and so on.

A considerable number of appeals contest the decisions of regional QDCBs regarding actions of advocates in connection with rendering legal aid before judicial



authorities and during pre-trial investigation in criminal proceedings. The appellants 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 appeals concerned the cases of advocate's failure to appear before the court without a just reason.

As in the previous reporting year, due to the rapid development of requirements for professional conduct of advocates, including on the Internet, the number of complaints about advocates misconduct on social networks has increased – the dissemination of untrue or defamatory information tarnishing the dignity of others, providing legal advice via the Internet, advertising legal practice in violation of the rules, etc.

In 2020, the number of complaints against decisions concerning results of qualification examination has significantly increased. In the reporting period, there have been cases of cancellation of QDCB decisions and obligating QDCBs to resit qualification examination within the nearest time for such examinations.

Thus, during the reporting period, the Commission reviewed 13 complaints against decisions of regional QDCBs on taking qualification exams, of which 4 decisions were canceled and QDCB of the region was obliged to resit the qualification exam in the nearest future; in 5 cases the appeals were dismissed and in 4 cases decisions of the regional QDCBs were canceled.

RECORD KEEPING

The total number of incoming correspondence (applications, complaints, appeals, letters) received by HQDCB during the reporting period is 1784.

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

Regional QDCBs	Decisions of HQDCB in 2020				Action/Inaction of QDCBs
	1	2	3	4	
Vinnitsia	2	-	-	-	-
Volyn	1	-	-	1	1
Dnipropetrovsk	-	-	-	-	-
Donetsk	3	-	2	-	-
Zhytomyr	1	-	-	-	-
Zakarpattia	2	-	1	1	-
Zaporizhia	3	-	1	1	2
Ivano-Frankivsk	-	-	-	1	-
Kyiv Region	21	2	3	7	2
Kirovograd	-	-	-	-	-
Lugansk	1	-	-	1	3
Lviv	6	-	2	-	-
Mykolayiv	1	-	1	-	-
Odesa	6	-	3	4	-
Poltava	4	1	1	1	-
Rivne	2	-	-	-	-
Sumy	1	-	-	-	-
Ternopil	3	-	-	2	-
Kharkiv	4	-	-	-	-
Kherson	3	-	-	1	-
Khmelnyskyi	4	-	1	1	-
Cherkasy	-	-	1	-	-
Chernivtsi	3	-	-	1	-
Chernihiv	1	-	1	-	-
Kyiv	5	-	5	1	5
Total	77	3	22	23	13

* Decisions of HQDCB:

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

Court activity

The Commission, pursuant to s.3 Article 7 of HQDCB Regulation, HQDCB may be claimant and respondent in court.

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

S.3 of Article 39 of the Law provides for the procedure for contesting the decision to initiate a disciplinary case or refusal to initiate disciplinary case either before Higher Qualifications and Disciplinary Commission of the Bar or to the court.

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

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

Other activities. Promoting LEGISLATIVE REFORMS

In accordance with s.2 of Article 2 of HQDCB Regulation, to achieve its goals, Higher Qualification and Disciplinary Commission of the Bar promotes the rule of law in Ukraine; promotes the reform of Ukrainian legislation using the experience of developed democracies; contributes to the protection of legal rights and interests and the strengthening of existing legal norms on the protection of advocate's professional rights and guarantees, etc.

In 2020, the Commission paid much attention to the improvement of legislative acts regulating activities of regional QDCBs and HQDCB.

However, in connection with introduction at the state level of restrictions aimed at curbing the spread of Coronavirus disease, discussion of qualification and disciplinary practices, as well as the preparation of amendment proposals to regulations in the field of Bar and practice of law, took place mostly online.

The Higher Qualifications and Disciplinary Commission of the Bar, within its powers envisaged by ss. 2 part 4 Art. 52 of the Law of Ukraine "On the Bar and Practice of Law", in the reporting year, prepared the following summaries of QDCB disciplinary practice in the following areas:

- summary of disciplinary practices concerning renewal of deadline for appeal against decisions of Qualification and Disciplinary Commission of the Bar (decision



of HQDCB No. VII-009/2020 dated 04 October, 2019);

- summary of disciplinary practices of Qualification and Disciplinary Commissions of the Bar regarding professional privilege (decision of HQDCB No.VII-010/2020 of 25.07.2020);
- summary of disciplinary practices of Qualification and Disciplinary Commissions of the Bar about ethical aspects of the advocate's relations with law enforcement agencies (decision of HQDCB No.VII-011/2020 of 25.07.2020).

In November 2020, HQDCB prepared and published summaries of the practices of Qualification and Disciplinary Commissions of the Bar from 2016 to 2020.

The publication includes 10 summaries of Higher Qualification and Disciplinary Commission of the Bar, devoted to the most interesting and ambiguous, in terms of understanding and practical application, issues of legal practice and consideration of disciplinary cases:

- enforcement of deadlines for bringing lawyer to disciplinary liability;
- enforcement of disciplinary sanctions in the form of suspension of the right to practice law;
- admission of persons to qualifying examinations, as well as taking such examinations;
- conflict of interest;
- referral of cases by Higher Qualification and Disciplinary Commission of the Bar for reconsideration;
- renewal of deadlines for appealing against decisions of Qualification and Disciplinary Commissions of the Bar;
- consideration of applications for recusals (self-recusals);
- professional legal privilege;
- non-payment by advocates of annual contribution towards implementation of Bar self-government;

— ethical aspects of the lawyer's relationship with law enforcement agencies.

In addition, in the reporting year, upon request of HQDCB Chair, on the basis of proposals from regional bodies of Bar self-government, the Bar Council of Ukraine made amended the Procedure for Admission to the Qualifying Examination, the Procedure for Passing the Qualifying Examination and Methods of Assessing Exam for the Right to Practice Law in Ukraine and HQDCB Rules of Procedure.

Also, BCU Decision from 14.02.2020 No. 25 amended s.3.49 of HQDCB Rules of Procedure., which addressed cases of appeals against the same actions or inaction of the Qualification and Disciplinary Commission of the Bar to HQDCB and the court.

Thus, HQDCB actively promotes the regulatory base reform of the Bar and legal practice, focusing on strengthening protection of advocate's professional rights and guarantees.

IV. Continuing Legal Education events.

During the reporting period, the Commission, in compliance with provisions of s.3 and 13 of the Procedure for CLE of advocates in Ukraine, approved by the BCU decision from September 21, 2019 No. 111, organized continuing legal education events, where HQDCB Chair Sergiy Vylkov and Head of HQDCB Secretariat Viktor Vovnyuk acted as trainers.

On January 17, 2020, the Commission held CLE training event in the format of a work meeting with representatives of the Qualification and Disciplinary Commission of the Bar of Rivne Region.

On March 13, 2020, online training event was organized by HQDCB – a round table with the participation of the Chairs of Qualification and Disciplinary

Commissions of the Bar about: "Practical issues of disciplinary and qualification practices. Declarations-prospects and realities".

On November 28, 2020, HQDCB organized an online webinar for advocates of Zaporizhia and Dnipropetrovsk regions. Chair of HQDCB Sergiy Vylkov (topic: 'Ethical aspects of advocates conduct') and the Head of HQDCB Secretariat Viktor Vovnyuk (topic: 'Rules of Professional Conduct and Disciplinary Practice' moderated the webinar.

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



V. Cooperation.

In 2020, HQDCB, in order to unite and strengthen the legal community, ensure professional rights and guarantees continued fruitful cooperation with UNBA (BCU) on improvement of the regulatory framework governing the Bar self-government.

The Chair of HQDCB and Head of HQDCB Secretariat participated in online meetings of the Bar Council of Ukraine, including those dedicated to the issues raised in the letters of HQDCB Chair.

On June 9, 2020, the HQDCB leadership held a meeting with Chairs of Qualification and Disciplinary Commissions of the Bar thru a video conference.

On November 30, 2020, the Chair of the Commission delivered report at the national discussion "Access to Justice: realities and prospects", attended by representatives of UNBA, HCJ, as well as practicing judges. During the event, the discussion touched upon the role of professional communities in development of core legislation on the judiciary and the bar, aspects of international experts' participation in the formation of judicial governance and HACC, as well as strategic issues of judicial reform.

I

NUMBER OF
MEETINGS HELD

2018	2019	2020
number of meetings held		
12	12	12


II

NUMBER OF COMPLAINTS
AGAINST DECISIONS, ACTIONS
OR INACTION OF QDCBs
CONSIDERED

2018	2019	2020
number of dismissed complaints and QDCB decisions upheld		
123	98	77
number of amended QDCB decisions		
0	0	3
number of canceled QDCB decisions and new decisions rendered		
28	21	22
The number of canceled QDCB decisions and cases referred for reconsideration to the relevant QDCB with obligation to take action		
50	37	23
number of rulings		
5	2	3

III

NUMBER OF CLE
EVENTS FOR ADVOCATES

2018	2019	2020
		
11	23	1

IV

NUMBER OF METHODOLOGICAL
RECOMMENDATIONS DEVELOPED
OR PROVIDED REGARDING
ACTIVITIES OF HQDCB

2018	2019	2020
		
0	4	3

V

RECORD KEEPING

2018	2019	2020
total number of incoming mail correspondence		
1751	1686	1784
Submissions of natural persons and legal entities, advocates		
890	814	819
correspondence with central and local government authorities, local self-government concerning main (core) professional matters		
8	1	0
correspondence with regional Bar Councils and UNBA, BCU, HACB, and QDCBs concerning core professional matters		
486	446	514
number of parliamentary inquiries, appeals, and execution documents		
6	1	3
number of submissions considered on the merits		
1212	1131	1204
number of submissions redirected for consideration to other		
178	126	132

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
2018	0	90	11	25	7	100	0	1
2019	0	104	15	34	9	118	0	1
2020	1	86	11	26	0	97	0	1

HQDCB| Financial Balance Indicators FOR 2020

Income	2018	2019	2020
Proceeds from QDCBs transferring 20% of annual fees for the implementation of the advocates' self-government in Ukraine	146 102	79 610	2 522
Proceeds from exam fees from prospective advocates	10 648 618	7 383 579	4 079 506
Passive Income*	459 858	0	1 826 005
Grants and subsidies	0	0	0
Other proceeds:	270 332	222 307	266 331
- charitable contributions	15 000	0	0
- organizational and technical support for consideration of complaints by HQDCB	255 332	222 307	266 331
Total:	11 524 910 ₴	7 685 496 ₴	6 174 364 ₴

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

*Other revenues - revenues specified in Article 58 of the Law of Ukraine "On the Bar and Practice of Law", the Statute of Ukrainian National Bar Association (voluntary contributions of advocates, law firms, law offices, voluntary contributions of individuals and legal entities and other sources not prohibited by law).

ВИТРАТИ	2018	2019	2020
General Labor Remuneration account:	1929234	2 732 557	2 532 190
Mandatory deductions (taxes and fees):	1 021 492	1 412 251	1 263 398
Office maintenance costs (rent of premises, security, household needs, Internet, communication, stationery, maintenance and rent of a car, courier and postal services, service *)	1 182 946	1 450 268	1 194 328
Organizational and technical support of the HQDCB meetings	523 629	482 273	316 229
Other expenses: including:	1 874 345	1 079 409	436 456
- Accounting, banking and notary services	182 530	294 366	255 226
- postage costs and delivery	46 462	92 920	77 117
- other organizational expenses (business trips, making IDs, accommodation, meals, scans, etc.)	202640	609 886	91 495
- purchase of the fixed and intangible assets	1 442 713	82 237	12 618
Total:	6 531 646 ₴	7 156 758 ₴	5 742 601 ₴
Transfer of funds for the needs of UNBA/BCU	1 400 000	1 600 000	-
Financial assistance	-	-	100 000

** 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"

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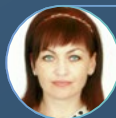
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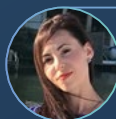
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REPORT OF HIGHER AUDIT COMMISSION OF THE BAR FOR 2020

1. THE NUMBER OF FINANCIAL AND ECONOMIC AUDITS OF HIGHER AND REGIONAL BODIES OF BAR SELF-GOVERNMENT – 9.

2. NUMBER OF THE REGULAR (extraordinary) HACB meetings:

1. 23–24 January 2020.

2. 27–28 February 2020.

3. THE NUMBER OF FIELD INSPECTIONS HELD BY HACB:

1. Bar Council and Qualification and Disciplinary Commission of the Bar of Donetsk region;
2. Bar Council and Qualification and Disciplinary Commission of the Bar of Lugansk region;
3. Bar Council and Qualification and Disciplinary Commission of the Bar of Kharkiv region;
4. Bar Council and Qualification and Disciplinary Commission of the Bar of Sumy region;
5. Bar Council and Qualifications and Disciplinary Commission of the Bar of Mykolayiv region;
6. Bar Council and Qualifications and Disciplinary Commission of the Bar of Mykolayiv region (ordinary and extraordinary inspections);
7. Bar Council and Qualification and Disciplinary Commission of the Bar of Kyiv region;
8. Bar Council and Qualification and Disciplinary Commission of the Bar of Lviv region.

In total, Members of HACB conducted 9 field inspections.

4. THE NUMBER OF APPROVED CONCLUSIONS IN 2020 FOR EACH BODY OF BAR SELF-GOVERNMENT – 5.

5. FOR THE ENTIRE TIME OF HACB WORK, NO COMPLAINTS AGAINST DECISIONS, CONCLUSIONS, ACTIONS OR INACTION OF HQCB, ITS MEMBERS AND CHAIR HAVE BEEN RECEIVED.



6. NO EARLY TERMINATION OF POWERS OF RACB MEMBERS, TERMINATION OF LABOR OR CIVIL LEGAL RELATIONS, CONTRACTS CONCLUDED BY THE RACB OCCURRED.



No.	Region	Territorial body	Responsible members of HACB	Inspection start date	Date of the Conclusion
1	Mykolayiv Region	BC	Sachayeva I.O. Mokin I.S.	14.06.201	24.01.2020
2	Chernihiv Region	BC	Sachayeva I.O. Mokin I.S.	27.05.2019	27.02.2020
3	Volyn Region	QDCB	Yash P.K.	06.06.2019	27.02.2020
4	Poltava Region	BC	Rayko V.V.	14.02.2020	27.02.2020
5	Poltava Region	QDCB	Tsuvin A. I. Ishkhanyan A. R.	14.02.2020	27.02.2020

7. DURING THE HACB INSPECTIONS, THE FOLLOWING SYSTEM RECOMMENDATIONS WERE PROVIDED TO THE SUBJECTS OF THE INSPECTION:

- consider the rational use of funds in order to protect and preserve them;
- buy your own premises;
- during the adoption of the estimate to provide in the draft estimate a fixed amount of salary;
- translate accounting into electronic form;
- re-register the code of the type of economic activity.

8. HACB REPORTING.

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

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

9. APPROVAL OF REPORTS BY THE CONGRESS OF ADVOCATES OF UKRAINE.

Conclusions on results of 2020 inspections have not yet been approved by the Congress of Advocates of Ukraine.

10. CONTROL OVER IMPLEMENTATION OF HACB RECOMMENDATIONS.

During inspections of Bar self-government, HACB provides recommendations towards elimination of identified deficiencies and violations. Control over execution of recommendations is carried out by way of sending a request for clarification of compliance with previously issued recommendations. Analysis of clarifications received by HACB is reflected in the following conclusions.

11. ACTIVITIES OF HACB MEMBERS.

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Elected on 14.02.2019:

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Journal of HACB meeting attendance FOR 2020

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23.01.2020	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
07.02.2019	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
27.02.2020	2	2	2	2	2	1	2	0	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2



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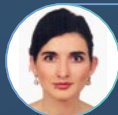
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CHAPTER IV

REGIONAL BAR SELF-GOVERNMENT

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number of meetings held by RBC

13

decisions adopted

386

of advocates' appeals about failure to provide information

44

number of new advocates registered in URAU database

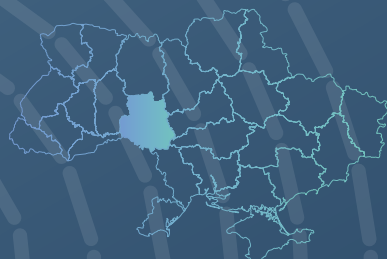
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number of seminars and trainings for advocates

9

total number of incoming mail correspondence

810



RBC | Financial balance indicators of Vinnytsia region for 2020

Receipts	2019	2020
Receipts from annual fees to ensure the implementation of Bar self-government in Ukraine	1186967	1386782
Receipt of funds as a payment for the traineeship	431393	305551
Other proceeds**	72340	108499
Total:	1690700	1800832
Expenses	€	€
General Labor Remuneration account:	350940	481562
Mandatory deductions (taxes and fees):	140455	182396
Travel expenses:	87490	1160
Office maintenance:	551545	225906
RBC activities, including:	560270	909808
Organization of training for Ukrainian advocates	122946	274392
Expenses towards the production of warrant books	43617	246889
Expenses towards the production of the Certificate of right to practice Law	0	0
Other Expenses * (Services of the bank, mail, notary, etc.)	0	0
Total:	1690700	1800832 +7%

QDCB of Vinnytsia Region



Chair of QDCB of Vinnytsia region

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Decisions of QDCB

6

Decisions of the QDCB Qualifications Chamber

11

decisions of QDCB disciplinary Chamber

19

persons admitted to take qualification examination

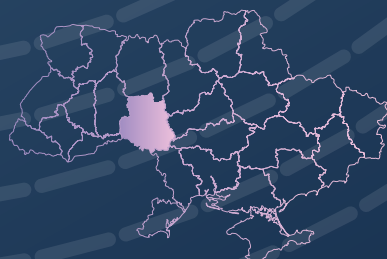
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cases in the proceedings

15

total number of incoming mail correspondence

263



QDCB | Financial balance indicators of Vinnytsia region for 2020

Receipts	2019	2020
Fee for taking the qualification examination	886051	558323
Other income - voluntary donations to the material and technical support of legal activity; fee for organizational and technical support of complaints consideration	19726	0
Other proceeds	0	0
Total:	905777	558323
Expenses	UAH.	UAH.
General Labor Remuneration account:	255392	253880
Mandatory deductions (taxes and fees):	104586	99854
Travel expenses:	72039	4589
Office maintenance:	184864	0
QDCB activities, including:	62896	0
Organization of training for Ukrainian advocates	0	0
Expenses for the production of certificate of passing qualification examination	62896	0
Other expenses	226000	200000
Total:	905777	558323 -38%



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number of meetings held by RBC

19

decisions adopted

536

of advocates' appeals about failure to provide information

21

number of new advocates registered in URAU database

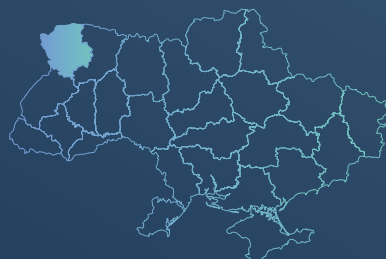
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number of seminars and trainings for advocates

3

total number of incoming mail correspondence

801



RBC | Financial balance indicators of Volyn region for 2020

Receipts	2019	2020
Receipts from annual fees to ensure the implementation of Bar self-government in Ukraine	1163260	1248471
Receipt of funds as a payment for the traineeship	259082	121352
Other proceeds**	126487	84797
Total:	1548829	1454620 ^{-6%}
Expenses	€	€
General Labor Remuneration account:	938657	1368366
Mandatory deductions (taxes and fees):	206505	301041
Travel expenses:	84144	2881
Office maintenance:	39297	27987
RBC activities, including:	32517	37137
Organization of training for Ukrainian advocates	4000	0
Expenses towards the production of warrant books	0	14000
Expenses towards the production of the Certificate of right to practice Law	7760	4200
Other Expenses * (Services of the bank, mail, notary, etc.)	354818	194648
Total:	1655938	1932060 ^{+17%}

QDCB of Volyn Region



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Decisions of QDCB

1

Decisions of the QDCB Qualifications Chamber

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decisions of QDCB disciplinary Chamber

14

persons admitted to take qualification examination

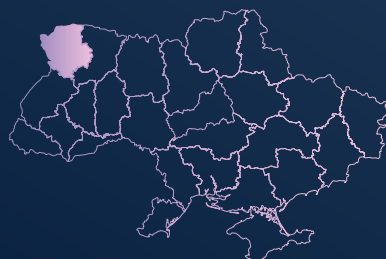
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cases in the proceedings

18

total number of incoming mail correspondence

107



QDCB | Financial balance indicators of Volyn region for 2020

Receipts	2019	2020
Fee for taking the qualification examination	669930	403157
Other income - voluntary donations to the material and technical support of legal activity; fee for organizational and technical support of complaints consideration	13800	8503
Other proceeds	0	120000
Total:	683730	531660 ^{-22%}
Expenses	€	€
General Labor Remuneration account:	436935	285521
Mandatory deductions (taxes and fees):	101281	47898
Travel expenses:	39315	37805
Office maintenance:	32667	24614
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	93395	135015
Total:	703593	530853 ^{-25%}



BAR COUNCIL, DNIPROPETROVSK REGION



Chair of Dnipropetrovsk regional Bar Council

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number of meetings held by RBC

15

decisions adopted

194

of advocates' appeals about failure to provide information

97

number of new advocates registered in URAU database

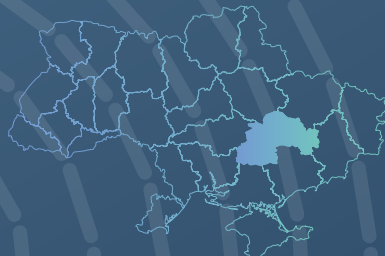
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number of seminars and trainings for advocates

41

total number of incoming mail correspondence

1360



RBC | Financial balance indicators of DNIPROPETROVSK REGION FOR 2020

Receipts	2019	2020
Receipts from annual fees to ensure the implementation of Bar self-government in Ukraine	4149727	4803200
Receipt of funds as a payment for the traineeship	1097465	1263325
Other proceeds**	1008021	504141
Total:	6255213	6570666 ^{+5%}
Expenses	€	€
General Labor Remuneration account:	2342637	2806734
Mandatory deductions (taxes and fees):	414512	499149
Travel expenses:	138419	15804
Office maintenance:	446888	11864686
RBC activities, including:	1351186	434896
Organization of training for Ukrainian advocates	891940	244347
Expenses towards the production of warrant books	0	0
Expenses towards the production of the Certificate of right to practice Law	184875	109122
Other Expenses * (Services of the bank, mail, notary, etc.)	145796	71990
Total:	4839438	15693259 ^{+224%}

QDCB of DNIPROPETROVSK REGION



Chair of QDCB of Dnipropetrovsk region

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Decisions of QDCB

0

Decisions of the QDCB Qualifications Chamber

520

decisions of QDCB disciplinary Chamber

52

persons admitted to take qualification examination

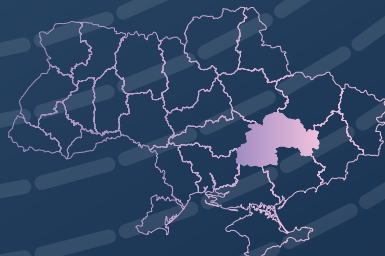
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cases in the proceedings

19

total number of incoming mail correspondence

196



QDCB | Financial balance indicators of DNIPROPETROVSK REGION FOR 2020

Receipts	2019	2020
Fee for taking the qualification examination	1585031	1182949
Other income - voluntary donations to the material and technical support of legal activity; fee for organizational and technical support of complaints consideration	54405	30372
Other proceeds	0	34725
Total:	1639436	1248046 ^{-24%}
Expenses	€	€
General Labor Remuneration account:	870616	941337
Mandatory deductions (taxes and fees):	203800	207094
Travel expenses:	31369	7020
Office maintenance:	292311	248839
QDCB activities, including:	9900	157416
Organization of training for Ukrainian advocates	0	157416
Expenses for the production of certificate of passing qualification examination	9900	0
Other expenses	56000	809982
Total:	1463996	2371688 ^{+62%}



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number of meetings held by RBC

12

decisions adopted

605

of advocates' appeals about failure to provide information

57

number of new advocates registered in URAU database

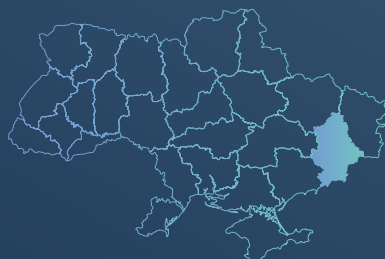
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number of seminars and trainings for advocates

6

total number of incoming mail correspondence

1713



RBC | Financial balance indicators of DONETSK REGION FOR 2020

Receipts	2019	2020
Receipts from - annual fees to ensure the implementation of Bar self-government in Ukraine	3043700	2471031
Receipt of funds as a payment for the traineeship	772000	410385
Other proceeds**	223300	514388
Total:	4039000	3395804 -16%
Expenses	€	€
General Labor Remuneration account:	1939970	1615469
Mandatory deductions (taxes and fees):	309600	368220
Travel expenses:	108400	47247
Office maintenance:	370130	413279
RBC activities, including:	699450	758868
Organization of training for Ukrainian advocates	56900	36950
Expenses towards the production of warrant books	35900	0
Expenses towards the production of the Certificate of right to practice Law	20200	0
Other Expenses * (Services of the bank, mail, notary, etc.)	546650	630
Total:	3974200	3203713 -19%

QDCB of Donetsk Region



Chair of QDCB of Donetsk region

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Decisions of QDCB

4

Decisions of the QDCB Qualifications Chamber

45

decisions of QDCB disciplinary Chamber

120

persons admitted to take qualification examination

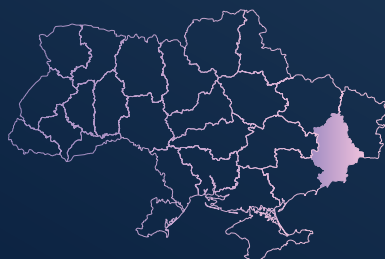
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cases in the proceedings

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total number of incoming mail correspondence

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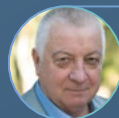


QDCB | Financial balance indicators of DONETSK REGION FOR 2020

Receipts	2019	2020
Fee for taking the qualification examination	1449488	825133
Other income - voluntary donations to the material and technical support of legal activity; fee for organizational and technical support of complaints consideration	277838	527735
Other proceeds	0	0
Total:	1727326	1352868 -22%
Expenses	€	€
General Labor Remuneration account:	1324480	1106658
Mandatory deductions (taxes and fees):	267467	176408
Travel expenses:	205735	0
Office maintenance:	123996	142027
QDCB activities, including:	0	1410
Organization of training for Ukrainian advocates	0	0
Expenses for the production of certificate of passing qualification examination	0	1410
Other expenses	17977	17228
Total:	1939655	1443731 -26%



Bar Council, Zhytomyr region



Chair of Zhytomyr regional Bar Council

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<p>number of meetings held by RBC</p> <p>9</p>	<p>decisions adopted</p> <p>77</p>
<p>of advocates' appeals about failure to provide information</p> <p>7</p>	<p>number of new advocates registered in URAU database</p> <p>63</p>
<p>number of seminars and trainings for advocates</p> <p>6</p>	<p>total number of incoming mail correspondence</p> <p>554</p>



RBC | Financial balance indicators of Zhytomyr region for 2020

Находження	2019	2020
Находження щорічних внесків на забезпечення реалізації адвокатського самоврядування в Україні	894473	984130
Находження коштів як сплати за проходження стажування	250110	277749
Інші надходження **	75404	124999
Всього:	1219987	1386878 ^{+14%}
Витрати	€	€
Загальний фонд оплати праці штатних працівників:	546157	630205
Обов'язкові відрахування (податки та збори):	111575	132345
Витрати на відрядження:	77769	8880
Утримання офісу:	65208	58302
Діяльність РАР, у тому числі:	76455	30563
Організація заходів з підвищення кваліфікації адвокатів України	73893	21681
Витрати на виготовлення ордерних книжок	0	0
Витрати на виготовлення свідоцтва про право на заняття адвокатською діяльністю	0	0
Інші витрати* (послуги банку, пошти, нотаріуса, тощо)	34805	44366
Всього:	911969	904661 ^{-1%}

QDCB of Zhytomyr Region

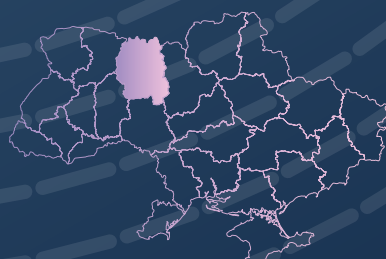


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<p>Decisions of QDCB</p> <p>131</p>	<p>Decisions of the QDCB Qualifications Chamber</p> <p>14</p>
<p>decisions of QDCB disciplinary Chamber</p> <p>37</p>	<p>persons admitted to take qualification examination</p> <p>75</p>
<p>cases in the proceedings</p> <p>14</p>	<p>total number of incoming mail correspondence</p> <p>282</p>



QDCB | Financial balance indicators of Zhytomyr region for 2020

Receipts	2019	2020
Fee for taking the qualification examination	701837	210204
Other income - voluntary donations to the material and technical support of legal activity; fee for organizational and technical support of complaints consideration	11784	14912
Other proceeds	46459	71450
Total:	760080	296566 ^{-61%}
Expenses	€	€
General Labor Remuneration account:	329147	226502
Mandatory deductions (taxes and fees):	72412	49778
Travel expenses:	45062	14066
Office maintenance:	19707	16049
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	6139	17817
Total:	472467	324212 ^{-31%}

BAR COUNCIL, ZAKARPATTIA REGION



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number of meetings held by RBC

10

decisions adopted

343

of advocates' appeals about failure to provide information

9

number of new advocates registered in URAU database

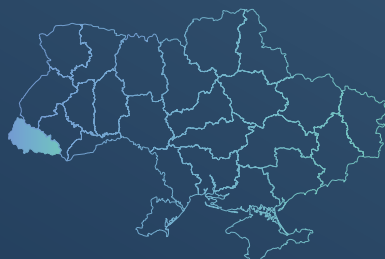
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number of seminars and trainings for advocates

0

total number of incoming mail correspondence

763



RBC | Financial balance indicators of Zakarpattia region for 2020

Receipts	2019	2020
Receipts from annual fees to ensure the implementation of Bar self-government in Ukraine	1250397	1432620
Receipt of funds as a payment for the traineeship	894550	370759
Other proceeds**	31823	383086
Total:	2176770	2186465
Expenses	€	€
General Labor Remuneration account:	186360	177231
Mandatory deductions (taxes and fees):	40999	40575
Travel expenses:	440754	20165
Office maintenance:	138004	16708
RBC activities, including:	1197608	1816002
Organization of training for Ukrainian advocates	0	0
Expenses towards the production of warrant books	8520	0
Expenses towards the production of the Certificate of right to practice Law	107338	137015
Other Expenses * (Services of the bank, mail, notary, etc.)	183709	148657
Total:	2187434	2219338 ^{+1%}

QDCB of Zakarpattia Region



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Decisions of QDCB

2

Decisions of the QDCB Qualifications Chamber

200

decisions of QDCB disciplinary Chamber

35

persons admitted to take qualification examination

177

cases in the proceedings

23

total number of incoming mail correspondence

288



QDCB | Financial balance indicators of Zakarpattia region for 2020

Receipts	2019	2020
Fee for taking the qualification examination	2013500	877259
Other income - voluntary donations to the material and technical support of legal activity; fee for organizational and technical support of complaints consideration	21637	16911
Other proceeds	425986	334017
Total:	2461123	1228187 ^{-50%}
Expenses	€	€
General Labor Remuneration account:	684993	614624
Mandatory deductions (taxes and fees):	137499	135217
Travel expenses:	88222	24836
Office maintenance:	448432	220016
QDCB activities, including:	846926	242250
Organization of training for Ukrainian advocates	837708	242250
Expenses for the production of certificate of passing qualification examination	9218	0
Other expenses	111489	532712
Total:	2317561	1769655 ^{-24%}



BAR COUNCIL, ZAPORIZHIA REGION



Chair of Zaporizhia regional Bar Council

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number of meetings held by RBC

23

decisions adopted

570

of advocates' appeals about failure to provide information

22

number of new advocates registered in URAU database

232

number of seminars and trainings for advocates

2

total number of incoming mail correspondence

855



RBC | Financial balance indicators of Zaporizhia region for 2020

Receipts	2019	2020
Receipts from annual fees to ensure the implementation of Bar self-government in Ukraine	2610984	2947785
Receipt of funds as a payment for the traineeship	1352223	702414
Other proceeds**	553464	150968
Total:	4516671	3801167 -16%
Expenses	€	€
General Labor Remuneration account:	1311007	1480188
Mandatory deductions (taxes and fees):	288421	325642
Travel expenses:	13684	6891
Office maintenance:	2008751	333836
RBC activities, including:	327344	248048
Organization of training for Ukrainian advocates	32268	12768
Expenses towards the production of warrant books	0	0
Expenses towards the production of the Certificate of right to practice Law	90213	56577
Other Expenses * (Services of the bank, mail, notary, etc.)	519083	8534
Total:	4468290	2403139 -46%

QDCB of Zaporizhia Region



Chair of QDCB of Zaporizhia region

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Decisions of QDCB

65

Decisions of the QDCB Qualifications Chamber

156

decisions of QDCB disciplinary Chamber

111

persons admitted to take qualification examination

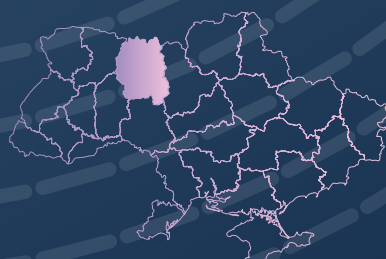
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cases in the proceedings

11

total number of incoming mail correspondence

163



QDCB | Financial balance indicators of Zaporizhia region for 2020

Receipts	2019	2020
Fee for taking the qualification examination	1743814	795828
Other income - voluntary donations to the material and technical support of legal activity; fee for organizational and technical support of complaints consideration	26121	53127
Other proceeds	106242	53486
Total:	1876177	902441 -52%
Expenses	€	€
General Labor Remuneration account:	309913	332975
Mandatory deductions (taxes and fees):	68181	73255
Travel expenses:	104861	42716
Office maintenance:	42725	8931
QDCB activities, including:	1091184	961989
Organization of training for Ukrainian advocates	1091184	961989
Expenses for the production of certificate of passing qualification examination	0	0
Other expenses	14549	265732
Total:	1631413	1685598 +3%



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BAR COUNCIL, Ivano-FrankIVSK REGION



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number of meetings held by RBC

13

decisions adopted

88

of advocates' appeals about failure to provide information

14

number of new advocates registered in URAU database

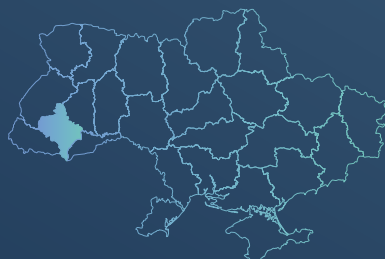
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number of seminars and trainings for advocates

0

total number of incoming mail correspondence

86



RBC | Financial balance indicators of Ivano-FrankIVSK REGION FOR 2020

Receipts	2019	2020
Receipts from annual fees to ensure the implementation of Bar self-government in Ukraine	1205498	1214340
Receipt of funds as a payment for the traineeship	367993	195121
Other proceeds**	218400	234404
Total:	1791891	1643865 ^{-8%}
Expenses	€	€
General Labor Remuneration account:	797963	829992
Mandatory deductions (taxes and fees):	132954	145472
Travel expenses:	83608	2335
Office maintenance:	147765	96934
RBC activities, including:	208696	109404
Organization of training for Ukrainian advocates	31474	0
Expenses towards the production of warrant books	11560	9050
Expenses towards the production of the Certificate of right to practice Law	54000	12622
Other Expenses * (Services of the bank, mail, notary, etc.)	26867	34095
Total:	1397853	1218232 ^{-13%}

QDCB of Ivano-FrankIVSK REGION



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Decisions of QDCB

133

Decisions of the QDCB Qualifications Chamber

105

decisions of QDCB disciplinary Chamber

19

persons admitted to take qualification examination

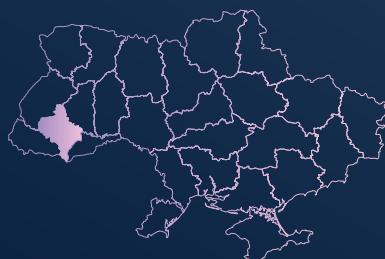
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cases in the proceedings

13

total number of incoming mail correspondence

102



QDCB | Financial balance indicators of Ivano-FrankIVSK REGION FOR 2020

Receipts	2019	2020
Fee for taking the qualification examination	661188	406646
Other income - voluntary donations to the material and technical support of legal activity; fee for organizational and technical support of complaints consideration	38587	41874
Other proceeds	75681	48465
Total:	775456	496985 ^{-36%}
Expenses	€	€
General Labor Remuneration account:	477269	504099
Mandatory deductions (taxes and fees):	107201	96492
Travel expenses:	70020	25984
Office maintenance:	33462	18892
QDCB activities, including:	101910	17400
Organization of training for Ukrainian advocates	101910	17400
Expenses for the production of certificate of passing qualification examination	0	0
Other expenses	50795	68274
Total:	840657	731141 ^{-13%}



BAR COUNCIL, KYIV REGION



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number of meetings held by RBC

7

decisions adopted

36

of advocates' appeals about failure to provide information

397

number of new advocates registered in URAU database

887

number of seminars and trainings for advocates

12

total number of incoming mail correspondence

6595



RBC | Financial balance indicators of Kyiv region for 2020

Receipts	2019	2020
Receipts from annual fees to ensure the implementation of Bar self-government in Ukraine	9578235	10578788
Receipt of funds as a payment for the traineeship	2670758	1858562
Other proceeds**	3307906	1391081
Total:	15556899	13828431 -11%
Expenses	€	€
General Labor Remuneration account:	3439512	3864081
Mandatory deductions (taxes and fees):	786168	820690
Travel expenses:	0	0
Office maintenance:	1511756	2226645
RBC activities, including:	6042243	1522758
Organization of training for Ukrainian advocates	416687	362154
Expenses towards the production of warrant books	0	0
Expenses towards the production of the Certificate of right to practice Law	0	0
Other Expenses * (Services of the bank, mail, notary, etc.)	826687	750172
Total:	12606366	9184346 -27%

QDCB of Kyiv Region



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Decisions of QDCB

1

Decisions of the QDCB Qualifications Chamber

560

decisions of QDCB disciplinary Chamber

320

persons admitted to take qualification examination

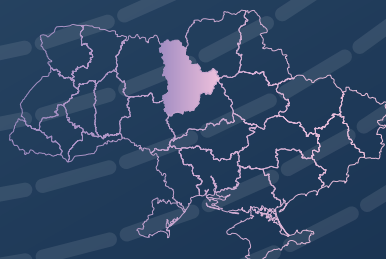
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cases in the proceedings

53

total number of incoming mail correspondence

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QDCB | Financial balance indicators of Kyiv region for 2020

Receipts	2019	2020
Fee for taking the qualification examination	4631704	2029076
Other income - voluntary donations to the material and technical support of legal activity; fee for organizational and technical support of complaints consideration	494348	1583101
Other proceeds	20208	11849
Total:	5146260	3624026 -30%
Expenses	€	€
General Labor Remuneration account:	3689859	2650910
Mandatory deductions (taxes and fees):	791524	564273
Travel expenses:	53726	0
Office maintenance:	994892	200347
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	103317	40590
Total:	5633318	3456120 -39%



2020

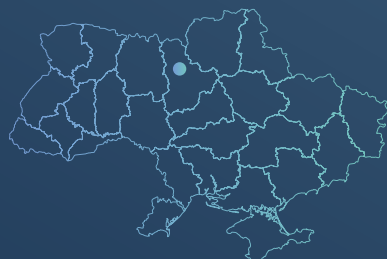
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BAR COUNCIL OF KYIV CITY



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<p>number of meetings held by RBC</p> <p>21</p>	<p>decisions adopted</p> <p>584</p>
<p>of advocates' appeals about failure to provide information</p> <p>342</p>	<p>number of new advocates registered in URAU database</p> <p>330</p>
<p>number of seminars and trainings for advocates</p> <p>8</p>	<p>total number of incoming mail correspondence</p> <p>4465</p>



RBC | Financial balance indicators of Kyiv City for 2020

Receipts	2019	2020
Receipts from annual fees to ensure the implementation of Bar self-government in Ukraine	—	2202610
Receipt of funds as a payment for the traineeship	—	453570
Other proceeds**	—	242998
Total:	—	2899178
Expenses	€	€
General Labor Remuneration account:	—	1759566
Mandatory deductions (taxes and fees):	—	387105
Travel expenses:	—	0
Office maintenance:	—	255042
RBC activities, including:	—	299246
Organization of training for Ukrainian advocates	—	18000
Expenses towards the production of warrant books	—	0
Expenses towards the production of the Certificate of right to practice Law	—	198106
Other Expenses * (Services of the bank, mail, notary, etc.)	—	198219
Total:	—	2899178

QDCB of Kyiv City



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<p>Decisions of QDCB</p> <p>33</p>	<p>Decisions of the QDCB Qualifications Chamber</p> <p>25</p>
<p>decisions of QDCB disciplinary Chamber</p> <p>221</p>	<p>persons admitted to take qualification examination</p> <p>305</p>
<p>cases in the proceedings</p> <p>56</p>	<p>total number of incoming mail correspondence</p> <p>752</p>



QDCB | Financial balance indicators of Kyiv City for 2020

Receipts	2019	2020
Fee for taking the qualification examination	2679772	1674049
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	8236	8004
Total:	2688008	1682053 ^{-37%}
Expenses	€	€
General Labor Remuneration account:	925323	1000093
Mandatory deductions (taxes and fees):	203571	220020
Travel expenses:	182172	0
Office maintenance:	1125160	436253
QDCB activities, including:	229466	13680
Organization of training for Ukrainian advocates	210058	0
Expenses for the production of certificate of passing qualification examination	19408	13680
Other expenses	22316	12007
Total:	2688008	1682053 ^{-37%}



BAR COUNCIL, KIROVOGRAD REGION



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number of meetings held by RBC

12

decisions adopted

121

of advocates' appeals about failure to provide information

11

number of new advocates registered in URAU database

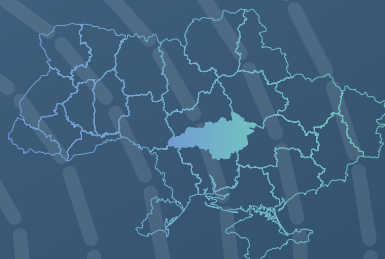
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number of seminars and trainings for advocates

13

total number of incoming mail correspondence

420



RBC | Financial balance indicators of KIROVOGRAD region for 2020

Receipts	2019	2020
Receipts from annual fees to ensure the implementation of Bar self-government in Ukraine	879918	1027665
Receipt of funds as a payment for the traineeship	354782	130651
Other proceeds**	310864	118870
Total:	1545564	1277186 -17%
Expenses	€	€
General Labor Remuneration account:	484679	619413
Mandatory deductions (taxes and fees):	106629	136271
Travel expenses:	91551	2427
Office maintenance:	99026	73809
RBC activities, including:	78163	45494
Organization of training for Ukrainian advocates	20035	11000
Expenses towards the production of warrant books	19618	0
Expenses towards the production of the Certificate of right to practice Law	11010	23051
Other Expenses * (Services of the bank, mail, notary, etc.)	142273	59295
Total:	1002321	936709 -7%

QDCB of KIROVOGRAD REGION



Chair of QDCB of Kirovograd region

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Decisions of QDCB

0

Decisions of the QDCB Qualifications Chamber

70

decisions of QDCB disciplinary Chamber

18

persons admitted to take qualification examination

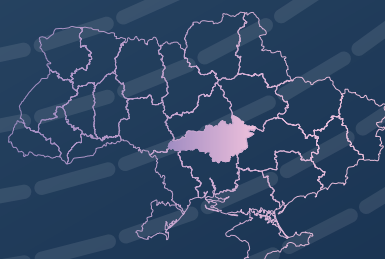
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cases in the proceedings

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total number of incoming mail correspondence

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QDCB | Financial balance indicators of KIROVOGRAD region for 2020

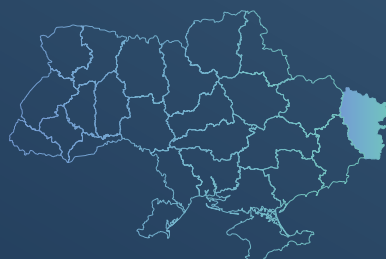
Receipts	2019	2020
Fee for taking the qualification examination	538237	307802
Other income - voluntary donations to the material and technical support of legal activity; fee for organizational and technical support of complaints consideration	5227	10964
Other proceeds	0	0
Total:	543464	318766 -41%
Expenses	€	€
General Labor Remuneration account:	421149	457689
Mandatory deductions (taxes and fees):	92653	100692
Travel expenses:	19359	4551
Office maintenance:	42917	38340
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	24862	15545
Total:	600940	616817 +3%

BAR COUNCIL, LUGANSK REGION



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<p>★ number of meetings held by RBC</p> <p>8</p>	<p>★ decisions adopted</p> <p>148</p>
<p>★ of advocates' appeals about failure to provide information</p> <p>0</p>	<p>★ number of new advocates registered in URAU database</p> <p>61</p>
<p>★ number of seminars and trainings for advocates</p> <p>0</p>	<p>★ total number of incoming mail correspondence</p> <p>203</p>



RBC Financial balance indicators of LUGANSK region for 2020		
Receipts	2019	2020
Receipts from - annual fees to ensure the implementation of Bar self-government in Ukraine	620405	650851
Receipt of funds as a payment for the traineeship	189013	122828
Other proceeds**	127835	80719
Total:	937253	854398 -9%
Expenses	€	€
General Labor Remuneration account:	603206	620056
Mandatory deductions (taxes and fees):	132705	136412
Travel expenses:	60511	8650
Office maintenance:	900	2952
RBC activities, including:	44358	38000
Organization of training for Ukrainian advocates	41888	38000
Expenses towards the production of warrant books	0	0
Expenses towards the production of the Certificate of right to practice Law	0	0
Other Expenses * (Services of the bank, mail, notary, etc.)	104302	158872
Total:	945982	964942 +2%

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<p>★ decisions of QDCB disciplinary Chamber</p> <p>2</p>	<p>★ persons admitted to take qualification examination</p> <p>50</p>
<p>★ cases in the proceedings</p> <p>1</p>	<p>★ total number of incoming mail correspondence</p> <p>34</p>



QDCB Financial balance indicators of LUGANSK region for 2020		
Receipts	2019	2020
Fee for taking the qualification examination	426458	335349
Other income - voluntary donations to the material and technical support of legal activity; fee for organizational and technical support of complaints consideration	486960	591294
Other proceeds	0	2314
Total:	913418	928957 +2%
Expenses	€	€
General Labor Remuneration account:	880503	501441
Mandatory deductions (taxes and fees):	193711	110317
Travel expenses:	131331	34509
Office maintenance:	56265	62378
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	35296	132532
Total:	1226514	841177 -31%



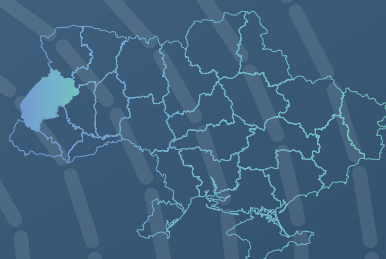
BAR COUNCIL, LVIV REGION



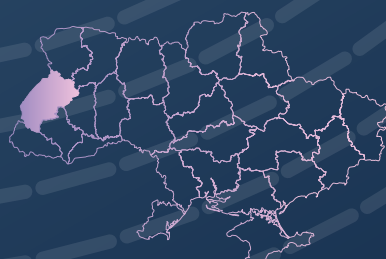
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QDCB of Lviv Region



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RBC Financial balance indicators of Lviv region for 2020		
Receipts	2019	2020
Receipts from annual fees to ensure the implementation of Bar self-government in Ukraine	3166209	3509633
Receipt of funds as a payment for the traineeship	1004435	556463
Other proceeds**	1724972	1668466
Total:	5895616	5734562 ^{-3%}
Expenses	€	€
General Labor Remuneration account:	1264515	1700609
Mandatory deductions (taxes and fees):	275234	371547
Travel expenses:	106815	19561
Office maintenance:	174399	259786
RBC activities, including:	162413	0
Organization of training for Ukrainian advocates	17200	0
Expenses towards the production of warrant books	26880	0
Expenses towards the production of the Certificate of right to practice Law	118333	0
Other Expenses * (Services of the bank, mail, notary, etc.)	0	0
Total:	1983376	2351503 ^{+19%}

QDCB Financial balance indicators of Lviv region for 2020		
Receipts	2019	2020
Fee for taking the qualification examination	1583019	1112424
Other income - voluntary donations to the material and technical support of legal activity; fee for organizational and technical support of complaints consideration	43760	36209
Other proceeds	43126	16297
Total:	1669905	1164930 ^{-30%}
Expenses	€	€
General Labor Remuneration account:	1083296	631680
Mandatory deductions (taxes and fees):	259821	138969
Travel expenses:	88391	32284
Office maintenance:	409807	292278
QDCB activities, including:	28578	0
Organization of training for Ukrainian advocates	0	0
Expenses for the production of certificate of passing qualification examination	28578	0
Other expenses	0	7374
Total:	1869893	1102585 ^{-41%}

BAR COUNCIL, MYKOLAYIV REGION



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number of meetings held by RBC

13

decisions adopted

399

of advocates' appeals about failure to provide information

19

number of new advocates registered in URAU database

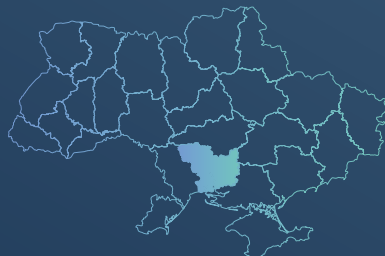
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number of seminars and trainings for advocates

0

total number of incoming mail correspondence

213



RBC | Financial balance indicators of Mykolayiv region for 2020

Receipts	2019	2020
Receipts from annual fees to ensure the implementation of Bar self-government in Ukraine	1610118	1802040
Receipt of funds as a payment for the traineeship	402153	170303
Other proceeds**	574322	247172
Total:	2586593	2219515 -14%
Expenses	€	€
General Labor Remuneration account:	811186	1161402
Mandatory deductions (taxes and fees):	415016	268178
Travel expenses:	100371	28145
Office maintenance:	31238	52447
RBC activities, including:	201363	141697
Organization of training for Ukrainian advocates	93398	51490
Expenses towards the production of warrant books	0	0
Expenses towards the production of the Certificate of right to practice Law	96490	11940
Other Expenses * (Services of the bank, mail, notary, etc.)	399981	74072
Total:	1959155	1725941 -12%

QDCB of Mykolayiv Region



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Decisions of QDCB

0

Decisions of the QDCB Qualifications Chamber

152

decisions of QDCB disciplinary Chamber

75

persons admitted to take qualification examination

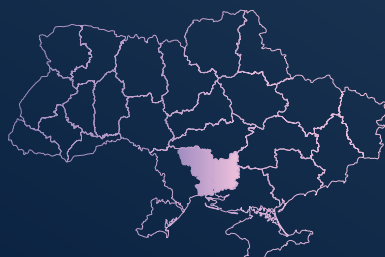
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cases in the proceedings

10

total number of incoming mail correspondence

83



QDCB | Financial balance indicators of Mykolayiv region for 2020

Receipts	2019	2020
Fee for taking the qualification examination	948096	396237
Other income - voluntary donations to the material and technical support of legal activity; fee for organizational and technical support of complaints consideration	22175	36402
Other proceeds	0	5599
Total:	970271	438238 -55%
Expenses	€	€
General Labor Remuneration account:	643686	374030
Mandatory deductions (taxes and fees):	144518	75350
Travel expenses:	163219	37266
Office maintenance:	51857	26926
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	45573	20003
Total:	1048853	533575 -49%



BAR COUNCIL, Odesa REGION



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number of meetings held by RBC

14

decisions adopted

148

of advocates' appeals about failure to provide information

120

number of new advocates registered in URAU database

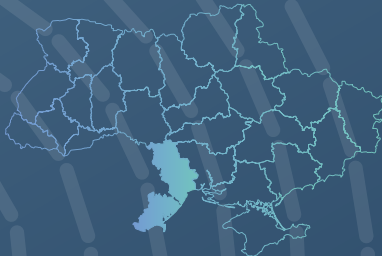
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number of seminars and trainings for advocates

4

total number of incoming mail correspondence

353



RBC | Financial balance indicators of Odesa region for 2020

Receipts	2019	2020
Receipts from annual fees to ensure the implementation of Bar self-government in Ukraine	3988141	4456434
Receipt of funds as a payment for the traineeship	1414433	613862
Other proceeds**	559172	891272
Total:	5961746	5961568
Expenses	€	€
General Labor Remuneration account:	2641600	3522378
Mandatory deductions (taxes and fees):	460728	608942
Travel expenses:	127655	13231
Office maintenance:	265627	269234
RBC activities, including:	300547	189520
Organization of training for Ukrainian advocates	91750	0
Expenses towards the production of warrant books	0	0
Expenses towards the production of the Certificate of right to practice Law	142995	58808
Other Expenses * (Services of the bank, mail, notary, etc.)	262129	333667
Total:	4058286	4936972 ^{+22%}

QDCB of Odesa Region



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Decisions of QDCB

570

Decisions of the QDCB Qualifications Chamber

545

decisions of QDCB disciplinary Chamber

269

persons admitted to take qualification examination

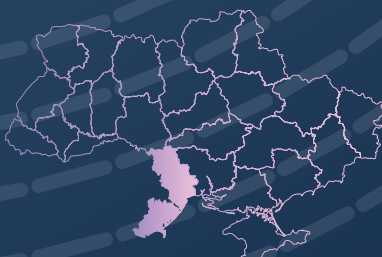
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cases in the proceedings

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total number of incoming mail correspondence

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QDCB | Financial balance indicators of Odesa region for 2020

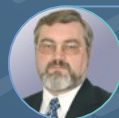
Receipts	2019	2020
Fee for taking the qualification examination	1783016	1268710
Other income - voluntary donations to the material and technical support of legal activity; fee for organizational and technical support of complaints consideration	103879	125270
Other proceeds	0	0
Total:	1886895	1393980 ^{-26%}
Expenses	€	€
General Labor Remuneration account:	1597051	1618692
Mandatory deductions (taxes and fees):	283930	292111
Travel expenses:	112263	54104
Office maintenance:	97991	73318
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	29379	18002
Total:	2120614	2056227 ^{-3%}



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number of meetings held by RBC

18

decisions adopted

1040

of advocates' appeals about failure to provide information

22

number of new advocates registered in URAU database

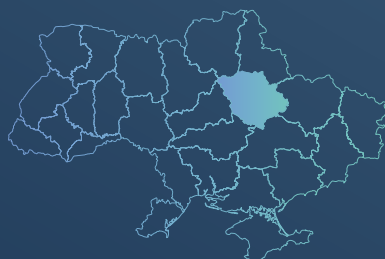
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number of seminars and trainings for advocates

24

total number of incoming mail correspondence

943



RBC | Financial balance indicators of Poltava region for 2020

Receipts	2019	2020
Receipts from annual fees to ensure the implementation of Bar self-government in Ukraine	2823015	3353402
Receipt of funds as a payment for the traineeship	1539447	753786
Other proceeds**	1406950	1312175
Total:	5769412	5419363 ^{-6%}
Expenses	€	€
General Labor Remuneration account:	671071	1506406
Mandatory deductions (taxes and fees):	153427	331409
Travel expenses:	19954	0
Office maintenance:	477425	363564
RBC activities, including:	142937	102047
Organization of training for Ukrainian advocates	89765	76915
Expenses towards the production of warrant books	0	0
Expenses towards the production of the Certificate of right to practice Law	19920	0
Other Expenses * (Services of the bank, mail, notary, etc.)	56270	87974
Total:	1521084	2391400 ^{+57%}

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Decisions of QDCB

486

Decisions of the QDCB Qualifications Chamber

607

decisions of QDCB disciplinary Chamber

94

persons admitted to take qualification examination

242

cases in the proceedings

39

total number of incoming mail correspondence

341



QDCB | Financial balance indicators of Poltava region for 2020

Receipts	2019	2020
Fee for taking the qualification examination	2999336	1258336
Other income - voluntary donations to the material and technical support of legal activity; fee for organizational and technical support of complaints consideration	26100	28181
Other proceeds	612211	478832
Total:	3637647	1765349 ^{-51%}
Expenses	€	€
General Labor Remuneration account:	1017046	1234304
Mandatory deductions (taxes and fees):	224529	272428
Travel expenses:	6087	4130
Office maintenance:	30808	19466
QDCB activities, including:	18615	6397
Organization of training for Ukrainian advocates	18615	6397
Expenses for the production of certificate of passing qualification examination	0	0
Other expenses	200843	46963
Total:	1497928	1583688 ^{+6%}



BAR COUNCIL, Rivne region



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number of meetings held by RBC
13

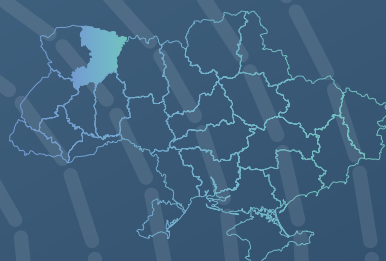
decisions adopted
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of advocates' appeals about failure to provide information
12

number of new advocates registered in URAU database
136

number of seminars and trainings for advocates
34

total number of incoming mail correspondence
958



RBC | Financial balance indicators of Rivne region for 2020

Receipts	2019	2020
Receipts from annual fees to ensure the implementation of Bar self-government in Ukraine	1458018	1398597
Receipt of funds as a payment for the traineeship	499521	550507
Other proceeds**	239294	261953
Total:	2196833	2211057 ^{+1%}
Expenses	€	€
General Labor Remuneration account:	823036	783140
Mandatory deductions (taxes and fees):	196103	173447
Travel expenses:	100080	472
Office maintenance:	38709	29325
RBC activities, including:	343495	155911
Organization of training for Ukrainian advocates	114991	58142
Expenses towards the production of warrant books	0	0
Expenses towards the production of the Certificate of right to practice Law	0	0
Other Expenses * (Services of the bank, mail, notary, etc.)	475146	466248
Total:	1976569	1608543 ^{-19%}

QDCB of Rivne Region



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Decisions of QDCB
0

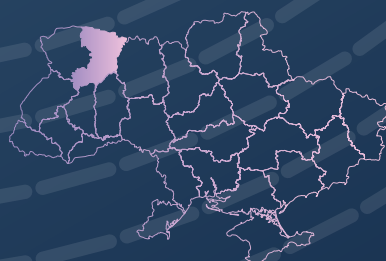
Decisions of the QDCB Qualifications Chamber
202

decisions of QDCB disciplinary Chamber
16

persons admitted to take qualification examination
67

cases in the proceedings
17

total number of incoming mail correspondence
385



QDCB | Financial balance indicators of Rivne region for 2020

Receipts	2019	2020
Fee for taking the qualification examination	862636	417053
Other income - voluntary donations to the material and technical support of legal activity; fee for organizational and technical support of complaints consideration	11784	7038
Other proceeds	183744	127030
Total:	1058164	551121 ^{-48%}
Expenses	€	€
General Labor Remuneration account:	754674	808706
Mandatory deductions (taxes and fees):	161404	177106
Travel expenses:	91368	15875
Office maintenance:	84164	104131
QDCB activities, including:	141090	0
Organization of training for Ukrainian advocates	141090	0
Expenses for the production of certificate of passing qualification examination	0	0
Other expenses	19895	14396
Total:	1252595	1120214 ^{-11%}

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number of meetings held by RBC

22

decisions adopted

248

of advocates' appeals about failure to provide information

8

number of new advocates registered in URAU database

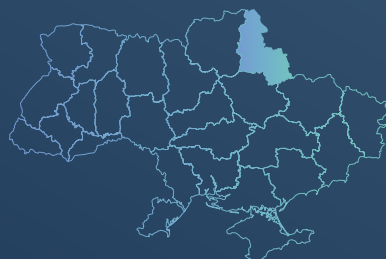
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number of seminars and trainings for advocates

3

total number of incoming mail correspondence

456



RBC | Financial balance indicators of Sumy region for 2020

Receipts	2019	2020
Receipts from annual fees to ensure the implementation of Bar self-government in Ukraine	605456	707801
Receipt of funds as a payment for the traineeship	188202	94346
Other proceeds**	245383	95099
Total:	1039041	897246 ^{-14%}
Expenses	€	€
General Labor Remuneration account:	458994	610388
Mandatory deductions (taxes and fees):	100979	134285
Travel expenses:	103250	12500
Office maintenance:	35726	50860
RBC activities, including:	80540	53009
Organization of training for Ukrainian advocates	26400	46209
Expenses towards the production of warrant books	0	0
Expenses towards the production of the Certificate of right to practice Law	38640	0
Other Expenses * (Services of the bank, mail, notary, etc.)	109621	4420
Total:	889110	865462 ^{-3%}

QDCB of Sumy Region



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Decisions of QDCB

1

Decisions of the QDCB Qualifications Chamber

61

decisions of QDCB disciplinary Chamber

22

persons admitted to take qualification examination

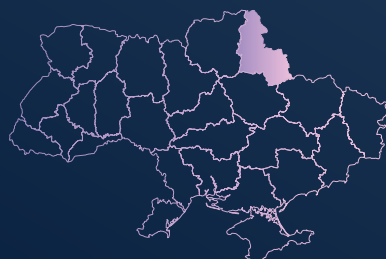
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cases in the proceedings

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total number of incoming mail correspondence

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QDCB | Financial balance indicators of Sumy region for 2020

Receipts	2019	2020
Fee for taking the qualification examination	423037	101650
Other income - voluntary donations to the material and technical support of legal activity; fee for organizational and technical support of complaints consideration	4243	0
Other proceeds	0	0
Total:	427280	101650 ^{-76%}
Expenses	€	€
General Labor Remuneration account:	279564	43500
Mandatory deductions (taxes and fees):	62183	9570
Travel expenses:	54296	40346
Office maintenance:	21774	8600
QDCB activities, including:	1500	0
Organization of training for Ukrainian advocates	0	0
Expenses for the production of certificate of passing qualification examination	1500	0
Other expenses	5615	1287
Total:	424932	103303 ^{-76%}



BAR COUNCIL, TERNOPIL REGION

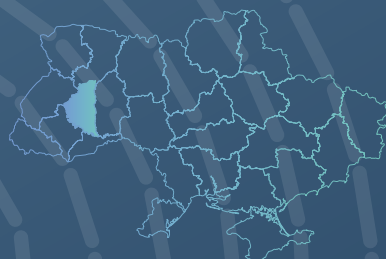


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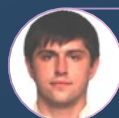
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<p>number of meetings held by RBC</p> <p>13</p>	<p>decisions adopted</p> <p>139</p>
<p>of advocates' appeals about failure to provide information</p> <p>8</p>	<p>number of new advocates registered in URAU database</p> <p>36</p>
<p>number of seminars and trainings for advocates</p> <p>2</p>	<p>total number of incoming mail correspondence</p> <p>618</p>



RBC Financial balance indicators of Ternopil region for 2020		
Receipts	2019	2020
Receipts from annual fees to ensure the implementation of Bar self-government in Ukraine	729599	789380
Receipt of funds as a payment for the traineeship	85129	99262
Other proceeds**	76271	89225
Total:	890999	977867 +10%
Expenses	€	€
General Labor Remuneration account:	403681	304272
Mandatory deductions (taxes and fees):	80403	66940
Travel expenses:	29530	2082
Office maintenance:	93376	33831
RBC activities, including:	124828	58398
Organization of training for Ukrainian advocates	39800	24860
Expenses towards the production of warrant books	5198	0
Expenses towards the production of the Certificate of right to practice Law	23679	3633
Other Expenses * (Services of the bank, mail, notary, etc.)	36381	199775
Total:	768199	665298 -13%

QDCB of Ternopil Region

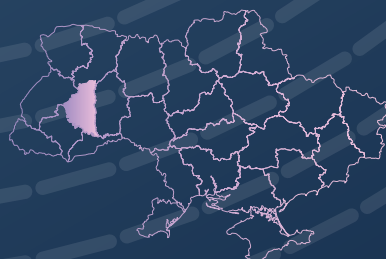


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<p>Decisions of QDCB</p> <p>3</p>	<p>Decisions of the QDCB Qualifications Chamber</p> <p>132</p>
<p>decisions of QDCB disciplinary Chamber</p> <p>53</p>	<p>persons admitted to take qualification examination</p> <p>39</p>
<p>cases in the proceedings</p> <p>10</p>	<p>total number of incoming mail correspondence</p> <p>166</p>



QDCB Financial balance indicators of Ternopil region for 2020		
Receipts	2019	2020
Fee for taking the qualification examination	212675	200660
Other income - voluntary donations to the material and technical support of legal activity; fee for organizational and technical support of complaints consideration	4014	17752
Other proceeds	0	111
Total:	216689	218523 +1%
Expenses	€	€
General Labor Remuneration account:	296180	124987
Mandatory deductions (taxes and fees):	63323	29368
Travel expenses:	59161	21556
Office maintenance:	82751	70107
QDCB activities, including:	2158	927
Organization of training for Ukrainian advocates	1855	0
Expenses for the production of certificate of passing qualification examination	303	927
Other expenses	15951	20405
Total:	519524	267350 -49%



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number of meetings held by RBC

26

decisions adopted

586

of advocates' appeals about failure to provide information

83

number of new advocates registered in URAU database

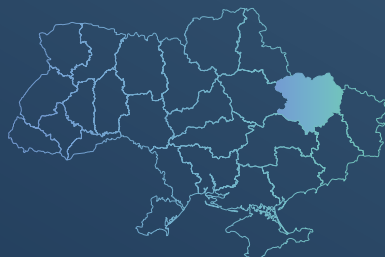
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number of seminars and trainings for advocates

24

total number of incoming mail correspondence

2397



RBC | Financial balance indicators of KHARKIV REGION FOR 2020

Receipts	2019	2020
Receipts from annual fees to ensure the implementation of Bar self-government in Ukraine	2831592	3228101
Receipt of funds as a payment for the traineeship	256703	231201
Other proceeds**	215014	171160
Total:	3303309	3630462 ^{+10%}
Expenses	€	€
General Labor Remuneration account:	1609671	1896826
Mandatory deductions (taxes and fees):	354128	417318
Travel expenses:	92913	2917
Office maintenance:	126140	107039
RBC activities, including:	195374	58523
Organization of training for Ukrainian advocates	48350	12000
Expenses towards the production of warrant books	26400	10260
Expenses towards the production of the Certificate of right to practice Law	50550	3662
Other Expenses * (Services of the bank, mail, notary, etc.)	1222665	175370
Total:	3600891	2657993 ^{-26%}

QDCB OF KHARKIV REGION



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Decisions of QDCB

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Decisions of the QDCB Qualifications Chamber

160

decisions of QDCB disciplinary Chamber

374

persons admitted to take qualification examination

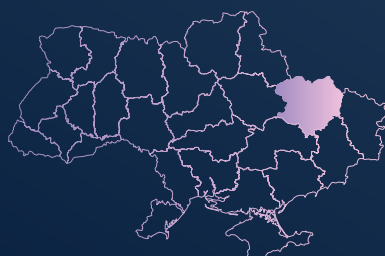
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cases in the proceedings

20

total number of incoming mail correspondence

602



QDCB | Financial balance indicators of KHARKIV REGION FOR 2020

Receipts	2019	2020
Fee for taking the qualification examination	427516	390198
Other income - voluntary donations to the material and technical support of legal activity; fee for organizational and technical support of complaints consideration	316944	91634
Other proceeds	109857	140253
Total:	854317	622085 ^{-27%}
Expenses	€	€
General Labor Remuneration account:	535966	515239
Mandatory deductions (taxes and fees):	117913	113352
Travel expenses:	22749	0
Office maintenance:	72128	25492
QDCB activities, including:	1421	717
Organization of training for Ukrainian advocates	0	0
Expenses for the production of certificate of passing qualification examination	1421	717
Other expenses	102148	111475
Total:	852325	766275 ^{-10%}



BAR COUNCIL, KHERSON REGION

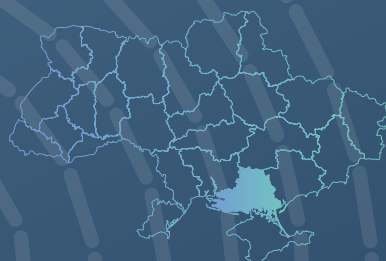


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<p>of advocates' appeals about failure to provide information</p> <p>6</p>	<p>number of new advocates registered in URAU database</p> <p>26</p>
<p>number of seminars and trainings for advocates</p> <p>3</p>	<p>total number of incoming mail correspondence</p> <p>42</p>



RBC Financial balance indicators of KHERSON REGION FOR 2020		
Receipts	2019	2020
Receipts from annual fees to ensure the implementation of Bar self-government in Ukraine	687905	857491
Receipt of funds as a payment for the traineeship	117949	75341
Other proceeds**	278463	138647
Total:	1084317	1071479 -1%
Expenses	€	€
General Labor Remuneration account:	254188	296138
Mandatory deductions (taxes and fees):	55921	65250
Travel expenses:	47234	0
Office maintenance:	177409	167826
RBC activities, including:	93649	40587
Organization of training for Ukrainian advocates	87339	31659
Expenses towards the production of warrant books	0	0
Expenses towards the production of the Certificate of right to practice Law	6310	8928
Other Expenses * (Services of the bank, mail, notary, etc.)	131691	102209
Total:	760092	672010 -12%

QDCB of KHERSON REGION

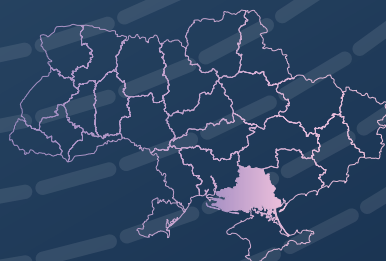


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<p>decisions of QDCB disciplinary Chamber</p> <p>30</p>	<p>persons admitted to take qualification examination</p> <p>36</p>
<p>cases in the proceedings</p> <p>4</p>	<p>total number of incoming mail correspondence</p> <p>76</p>



RBC Financial balance indicators of KHERSON REGION FOR 2020		
Receipts	2019	2020
Fee for taking the qualification examination	220104	190327
Other income - voluntary donations to the material and technical support of legal activity; fee for organizational and technical support of complaints consideration	19735	269825
Other proceeds	461	2522
Total:	240300	462674 +93%
Expenses	€	€
General Labor Remuneration account:	139004	146168
Mandatory deductions (taxes and fees):	33716	32312
Travel expenses:	8624	0
Office maintenance:	42991	78463
QDCB activities, including:	593	330
Organization of training for Ukrainian advocates	0	0
Expenses for the production of certificate of passing qualification examination	593	330
Other expenses	21357	7853
Total:	246285	265126 +8%



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number of meetings held by RBC

16

decisions adopted

173

of advocates' appeals about failure to provide information

22

number of new advocates registered in URAU database

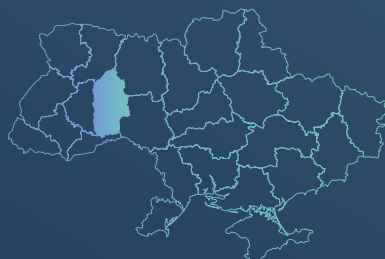
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number of seminars and trainings for advocates

14

total number of incoming mail correspondence

535



RBC | Financial balance indicators of Khmelnytskyi region for 2020

Receipts	2019	2020
Receipts from annual fees to ensure the implementation of Bar self-government in Ukraine	796520	926672
Receipt of funds as a payment for the traineeship	144828	48818
Other proceeds**	398136	264355
Total:	1339484	1239845 ^{-7%}
Expenses	€	€
General Labor Remuneration account:	458746	618247
Mandatory deductions (taxes and fees):	82142	94136
Travel expenses:	50046	5584
Office maintenance:	87119	71047
RBC activities, including:	162203	141315
Organization of training for Ukrainian advocates	57960	121204
Expenses towards the production of warrant books	0	0
Expenses towards the production of the Certificate of right to practice Law	34191	19225
Other Expenses * (Services of the bank, mail, notary, etc.)	154469	148909
Total:	994725	1079238 ^{+8%}

QDCB of Khmelnytskyi Region



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Decisions of QDCB

1

Decisions of the QDCB Qualifications Chamber

135

decisions of QDCB disciplinary Chamber

52

persons admitted to take qualification examination

47

cases in the proceedings

58

total number of incoming mail correspondence

278



QDCB | Financial balance indicators of Khmelnytskyi region for 2020

Receipts	2019	2020
Fee for taking the qualification examination	394054	575823
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	139146	88122
Total:	533200	663945 ^{+25%}
Expenses	€	€
General Labor Remuneration account:	161114	187931
Mandatory deductions (taxes and fees):	35445	41345
Travel expenses:	57061	12714
Office maintenance:	160901	151558
QDCB activities, including:	330	234
Organization of training for Ukrainian advocates	0	0
Expenses for the production of certificate of passing qualification examination	330	234
Other expenses	118349	270163
Total:	533200	663945 ^{+25%}



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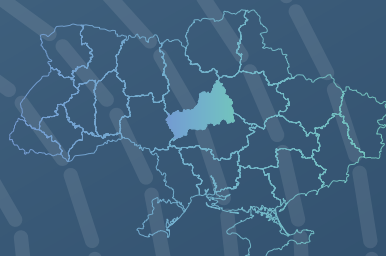


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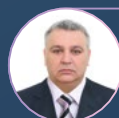
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<p>of advocates' appeals about failure to provide information</p> <p>15</p>	<p>number of new advocates registered in URAU database</p> <p>85</p>
<p>number of seminars and trainings for advocates</p> <p>7</p>	<p>total number of incoming mail correspondence</p> <p>370</p>



RBC | Financial balance indicators of CHERKASY region for 2020

Receipts	2019	2020
Receipts from annual fees to ensure the implementation of Bar self-government in Ukraine	1287715	1398682
Receipt of funds as a payment for the traineeship	504331	242139
Other proceeds**	156463	192333
Total:	1948509	1833154 -6%
Expenses	€	€
General Labor Remuneration account:	721439	768964
Mandatory deductions (taxes and fees):	154317	164772
Travel expenses:	64067	833
Office maintenance:	27844	17825
RBC activities, including:	295289	500551
Organization of training for Ukrainian advocates	5632	0
Expenses towards the production of warrant books	0	0
Expenses towards the production of the Certificate of right to practice Law	57156	26482
Other Expenses * (Services of the bank, mail, notary, etc.)	20738	18087
Total:	1283694	1471032 +15%

QDCB of CHERKASY Region

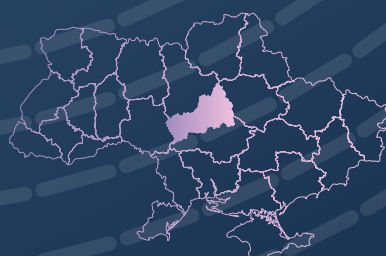


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<p>decisions of QDCB disciplinary Chamber</p> <p>37</p>	<p>persons admitted to take qualification examination</p> <p>65</p>
<p>cases in the proceedings</p> <p>1</p>	<p>total number of incoming mail correspondence</p> <p>277</p>



QDCB | Financial balance indicators of CHERKASY region for 2020

Receipts	2019	2020
Fee for taking the qualification examination	657529	316379
Other income - voluntary donations to the material and technical support of legal activity; fee for organizational and technical support of complaints consideration	388633	295633
Other proceeds	120034	118342
Total:	1166196	730354 -37%
Expenses	€	€
General Labor Remuneration account:	959843	798521
Mandatory deductions (taxes and fees):	208965	173475
Travel expenses:	76828	24064
Office maintenance:	38306	33426
QDCB activities, including:	21255	1741
Organization of training for Ukrainian advocates	18530	529
Expenses for the production of certificate of passing qualification examination	2725	1212
Other expenses	24368	9511
Total:	1329565	1040738 -22%



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number of meetings held by RBC

13

decisions adopted

387

of advocates' appeals about failure to provide information

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number of new advocates registered in URAU database

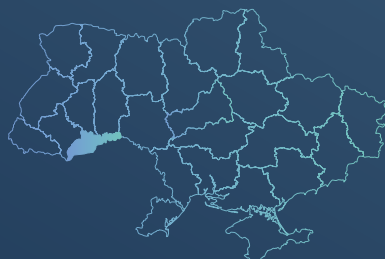
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number of seminars and trainings for advocates

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total number of incoming mail correspondence

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RBC | Financial balance indicators of CHERNIVTSI REGION FOR 2020

Receipts	2019	2020
Receipts from annual fees to ensure the implementation of Bar self-government in Ukraine	920895	974528
Receipt of funds as a payment for the traineeship	433356	187908
Other proceeds**	19956	19571
Total:	1374207	1182007 -14%
Expenses	€	€
General Labor Remuneration account:	436029	641691
Mandatory deductions (taxes and fees):	95926	149971
Travel expenses:	82671	17949
Office maintenance:	33478	25042
RBC activities, including:	123486	39531
Organization of training for Ukrainian advocates	75525	16500
Expenses towards the production of warrant books	0	0
Expenses towards the production of the Certificate of right to practice Law	0	0
Other Expenses * (Services of the bank, mail, notary, etc.)	85764	122044
Total:	857354	996228 +16%

QDCB of CHERNIVTSI 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

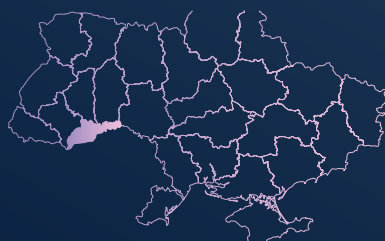
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cases in the proceedings

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total number of incoming mail correspondence

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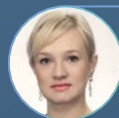


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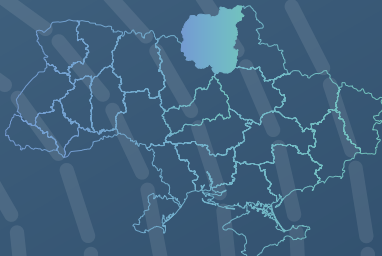
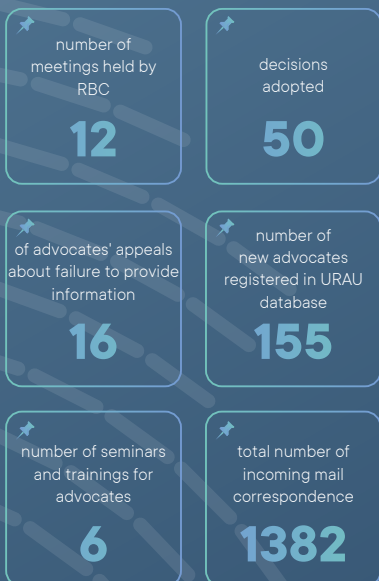
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Fee for taking the qualification examination	457134	172474
Other income - voluntary donations to the material and technical support of legal activity; fee for organizational and technical support of complaints consideration	4610	15763
Other proceeds	0	-32000
Total:	461744	156237 -66%
Expenses	€	€
General Labor Remuneration account:	411019	241150
Mandatory deductions (taxes and fees):	90424	62587
Travel expenses:	55811	7948
Office maintenance:	49437	22060
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	9364	11078
Total:	616055	344823 -44%



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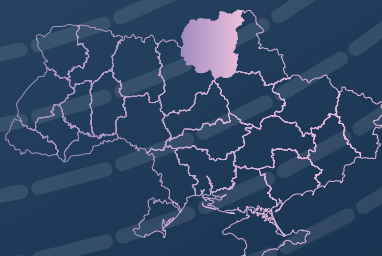


RBC Financial balance indicators of CHERNIHIV REGION FOR 2020		
Receipts	2019	2020
Receipts from annual fees to ensure the implementation of Bar self-government in Ukraine	1021470	1204311
Receipt of funds as a payment for the traineeship	412950	635696
Other proceeds**	530148	185905
Total:	1964568	2025912 ^{+3%}
Expenses	€	€
General Labor Remuneration account:	735724	1036989
Mandatory deductions (taxes and fees):	161859	228138
Travel expenses:	137247	3282
Office maintenance:	338890	284294
RBC activities, including:	447344	290520
Organization of training for Ukrainian advocates	116157	97775
Expenses towards the production of warrant books	0	0
Expenses towards the production of the Certificate of right to practice Law	0	0
Other Expenses * (Services of the bank, mail, notary, etc.)	352985	249641
Total:	2174049	2092864 ^{-4%}

QDCB of CHERNIHIV REGION



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QDCB Financial balance indicators of CHERNIHIV REGION FOR 2020		
Receipts	2019	2020
Fee for taking the qualification examination	1423991	905415
Other income - voluntary donations to the material and technical support of legal activity; fee for organizational and technical support of complaints consideration	3842	29364
Other proceeds	650049	467675
Total:	2077882	1402454 ^{-33%}
Expenses	€	€
General Labor Remuneration account:	600239	788326
Mandatory deductions (taxes and fees):	121053	150425
Travel expenses:	57706	7909
Office maintenance:	428146	375234
QDCB activities, including:	26580	33900
Organization of training for Ukrainian advocates	26580	33900
Expenses for the production of certificate of passing qualification examination	0	0
Other expenses	19323	36427
Total:	1253047	1392221 ^{+11%}

CHAPTER V

UKRAINIAN
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SECRETARIAT OF UKRAINIAN NATIONAL BAR ASSOCIATION



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The Secretariat is permanent body that ensures the statutory activities of UNBA and the functions assigned to the Bar Council of Ukraine.

The main objectives of 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 Congresses of Advocates of Ukraine.

The Secretariat interacts with Bar self-government, professional legal community, public authorities and local self-government, associations of citizens, enterprises, institutions and organizations, individuals, as well as international institutions and professional organizations.

SECRETARIAT IN ACCORDANCE WITH ITS TASKS:

- 1) ensures continuity of BCU activities;
- 2) ensures proper organization and convening Congresses of Advocates of Ukraine and BCU meetings, facilitation of execution of their decisions;
- 3) ensures interaction of BCU, the President, Vice-Presidents with Bar self-government, local, all-Ukrainian and international bar associations, law firms, law offices and individual advocates, state bodies, local self-government and their officials, associations of citizens, enterprises, institutions and organizations, individuals;
- 4) ensures the maintenance of Unified Register of Advocates of Ukraine;
- 5) leads preparation, issue, registration and storage of original decisions of Congresses of Advocates, acts of UNBA and BCU, acts and instructions of the President, monitors execution thereof;
- 6) drafts decisions of the Congress of Advocates of Ukraine and BCU and proofs them;
- 7) develops drafts of normative legal acts and examines them;

- 8) facilitates consideration of individual appeals and those of legal entities received at the address of UNBA;
- 9) expedites UNBA representation in courts, before other state bodies,
- 10) provides, within the limits of its powers, protection of advocate's professional rights and guarantees;
- 11) interacts with the media, collects, prepares, publishes and dissemination of information about the Bar and legal practice, enables access to public information about UNBA;
- 12) prepares analytical, informational, reference and other materials pertaining to issues considered by BCU and the President;
- 13) promotes official UNBA press publications and official UNBA website;
- 14) organizes CLE events for advocates, events of scientific and methodological support of the Bar, traineeship and qualifying examinations;
- 15) assures UNBA record-keeping, protection of personal data and other information with limited access, owned by UNBA;
- 16) develops drafts of UNBA annual action plans, and relevant financial estimates, gives them to UNBA President for submission to BCU for consideration, organizes execution of such action plans within the approved budget;
- 17) facilitates activities of Higher Audit Commission of the Bar;
- 18) further activities of UNBA committees, councils, centers and other bodies within UNBA (BCU); 19) ensures the accounting and reporting at UNBA;
- 19) interacts with foreign and international organizations, as well as their representations in Ukraine on issues pertaining to other areas of its competence

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

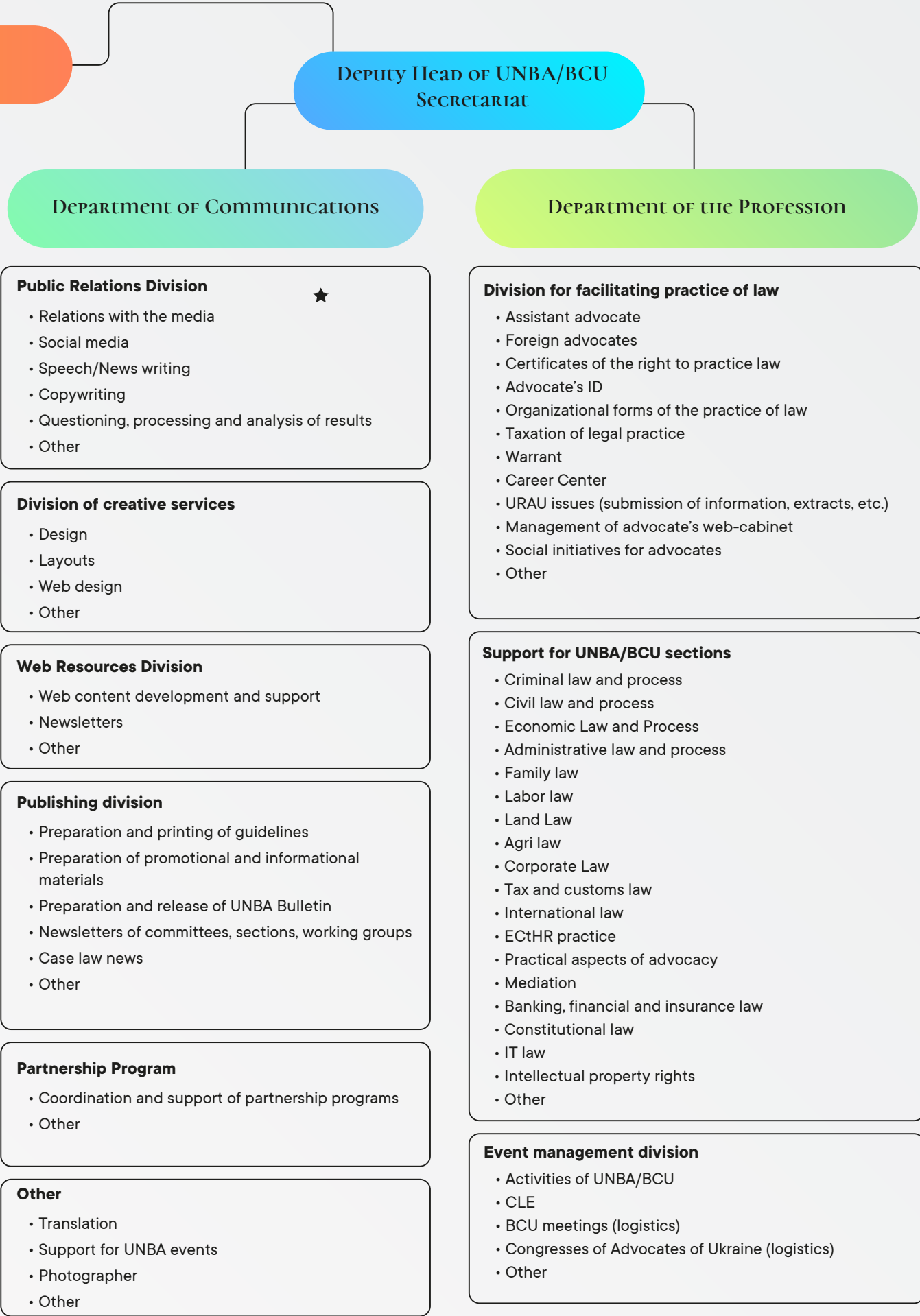
URAU Division

- 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



Main activity indicators in 2020

10



Number of BCU meetings

123



Number of adopted BCU decisions

10



Number of compiled minutes

142



Number of public events held

5265



Number of CLE events for advocates

854



number of advocates, that renewed the right

3681



number of advocates, the right to practice law whose right practice law was suspended/terminated

482



number of transfer excerpts issued

72



Number of CLE events for advocates

15



number of events held jointly with UNBA CLE partners

32 593

total number of advocates that passed training

84



UNBA representation in courts (number of cases)

77



in administrative jurisdiction

7



in courts of general jurisdiction

Processes **1643** submissions by natural and legal entities, advocates;

Processed **620** documents – correspondence with central and local state authorities Authorities, local self-government bodies concerning the main (core) activity issues

Processed **919** documents – correspondence with bodies of the bar self-government regarding core professional issues.

Total number of incoming mail correspondence documents processed – **3200**

Protecting advocates' rights

112



received submissions alleging violations of advocates' rights

37



Protecting advocates' rights

111



referred to law enforcement agencies

UNBA| Financial Balance Indicators FOR 2020

Income	2018	2019	2020
Proceeds from QDCBs transferring 30% of annual fees for the implementation of the advocates' self-government in Ukraine	1 293 488	1 637 175	674 776
Annual advocates' contributions to the statutory tasks of the Bar self-government bodies	19 061 209	26 678 129	25 864 401
Other, incl. passive income *	817 109	1 018 992	572 433
Transfer of funds for the needs of UNBA/BCU	1 400 000	1 600 000	0
Warrant books	1 277	109	0
Charitable aid	44 800	22 400	0
Financial assistance	300 000	0	0
Organizational and technical support of the Expert Council	492 190	0	0
Traineeship	8 622 087	8 547 254	4 839 924
Providing copies of documents	0	5216	0
Sublease of premises	1 836 238	0	0
Consideration of the complaints	1 762	182 000	0
Sale of fixed assets		0	0
Event participation	194 739	108 782	9 673
Total:	34 064 899 ₴	39 800 057 ₴	31 961 207 ₴ -20%

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

Expenses	2018	2019	2020
General Labor Remuneration account:	5 032 522	6 947 322	7 506 081
Mandatory deductions (taxes and fees):	2 942 549	3 671 294	3 858 444
Office maintenance costs (rental of premises, security, office management, Internet, communications, stationery, maintenance and rental of a car, courier and postal services, services*)	8 449 157	8 179 692	7 620 622
Organizational and technical support of the Congress of Advocates, meetings of the Bar Council of Ukraine, conferences, meetings, round tables, etc.	4 495 645	6 298 083	1 582 242
Organization of training for Ukrainian advocates	2 696 296	2 115 467	453 921
Expenses on production of official certificates to the chairs of the Bar self-government; advocates' certificates, diplomas, etc.	528 229	529 847	1 226 067
Maintenance of the official website; Printing of UNBA Bulletin	3 356 850	4 092 398	3367062
Expenses on payment of accounting, legal and notarial services	4239824	6 927 207	5 358 855
purchase of the fixed and intangible assets	1037519	944 072	183 128
Financial assistance	100000	0	0
Total:	32 878 591 ₴	39 705 382 ₴	31 156 422 ₴ -22%

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

Activities of UNBA Committees



UNBA Committees are permanent collegiate advisory bodies established under within Ukrainian National Bar Association.

The very first UNBA Committees, which has exist since 2012, are Committee for Protection of Advocate's Professional Rights and Guarantees and Committee on Professional Conduct. At present, the Association has 44 committees working in various ares of law and cover certain aspects of UNBA activity.

UNBA Committees work to ensure analytical, expert interaction with professional NGOs and authorities, as well as cooperation with the younger generation of advocates.

Establishment of Committees, approval of their Regulations, membership admission lies within the powers of UNBA/BCU President and Bar Council of Ukraine.

Since 2019, UNBA has introduced the position of Committee Coordinator in order to promote their systematic activities, increase efficiency of UNBA Committees.

The Committees Coordinator is Ganna Garo - lawyer, mediator, Chair of UNBA Committee on Family Law, co-founder and Member of Executive Board at Association of Family Mediators of Ukraine, tutor at Higher School of Advocacy.



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"In 2020, the work of Committees became even more noticeable. The quarantine year did not reduce the amount of work, as all activities took place mainly online, and this only added momentum to the processes," said Ganna Garo.

In 2020, 8 new UNBA Committees were established:

- **Labor law Committee;**
- **Media and Advertising Law Committee;**
- **Transport Law Committee;**
- **Committee for Administrative Law and Procedure;**
- **Committee for Commercial Law and Procedure;**
- **Energy Law Committee;**
- **Committee for Investment and Privatization;**
- **Committee for the Protection of Persons with Disabilities.**

The newly established Committees demonstrated great accomplishments shortly after establishment. In the first months of its existence, the Labor Law Committee was able to organize and hold a thematic Labor Law Week, holding a series of interesting lectures to highlight current issues in the field. Members of UNBA Media and Advertising Law Committee joined development of video series for custodians of public access information within the course of the Ministry of Digital Transformation of Ukraine. UNBA Committee for Administrative Law and Procedure initiated a series of CLE webinars for improving advocates' skills in application of financial monitoring legislation.

In order to support and promote creative and artistic initiatives of advocates among the public, UNBA Committee on Humanitarian Issues and Creative Initiatives in cooperation with the Center for Advocacy and Legal Studies held two exhibitions of advocates' works and organized the First All-Ukrainian Poetry Competition for advocates. "Lawyer's Lyre" including two creative evenings.

Family Law Committee and Committee for Commercial Law and Procedure initiated a discussion with prominent scholars, practitioners and experts on the possible decodification of the Family and Commercial Codes of Ukraine by incorporating them into the Civil Code of Ukraine. At the events, advocates defended the UNBA position that there is no need for decoding, but rather for modernization of such Codes in accordance with ratified international treaties with the EU, as well as EU Council Regulations, legal practice of ECtHR.

It is also noteworthy to mention active work of the Committee for the Protection of Persons with Disabilities. During the first year of its existence, the Committee members held 3 webinars about:

"Three views on the rules of professional conduct or the peculiarities of the advocate's interaction with people

with disabilities".

During the year, there was an increasing need for expert elaboration on certain draft laws or round tables to discuss issues that are within the competence of several Committees, as a result of important social processes taking place in the nation. Therefore, in 2020, upon initiative of the Committees, 201 events were held, comments and proposals to 48 draft laws were developed. More and more events were held in cooperation by several UNBA Committees, which strengthened the unity of advocates in developing legal positions and expert opinions.

With the assistance of Committee Coordinator team, in 2020 about 96 Committee meetings were held, 104 articles of Committee Members were published at the websites of HSA and UNBA, 23 bulletins (digests) and three collections of methodical materials were prepared. The initiative to hold thematic Week of Law in various areas of Committee specialization has been implemented.

Considerable attention was also concentrated on conducting systematic specialized training activities aimed at encouraging young advocates to improve their professional knowledge and skills. Thus, upon initiative of UNBA Youth Committee - UNBA NextGen, 119 CLE events were held to improve the skills of advocates and develop soft skills, as well as meetings with the luminaries of advocacy and managing partners of leading law firms. More than 63,000 participants took part in Committee's activities. UNBA Committee on Business and Investor Protection held more than 30 interesting and useful events.

We cannot possibly leave out the active involvement of UNBA Committee Members in cooperation with UNBA Higher School of Advocacy, that acted as lecturers of the specialized training CLE courses and seminars on about current issues advocates face in the course of practice.

During the year, UNBA Committee Members reviews decisions of European Court of Human Rights, published a column at HSA page "Questions and Answers of Advocates" and prepared weekly analyzes of case law in their respective fields.

In 2020, ZiB published interviews Committee Chairs regarding peculiarities of their work, achievements and plans for the future.

UNBA Committee Coordinator team prepares a special digest 'Committees Monthly' published at the end of every month.. The Committee Coordinator team highlights the Committee events, new talents, initiatives, published articles, shed light on the history of the Ukrainian bar, cited interesting quotes, shared about platforms and resources for self-education.

"The activities of UNBA Committees contribute to the formation of a professional expert environment for advocates in order to strengthen leadership in the legal profession.

Take a closer look at UNBA Committees' activities. Growing professionally among like-minded people is about new opportunities. So if you have suggestions for improving legislation or other interesting ideas in various areas of legal practice and willing to share professional experience with colleagues, it is possible that community work in specialized committee is your destiny. Together we are a force!", reiterated UNBA Committee Coordinator Ganna Garo.

List of UNBA Committees as of 31.12.2020

1. Committee on Protection of Advocates' Professional Rights and Guarantees.
2. International Relations Committee.
3. Committee on Advocates' Professional Conduct.
4. Committee for Strategic Development and Setting Priority Objectives.
5. Rule of Law Committee.
6. Regulatory Policy Committee.
7. Committee on Anti-Corruption Policy and Compliance.
8. Committee on Legislative Initiatives on the Bar
9. International Law Committee.
10. Family Law Committee.
11. Legal Practice Committee.
12. Committee on Approximation of the Advocacy of Ukraine to the European Legal Standards.
13. Committee on Protection of Human Rights.
14. Committee for the Protection of the Rights of Persons with Disabilities.
15. Committee on Medical and Pharmaceutical Law and Bioethics.
16. Committee on Gender Policy.
17. Criminal Law and Procedure Committee.
18. Civil Law and Procedure Committee.
19. IT Law Committee.
20. Committee on Electronic Litigation and Cybersecurity of Legal practice.
21. Intellectual Property Committee.
22. Committee for Business and Investor Protection.
23. Bankruptcy Committee.
24. Committee for Tax and Customs Law.
25. Committee on Information Policy and Informational Security.
26. Military Law Committee.
27. Committee on Free Legal Aid.
28. Committee on Expert Support of Legal Practice.
29. Mediation Committee.
30. Committee for Continuing Legal Education.
31. Committee for Legal Education.
32. Committee for Agrarian, Land and Environmental Law.
33. Energy Law Committee.
34. Committee for Investment and Privatization;
35. Construction Law Committee.
36. Committee on Interaction with the Civil Society.
37. Transport Law Committee.
38. Media and Advertising Law Committee.
39. Labor Law Committee.
40. Commercial Law and Procedure Committee.
41. Administrative Law and Procedure Committee.
42. Youth Committee - "UNBA NextGen".
43. Committee on Humanitarian Issues and Creative Initiatives.
44. Committee for Physical Culture and Sports.

REPORT OF UNBA COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE INITIATIVES ON THE BAR



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ORGANIZATION AND HOLDING OF SEMINARS, CONFERENCES, TRAININGS AND OTHER UNBA EVENTS, OF THOSE:

- roundtable discussion on the topic: "Modern approaches to improving person's access to justice and ensuring the right to a fair trial";
- video meeting: "Current issues of strengthening the protection of the rights of recoverers";
- National discussion: "Access to justice: realities and prospects", organized jointly with the High Council of Justice.

- regarding the draft Law of Ukraine "On Amendments to the Commercial Procedure Code of Ukraine, the Civil Procedure Code of Ukraine, the Code of Administrative Procedure of Ukraine regarding the procedural terms during quarantine established by the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine to prevent the spread of coronavirus disease (COVID-19)";
- concerning the draft Law of Ukraine "On Amendments to the Law of Ukraine" On Civil Service "Concerning the additional categories of Persons that may apply for Civil Service".

PARTICIPATION IN THE PREPARATION OF THE POSITIONS OF UKRAINIAN NATIONAL BAR ASSOCIATION:

- regarding draft Law of Ukraine "On Legal and Transparent Regulation of Lobbying in Ukraine";
- about draft Criminal Procedure Code of Ukraine to improve certain rules in order ensuring equality of the parties to criminal proceedings during the conduct of search;
- the draft Law of Ukraine "On the Collection and Accounting of Single Contribution to the Obligatory State Social Insurance" (elimination of discrimination among payers);
- about draft Law of Ukraine "On Amendments to Certain Legislative Acts of Ukraine Concerning Improvement of Procedure for Compiling Protocols on Administrative Offenses for Violation of the Right to Information";
- about draft Law of Ukraine "On Amendments to the Law of Ukraine" On the Bar and Practice of Law "Improving Certain Issues of Organization of Legal Practice";



Report of UNBA Committee on Advocates' Professional Conduct



Chair of the Committee

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Committee meetings.

Meetings of the Committee in 2020 were held over electronic communication agreed by all Committee members using the Telegram messenger.

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 approval of the draft decisions by the Committee. Upon initiative of the Committee

Chair also considered oral appeals and discussed topical issues of advocates conduct within the Rules of Professional Conduct determining acceptable options for advocates' behavior in a specific situation that has arisen in the course of legal practice.

In total, in 2020, the Committee received 9 appeals concerning:

conflict of interest, advocates conduct in the courtroom and communication with court staff, the possibility of postponing cases during the quarantine period, the permissible limits of advocate's communication in messengers and compliance with the Rules, the admission to the profession of the former prosecutors of the Chief Military Prosecutor's Office of the Prosecutor's General Office of Ukraine.

Cooperation with Higher School of Advocacy.

In the field of advocates' continuing legal education, Committee Members participated as speakers in online seminars organized by UNBA Higher School of Advocacy, in particular:

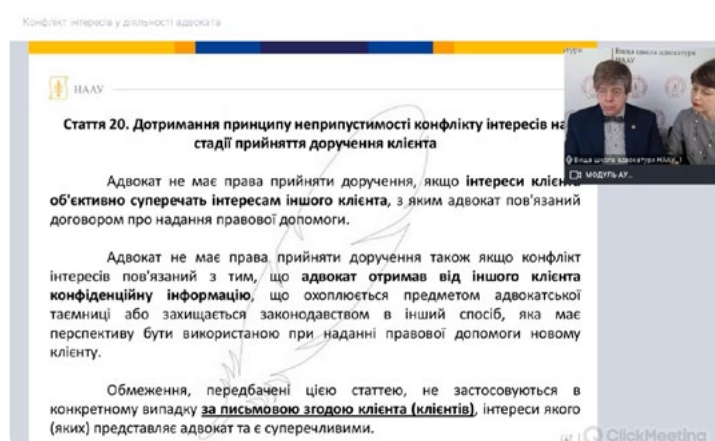
Asya Tarasova conducted training course "Concluding agreement for the provision of legal aid; disciplinary practice, ethical principles of legal practice";

Andriy Tsygankov conducted training course on conflict of interest in legal practice.

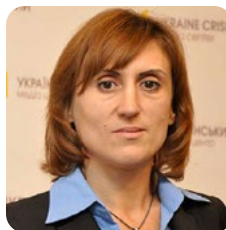
Other activities of the Committee.

In cooperation with Bar Council of Kyiv City Diana Nazarenko, advocate, Member of the Committee, held a webinar on the core principles of legal practice.

The Committee maintains cooperation with other UNBA Committees, conducts meetings and consultations with advocates addressing the Committee both with oral and written appeals, provides consultations assisting advocates in solving problematic issues.



REPORT OF UNBA Committee on Protection of Human Rights



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1. Committee meetings

11 ordinary meetings, including online. During such meetings, the Members of Committee identified priority areas of activity and planned activities to protect the rights and interests of people, as well as provide continuing legal education opportunities for advocates.

2. Organization and holding of seminars, conferences, trainings and other UNBA events.

In total, upon initiative of Committee, 18 events were held, including round tables on: "Ensuring national security and the right of access to reliable information", "Current issues of ensuring the delivery of detainees to court", "Launch of video recording system for speeding violations on the roads: problems and challenges", "Strengthening the protection of the rights of child-victims of crime, child witnesses: the need to amend the legislation", "Personal obligation and house arrest. Violations of Human Rights", "Current Legal Issues of National Minorities of Ukraine", "Protection of the Right to Religious Freedom in the Conditions of European Integration in Ukraine", "Digital Justice: problems and search for solutions. Electronic Court" and others.

In addition, the Committee Members took part in the International scientific-practical conference "Current issues of pre-trial investigation and trial of crimes against sexual freedom and sexual integrity of children, ways to solve them", "Current issues of pre-trial investigation and trial of crimes against sexual freedom and sexual inviolability of children, ways to solve them", in a joint working meeting with the Department of Child Protection and Combating Violence of the Office of the Prosecutor General to strengthen the protection of children's rights as a priority of the work of the Bar and Prosecutor's Office. in seminars of the National School of Judges on the topic: "Current issues of judicial practice regarding the transfer of seized assets to the management of Asset Recovery and Management Agency", in the All-Ukrainian scientific-practical conference on the topic: "Regulatory model of pre-trial investigation under the current CPC: theoretical and practical problems and ways to solve them" and in other activities.

3. Preparation of scientific publications (articles, comments, interviews), in the field of Committee's specialty.

The Committee Members prepared 29 publications, posted at UNBA website, HSA, other media and at the Committee's Facebook page.

- Bulletin of the Committee for the first quarter of 2020.
- Electronic digital signature: prospects of use and methods of authentication. Submission of documents to the court by e-mail is a novelty of today.
- The purpose of punishment. Is correction possible without serving a sentence? Positive practice.
- Examination at the preparatory court hearing of the defense counsel complaints pursuant to Part 2 of Article 303 of the CPC, including those rejected at the pre-trial stage (Constitutional aspect). How to act as a lawyer during the preparatory trial for successful defense.
- Coercive measures of medical nature. Some aspects that need to be taken into account when protecting an insane person.
- Some aspects of review of court decisions based on newly discovered circumstances in criminal proceedings.
- What is the best way for lawyer to act in criminal proceedings to protect a juvenile suspect?
- Topical issues of protection of minors in criminal proceedings in the absence of a legal representative. Or that hinders the restorative justice.
- Artificial intelligence to help justice: Upholding human rights.
- Protecting the right to access information is the challenge of today.

4. The Committee work in the field of Lawmaking.

During 2020, Committee Members conducted a legal analysis of draft laws: Law of Ukraine "On Amendments to the Criminal Code of Ukraine on Liability for Crimes Committed by a Criminal Community" (Reg. No.2513), the Law of Ukraine "On Amendments to Certain Legislative Acts of Ukraine (on Harmonization of Legislation in the Sphere of Prevention and Counteraction of Discrimination with the Law of the European Union)" (reg. No.0931), "On Amendments to the Criminal Code of Ukraine (on Combating Hate Crimes on the Grounds of Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity, reg. No.3316)", the Law of Ukraine" On Amendments to the Code of Ukraine on Administrative Offenses, the Criminal Code of Ukraine and the Criminal Procedure Code of Ukraine to ensure the participation of citizens of Ukraine in the administration of justice "(reg. No.4190 dated 05.10.2020).

Further details about this work available in 2020 [Report](#) of the Committee.



Report of UNBA Committee for Physical Culture and Sports



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Due to 2020 quarantine restrictions, the Committee on Physical Culture and Sports was unable to carry out all planned activities. It was decided that a large-scale sports tournament, even in absence of spectators, will be possible only if the restrictions related to COVID-19 are lifted. Despite the quarantine, the Committee managed to hold a number of activities, complying with all the rules, including:

1. Committee meetings

2 working meetings, where Committee Members identified priority areas of activity: August 11 and December 21.

2. Sports events:

- the First Advocate Cup 3x3 Basketball Tournament;
- All-Ukrainian Advocate' Billiards Tournament, in memory of Yuriy Grabovsky;
- All-Ukrainian Annual Stand Shooting Tournament for Advocates. Крім того, було підготовлено статтю на тему: «Команда «Lodos team».



UNBA Committee on Medical, Pharmaceutical Law and Bioethics



Chair of the Committee

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I. Preparation of thematic articles and speeches for the media

During 2020, a number of thematic articles and speeches for the mass media were prepared by Committee Members, in particular:

- Some issues related to pre-trial investigation and court proceedings in medical cases.
- Forensic medical and forensic psychiatric examination: some issues of legal regulation.
- Lawful disclosure of medical secrets: some aspects.
- Doctrine of medical law of Ukraine: legal essence.
- Monopoly on the treatment of COVID-19.
- The child-friendly legal concept of health care.
- Standalone labor guarantees for the medical worker in times layoffs.
- Possibility to correct the misconceptions of government officials about surrogacy.
- Someone will have to apologize for the "heresy" around surrogacy.
- Prospects for the COVID-19 drug production: compulsory licensing as access to treatment.
- About "paracetamol syndrome" or: The COVID-19 treatment monopoly in Ukraine becomes reality.
- A good deal of international research on COVID-19 treatment can be monopolized in Ukraine.
- Will there be a patent monopoly in Ukraine for COVID-19 treatment.
- Can patent be an obstacle to access to emergency treatment?
- Surrogacy: regulatory "Achilles's heel".
- On strengthening criminal liability for spread of the epidemic, the legal consequences of COVID-19 testing and about civic consciousness.
- Applying an intersectional lens on the Social Contract during the pandemic response to protect sexual and reproductive rights and health.
- Current issues of strategy and tactics of medical cases.
- On the issue of training future medical professionals on the basis of interdisciplinary integration.
- Analysis of ECHR decisions about the legal regime of medical privacy. Legea și viața.



II. Committee activities according to pre-approved work plan

Cooperation with the CoE 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".

Within the project during 2020, recruitment and training under the program was actively continued. In particular, on March 4, the online course trainers alumni ceremony under HELP CoE program took place in Kyiv. On September 10, the first enrollment of students graduated, and on December 3 - the final meeting of the second enrollment of online courses took place.



The Committee members held 14 webinars, 2 online lectures, 2 seminars, 2 webinar marathons dedicated to the Independence Day of Ukraine (August 26) and Patient Safety Day (September 17) and 2 training courses on the basis of UNBA and UNBA HSA.

All comments may be found at the [HSA website](#).



III. CONDUCTING AND PARTICIPATING IN SCIENTIFIC AND PRACTICAL ACTIVITIES ON THE SUBJECT OF THE COMMITTEE WITHIN PRE-APPROVED WORK PLAN.

In 2020, Committee Members participated in 9 webinars, 2 online lectures, consultations, scientific and practical events, seminars, meetings etc.

IV. COOPERATION WITH OTHER UNBA COMMITTEES.

Within cooperation with UNBA Family Law Committee, 2 training courses were developed and conducted on the basis of UNBA Higher School of Advocacy on the topic: "The child in a medical relationship" (August 1–2 and November 7–8, Kyiv City).

Within the framework of cooperation with the Labor Law Committee, a publication was prepared on the topic: "Coronavirus as an acute occupational disease, behavior tactics for medical workers".

V. ALL-UKRAINIAN WEEK OF LAW EVENTS.

As part of the All-Ukrainian Week of Law, the Committee Members held 3 seminars, a free online consultation, a round table, a workshop, a round table discussion and Christmas readings.

VI. INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION.

3Khrystyna Tereshko, Deputy Chair of UNBA Committee on Medical and Pharmaceutical Law and Bioethics, has been elected National Representative of the European Medical Law Association in Ukraine.



Following the competition, Iryna Senyuta, Chair of the Committee, was elected as National Consultant of the Joint Project of European Union and the Council of Europe "EU and Council of Europe working together to strengthen the Ombudsman's operational capacity to protect human rights". "Prevention of misconduct through the effective implementation of the National Preventive Mechanism in the format Ombudsman+".

Special issue of the European Medical Law Information Bulletin (2/2020 Newsletter) has been published, dedicated to COVID-19. The publication contains reports of European countries, including Ukraine, regarding legislative support and court practice related to the spread of coronavirus disease. The national report was prepared by Khrystyna Tereshko as the EAMP national representative. You may find the full text of the EML Information Bulletin following the [link](#).

REPORT OF UNBA RULE OF LAW COMMITTEE



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1. MEETINGS OF THE COMMITTEE DURING 2020:

Wednesday, November 4, 2020 The Committee held an online meeting, during which the Committee Members discussed the results of Committee's activities for the second and third quarters of 2020 and identified action plans for the future.

2. EVENTS (ROUND TABLES, CONFERENCES, FORUMS, ETC.) ATTENDED BY COMMITTEE MEMBERS.

On July 21, 2020, Committee Chair Maryna Stavniychuk took part in a joint meeting of Chairs of UNBA Committees, which was devoted to discussing the problem of intensification of violations of advocates' rights by law enforcement agencies and judges of the Higher Anti-Corruption Court.

On July 31, 2020, Vice-Chair of Committee Dmytro Terletsky took part in an international workshop on: "Legal consequences of declaring a normative act unconstitutional for the protection of human rights in administrative proceedings", which took place on the Zoom platform. During international workshop, problems were discussed regarding the legal consequences of declaring a normative act unconstitutional.

10 September 2020 held a round table: "Current Challenges in Activities of the Higher Anti-Corruption Court", organized within the framework of the joint project of the Higher Anti-Corruption Court and the OSCE Project Coordinator in Ukraine.

Ms. Maryna Stavniychuk, Chair of the Committee, as one of the speakers focused on the urgent need to ensure the constitutional principles and principles of justice based on the rule of law, the introduction of professional ethics between the High Anti-Corruption Court and the legal community.

On 11 September 2020, an online meeting of UNBA representatives, members and experts of the Venice Commission took place. During the meeting with the participation of Committee Chair Ms. Maryna Stavniychuk, the provisions of the draft Law of Ukraine "On Amendments

to the Law of Ukraine "On the Judiciary and the Status of Judges" and some laws of Ukraine on the activities of the Supreme Court and judicial authorities" (register. No. 3711 dated 22.06.2020), as well as the effectiveness of the implementation of legislative changes on the judiciary and existing systemic problems.

On September 18, 2020 international discussion with the participation of Ms. Marina Stavniychuk: "Legal regulation of the independent professional activity of advocates in Ukraine" addressed, in particular, the issues of ensuring the safety of advocates in Ukraine and the role of advocates in the protection of human rights in Ukraine, as well as international standards of independence and advocacy in Ukraine.

On September 25, 2020, the Second Odessa Constitutional Forum "Judicial Governance and Constitutionalism: synergy for efficiency." During the forum, the Committee Chair Maryna Stavniychuk and Committee Members Maryana Afanasyeva and Dmytro Terletsky took part in discussion on further development of judicial self-government and governance in Ukraine, ensuring the independence of the judiciary, administration and financing of courts in the new territorial division.

October 6, 2020 at the plenary session of the Grand Chamber of the Constitutional Court of Ukraine UNBA's position in the form of oral proceedings in the case of compliance with the Constitution of Ukraine (constitutionality) of the Law of Ukraine "On the Higher Anti-Corruption Court" from 07 June 2018 No. 2447-VIII was presented by Committee Chair Maryna Stavniychuk.

On November 30, 2020, national discussion was held on the topic: "Access to justice: realities and prospects". UNBA and High Council of Justice co-organized the dialogue between the professional communities. During the discussion with the participation of Committee Chair Maryna Stavniychuk, strategic issues of judicial reform in Ukraine, the role of professional communities in drafting legislation on the judiciary and the Bar, constitutional aspects of international experts in the formation of judicial governance were discussed.

On 16 December, 2020 held roundtable: "Conflict between the branches of government of Ukraine: Crisis or



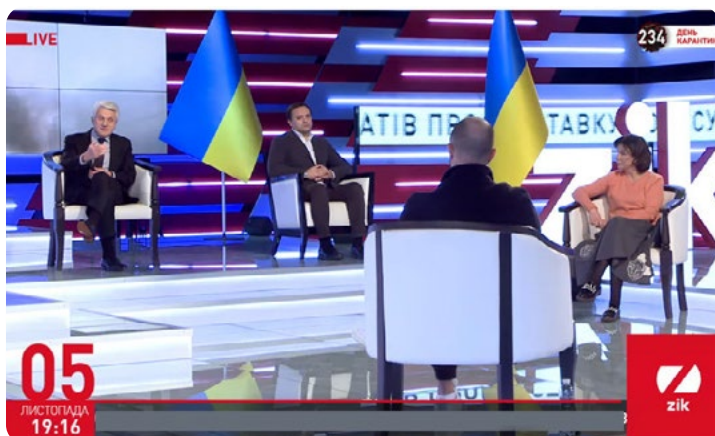
Chance ", devoted to discussing the effectiveness of the "anti-corruption architecture" in Ukraine, the challenges and threats facing the legal system of Ukraine after the decision of the Constitutional Court of Ukraine of 27.10.2020. No.13-p/2020.

3. PUBLICATIONS (ARTICLES, COMMENTS, RECOMMENDATIONS, etc.).

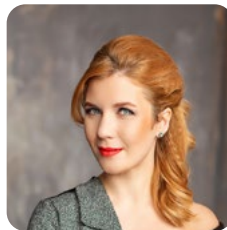
- "Abolition of the lawyer's monopoly is an integral part of the mechanism of human rights violations in Ukraine".
- "Despite the demonstration of so-called reform steps, the judiciary in Ukraine is in crisis".
- "The Bar: no right to defense".
- "Don't put the cart in front of the horse!"
- "Courts of general jurisdiction and the Constitutional Court of Ukraine: questions of interaction".

4. Events HELD at UNBA HSA.

Towards professional development of advocates, Committee together with UNBA Higher School of Advocacy organized a webinar: "Compensation for damages caused by acts and actions declared unconstitutional", lecturer - Dmytro Terletsky (November 19, 2020).



REPORT OF UNBA Family Law Committee



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1. Committee meetings.

3 working meetings, where Committee Members identified priority areas of activity: 05 March, 3 June, 16 September. Also, during the quarantine period, Committee Members conducted 11 online mini-trainings to improve the professional skills of colleagues on the following topics:

- "Features of the subsystem "Electronic Court".
- "Requirements for the preparation of documents drawn up by a lawyer."
- "Penalty for late payment of alimony. How to calculate correctly?"
- "How to properly draw up a legal aid contract for a family lawyer."
- "Practical psychology and conflict studies in the service of a family lawyer."
- "Restorative justice. Recovery program for juveniles suspected of crime commission."
- "The effectiveness of the jury from the point of view of the juror."
- "Innovations that simplify lawyer's life."
- Mediation: Criteria for mediability of family affairs. Conflict".
- "Peculiarities of clarifying the child's opinion in family matters."
- "Activities of the Women Lawyers Association "Jur-Fem".

2. Organization and holding of seminars, conferences, trainings and other UNBA events.

In total, upon initiative of the Committee, 18 events were held, the most relevant of which were: Family Law Game "Spravedlyvtsi" ('Righteous') for advocates children; online discussion among experts on the topic: "Abolition of

the Family Code of Ukraine. Pro et Contra? "; round tables on topics: "Clarification by the court of the child's opinion: regulation, judicial practice and psychological aspect ", " Implementation of the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child in Ukraine: public policy, rule-making and law enforcement "and "The right to social protection of persons with disabilities received as a result of the military conflict in Donbas."

Also, with the help of UNBA Committee, we held a thematic Family Law Week on October 5–9, 2020; the Committee prepared interesting materials, in particular, advocates had the opportunity to read articles produced by Committee Members on current issues and practical aspects of family law practice.



3. COOPERATION WITH UNBA HIGHER SCHOOL OF ADVOCACY.

57 training events held at the HSA: webinars, seminars, one-day and two-day training courses. One of the largest was a webinar marathon marking the 31st anniversary of the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child. The event lasted for 3 days (a total of 19 individual webinars), where participants were able to improve their skills in various aspects of resolving family disputes and applying the family law provisions.

In August 2020, Committee members actively participated in the development and



launch of the UNBA HSA Center "Child's Advocate", presided by Committee Vice-Chair Larysa Gretchenko. The purpose of the Center is to unite defenders of children's rights, activists around the problems of children's law, involve a multidisciplinary audience of advocates of various specialties, educators, officials, public figures, international partners and all persons interested in tackling challenges in children's rights protection.

Within the framework of cooperation with UNBA Committee of Medical and Pharmaceutical Law and Bioethics a training course was developed and conducted at UNBA HSA about: "The child in a medical relationship" (August 01-02 and November 7-8).

The Committee members also joined the preparation QaA for advocates within UNBA HSA No.AnswersofHSA Lecturers series. A total of 40 responses were provided regarding the resolution of family law disputes.

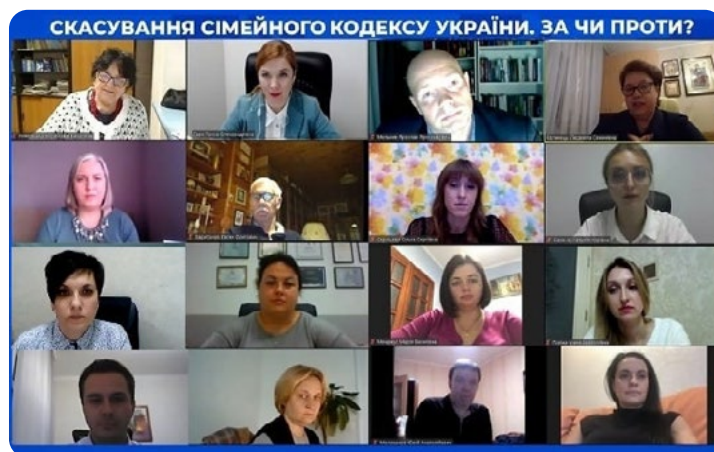
4. Memorandums signed upon the initiative of the Committee:

With the help of UNBA Committee, a memorandum of cooperation was signed with the "Women Lawyers Association" JurFem" (January 22).

5. PREPARATION OF SCIENTIFIC PUBLICATIONS (ARTICLES, COMMENTS, INTERVIEWS), BULLETINS, FOCUSING ON COMMITTEE'S SPECIALTY

The Committee Members prepared 29 publications, posted at UNBA, HSA, websites, other media and Committee's Facebook page.

- "Division of spouses' joint estate: how to be with LLC?"
- "Malls: how to protect the rights of children in quarantine?"
- "The Secret of Marriage Contracts in 2020".
- "The urgency of international child abduction today."
- "How to adhere to the established schedule of meetings with the child during quarantine?"
- "Your child expelled from school: how to protect the violated right to education?"
- "How to split estate if you have lived in a civil marriage (without state registration of marriage)?"
- "Debts of the spouses: how to deal therewith during estate division?"
- "A tale about the benefits of marital estate division in a contractual manner."



- "Dispute over the division of the spouses' estate: the first consultation with a family lawyer".
- "The best interest of the child: topical issues of judicial practice".
- "Criminal aspect in the division of marital estate".
- "Conflict or bullying: key differences in view of judicial practice".
- "Child Law in Ukraine and the world".
- "Teacher's liability for bullying: fine, reprimand or dismissal?"
- "The child in court: to interrogate, question or just listen?"
- "Inheriting corporate rights: how not to get lost".
- "Juvenile specialization: element of reforming the justice system for children and priorities of UNBA HSA Center "Child's Advocate".
- "How a family lawyer should conduct primary consultation to build an effective legal strategy.
- "Contrary to stereotypes. Why do you need a marriage contract?"
- "What does a lawyer need to know about mediation?"
- Report "Volunteering or exploitation: what is wrong with the participation of children in elections?"
- "In what cases can parents receive alimony from their children?"
- "Recovery of alimony for parents' support: what should be taken into account?"
- "To return or to keep: practical aspects of application by courts of the provisions of the Convention on the Civil Aspects of International Child Abduction".
- "How a lawyer may increase the chances of recognizing and enforcing a Ukrainian court decision on a family case abroad?"
- "7 legal positions of the Supreme Court on the application of restraining orders."

- "Peculiarities of dividing real estate located in the Temporarily Occupied Territory of Autonomous Republic of Crimea (TOT AR Crimea) or Temporarily Occupied Territories in Donetsk and Lugansk regions (TOT DLR)".

On June 17, the Committee, in cooperation with the Center for Family Law Studies and UNBA Higher School of Advocacy prepared guidelines for advocates "The best interests of the child in civil proceedings."

During the year, the Committee published news information digests in the field of family law (Bulletins) for Q1, Q2 and Q3, Q4 of 2020.



6. The Committee work in the field of Lawmaking.

During 2020, the Committee Members carried out legal analysis of the draft Law of Ukraine "On Amendments to Certain Legislative Acts of Ukraine Concerning the Realization of Adolescents' Rights in Health Care" No. 2684 of December 27, 2019, "On Amendments to Certain Legislative Acts of Ukraine on determining the place of residence of child in an uncontested procedure", reg. No. 4154 dated 25 September 2021.

Also, Committee Members took part in working groups on:

- finalizing the draft Law of Ukraine "On Amendments to Certain Legislative Acts of Ukraine Concerning the Realization of the Rights of Adolescents in the Sphere of Health Care" No. 2684 of December 27, 2019 (March 12);
- strengthening the protection of children's rights as a priority in the activities of the Bar and the Prosecutor's Office (July 8);
- ensuring the interests and rights of child in the event of a conflict between parents over child's place of residence, participation in raising (December 10).

The full report of the Family Law Committee available [here](#).



Report of UNBA Committee for Continuing Legal Education

In 2020, members of Committee for Continuing Legal Education actively participated in event organization to improve the professional skills of advocates. In total, in 2020, about 30 training events were held for advocates from all regions of Ukraine.

In addition, the Council of Europe HELP Program Coordinator from UNBA Olena Sibilyova, together with the Council of Europe project "Internal Displacement: development of long-term solutions" conducted trainings on the course of Council of Europe HELP program "Internally Displaced Persons": 28.02.2020 in Dnipro City, on 27.08.2020 in Kharkiv City:

Committee Chair Olena Sibilyova took part in the Coordination Meeting on the project of the Council of Europe in Ukraine "Istanbul Convention: The tool to strengthen the fight against violence to women and domestic violence in Ukraine", 15 September.

With the assistance of Committee, two groups of advocates have been trained in the Council of Europe HELP Course: "Women's Access to Justice", first presented to Ukrainian advocates. The training conducted in cooperation with UNBA and Council of Europe project "Istanbul Convention: The tool to strengthen the fight against violence to women and domestic violence in Ukraine", 4 November.

The Committee Chair Olena Sibilyova summed up the work of the project "Istanbul Convention: The tool to strengthen the fight against violence to women and domestic violence in Ukraine", in her article at UNBA website.

Further details about this work available in Committee y Report for 2020.

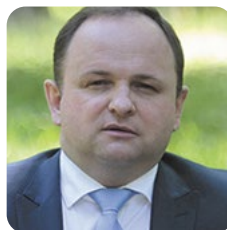


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Report of UNBA Committee on Anti-Corruption Policy and Compliance



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1. Committee meetings

A total of 4 meetings were held to discuss issues related to the Committee's activities.

2. Event participation:

The Committee Chair Committee Oleksandr Gotin took part in a joint meeting of UNBA Committees' Chairs, dedicated to the violation of the rights of advocates providing professional legal aid in anti-corruption proceedings (July 21).

Supported by OSCE in Ukraine, UNBA organized round table on: "Current challenges in the activities of Higher Anti-Corruption Court" (September 10).

By order of UNBA/BCU President Lidiya Izovitova appointed Committee Chair Oleksandr Gotin as Chair of Working Group on Developing Proposals for Overcoming Inefficiency of the Supreme Court (July 3);

The Chair of the Committee Oleksandr Gotin addressed the Chair of the Supreme Court, Valentyna Danishevska, regarding the issue of varying application of CPC provisions regarding the preparatory court session. You can learn more about this event in the article:

"The Chair of the Working Group on Analysis of the Supreme Court Case Law calls on the Supreme Court to render legal opinions on the preparatory hearing" (July 20).

3. Cooperation with UNBA Higher School of Advocacy.

Committee Chair Oleksandr Gotin held webinars on August 17 and October 17 on the topic: "How to gain tactical advantages in prosecuting corruption-related crimes?".

4. Preparation of scientific publications (articles, comments, interviews), in the field of Committee's specialty.

- "Uncertainty at the top of the judiciary disrupts the work of district courts".

- "What are the consequences of failure to disclose to the defense the decision to appoint a prosecutor (investigator)?"
- "Disbalancing the practice of the Supreme Court leads to overloading the judicial system with thousands of cases, significant increase in corruption and its viral spread at all levels."
- "Violation of the rules of territorial jurisdiction: how the Supreme Court once again created a problem."
- "How to protect the rights from violations related to non-compliance with reasonable deadlines during the pre-trial investigation."

5. The Committee carried out a legal analysis of:

draft Law of Ukraine "On Amendments to the Criminal Procedure Code of Ukraine (on the issue of payment of remuneration to the whistleblower)". Based on the results of the analysis, a number of comments and suggestions were formulated.

Draft Law of Ukraine "On Amendments to Certain Legislative Acts of Ukraine Concerning Improving the Effectiveness of Combating Corruption in Certain Law Enforcement and Other State Bodies". Publication link: [notes and proposals](#).



REPORT OF UNBA Youth Committee - UNBA NextGen



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Here is a series of videos that briefly reflect the goals of NextGen.

- About UNBA NextGen regional offices and introduction of UNBA
- About international cooperation and student communication "In Young We Trust"
- Networking and Experience Exchange "In Traditions We Trust"

We continue to expand our social networks. Follow us on Facebook, Instagram, Telegram and YouTube, where you can find interesting and relevant information.

Last year, the Youth Committee worked in six areas:

1. "Hello, it's UNBA" (getting to know UNBA) to disseminate of information about UNBA among young people, initiate attendance of the Bar Council of Ukraine meetings by Committee Members.

2. "In Traditions We Trust" (mentoring, traditions and exchange of experience) included meetings with prominent advocates and managers of leading law firms, including: Timur Bondaryev (Legal business in times of crisis), Valentyn Gvozdiy (Marketing of legal services), Oleg Malsky (Digitalization of the legal profession).

3. "In Young We Trust" (youth, traineeships, work with freelancers) - professional events involving students in order to promote legal profession among future advocates. Also within the direction were held: live session "Use of interactive games for professional development - "Online", webinar "Intellectual property rights education in the European Union: roadmap for advocates", online broadcast "FLA - as a point of entry into the legal profession and the opportunity to gain experience".

4. Within the framework of training events and soft skills development, meetings on multi-aspect, cross-discipline professional development, workshops and master classes were organized to improve the skills of a young advocate in promoting own brand, self-presentation, gaining recognition among colleagues. In addition to online events, the Youth Committee presented the NextGen Digest on

Digitalization.

5. "In Networking (Each Other) We Trust" (networking and insightful leisure) - informal activities aimed at strengthening communication between young advocates.



6. Despite the quarantine restrictions, we did not forget about international cooperation and filmed a video appeal to our European colleagues that we are waiting for them this year at the International Summer Conference in Kyiv.



In addition, UNBA NextGen Chair Serhii Barbashyn joined the Executive Committee of European Young Bar Association (EYBA). European Young Bar Association has announced the membership of Executive Committee for 2020–2021; the news can be viewed at the EYBA Facebook page. The Executive Committee manages the current activities, determines the strategy, budget and responsible for Association's activities.

The greatest achievement of the Committee is the expansion throughout Ukraine. Dedicated to the Youth Day, UNBA NextGen presented a video with its all-Ukrainian team. During the year we were joined by representatives of most regions of the country: Vinnytsia, Volyn, Dnipropetrovsk, Zhytomyr, Zakarpattia, Ivano-Frankivsk, Kirovograd, Lugansk, Lviv, Odesa, Rivne, Ternopil, Kharkiv, Kherson, Khmelnytskyi, Cherkasy, Bukovyna and Chernihiv regions.

The regional offices worked fruitfully and inspired us with their work!

You can read more of the report prepared by UNBA Youth Committee - "UNBA NextGen" [link](#).

View the UNBA NextGen video report [link](#).



REPORT OF UNBA COMMITTEE ON GENDER POLICY



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1. ORGANIZATION AND HOLDING OF SEMINARS, CONFERENCES, TRAININGS AND OTHER UNBA EVENTS.

In 2020, Committee Members actively participated in the organization of events for advocates. In total, 3 events were held in 2020, including:

The Committee together with Committee for Legal Education held a Meet-up "Access to the legal profession: are opportunities equal?" (January 29).

Upon the initiative of Committee on Gender Policy and the Committee on Legal Education, the Women Lawyers Association "JurFem", in partnership with UNBA held a presentation of the training course "Gender Equality and Women's Rights" (February 13).

Committee jointly with the Committee on Legal Education, in cooperation with the Women Lawyers Association "JurFem" and with the support of AVER LEX Law Firm held Public Talk at Premier Palace Hotel "Gender equality in the legal profession: myth or reality?" (February 24).

2. ACTIVITIES ATTENDED BY COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

Meeting with students of the Institute of International Relations of Taras Shevchenko National University of Kyiv; round table: "Ensuring gender equality: monitoring implementation of the UN Convention on Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women and Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action", organized by Verkhovna Rada Committee on Foreign Policy and Inter-Parliamentary Cooperation; event

"Women in Power", organized and conducted by the "Women's League". Event focused on participation of women in the socio-political life of Ukraine and the world; a meeting with students of the Taras Shevchenko National University of Kyiv, participation in online marathon "Ask the Female Lawyer JurFem".

3. OTHER INITIATIVES WITHIN THE COMMITTEE'S SPECIALTY.

Committee Chair Olga Prosyanyuk initiated the project

"Female Leadership in the legal profession". This is a series of interviews with women that succeeded in various areas of jurisprudence and sharing their experiences in building careers, overcoming gender stereotypes and discrimination, tackling challenges and achieving gender balance.

The project kicked off interviews with Valeria Kolomiets, Deputy Minister of Justice of Ukraine for European Integration, and with Kateryna Levchenko, the Government Commissioner for Gender Policy.



4. SIGNED MEMORANDA.

Ukrainian National Bar Association and Ukrainian Women Lawyers Association "JurFem", with the assistance of UNBA Committee on gender Policy, UNBA Committee on Legal Education, and UNBA Family Law Committee, agreed to cooperate by signing a Memorandum on January 22.

5. PUBLICATIONS (articles, comments, recommendations, etc.).

In 2020, the Committee Members prepared a total of 5 publications covering issues within Committee's focus:

- "The success of women in the legal profession, as in all others, depends on ourselves."
- "Lady, know your place: on legislative regulation of the status of the first lady".
- Handbook "Ask a Female Lawyer JurFem: answers to difficult questions during the 2020 pandemic."
- "Quarantine has increased the number of appeals to me as a lawyer in the field of labor law."
- "What to do if you are fired? Mechanisms of beneficial exemption from a legal standpoint".

6. COOPERATION WITH UNBA HSA

Olga Poyedynok held a webinar at the USA about: "Sexism at work and beyond: identify and counteract" (April 8).

The full report of the Committee on Gender Policy available [here](#).



Report of UNBA Committee on Electronic Litigation and Cybersecurity of Legal practice



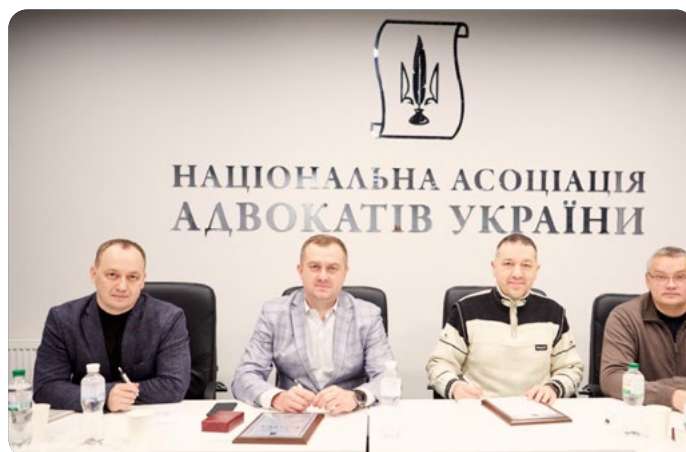
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1. Committee meetings: A total of 6 meetings were held to discuss issues related to the Committee's activities.

2. Committee members took part in:

- III All-Ukrainian Scientific-Practical Conference "Theory and practice of forensic science and criminology", organized by the Kyiv University of Law of the National Academy of Sciences of Ukraine. Deputy Chair of the Committee I.V. Kolesnikov delivered a report "Digital Forensics";
- II Odessa Constitutional Forum "Judicial Governance and Constitutionalism: synergy for efficiency;"
- XVIII International Scientific and Practical Conference "The Digital Future of Advocacy and Criminal Procedure in the Context of Constitutional Novels";
- International Tax Congress "Management of Public Finances and Problems of Ensuring National Economic Security";
- Roundtable organized by UNBA Committees about: "Digital justice. problems and search for solutions. "Electronic Court".



3. Preparation of methodical recommendations, scientific publications (articles, comments, interviews), in the field of Committee's specialty.

The Committee has prepared a guide for advocates "Electronic evidence. Search. Part 1 ».

"Implementation of the idea of electronic litigation."

"We need to learn to live so that the quality of our lives does not deteriorate and does not depend on viruses".



Report of UNBA Intellectual Property Committee



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1. Committee meetings.

3 meetings were held: May 8, November 26, December 22. The meetings considered issues related to further plans of the Committee, including: work on improving the IP-sphere, preparation of scientific publications, conducting training events with UNBA HSA, as well as informal meetings.

2. Meetings of the Committee in 2020.

In 2020, Committee Members actively participated in the organization of events for advocates. In total, 10 events were held, including: 2 roundtable discussions about: "Higher Court of Intellectual Property: state of formation in the context of competition and antitrust reform" (February 13, June 16), 7 informal meetings of "IP-breakfast" to discuss topical issues in the field of intellectual property (February 13, March 11, May 28, July 24), August 12, September 15, December 9) and a webinar: "Intellectual Property Law Education in the European Union: roadmap for advocates".

3. Scientific publications (articles, comments, recommendations, etc.) published at UNBA HSA website, mass media:

- "How to patent an invention in Ukraine and the world: drawing up and submitting an application".
- «Trademarks: key changes after the reform of the legislation".
- "National Intellectual Property Authority: legal status and functions".
- "Protection of patents for inventions and utility models."
- "On changes in legislation in the field of intellectual property and their impact on the protection of relevant rights".
- "On the current state of protection of trademark rights in Ukraine."
- "On the specifics of court cases on the protection of intellectual property rights."
- "Is the Coronavirus a force majeure and a ground for contractual default?".
- "Business activities during the quarantine of COVID-19".
- "Electronic documents: use in business and court".
- "Using electronic evidence in court is my own experience".
- "How to protect the shape of goods: differences between the industrial design and the trademark".



4. Events held at UNBA Higher School of Advocacy.

Towards professional development of advocates, Committee together with UNBA Higher School of Advocacy organized a series of webinars: 5 webinars and 5 seminars.

Also, on the premises of UNBA HSA the Committee held Intellectual Property Days - "IP-Web-Day: Trademarks & Copyright" (June 6) and "Intellectual Property 2020: reloading" (December 11). The event brought together representatives of the top national and international law firms, advocates, patent attorneys, forensic experts. Representatives of the Committee were among the speakers of the event: Mykola Pototskiy, Serhii Barbashyn, Ganna Prokhorova, Oleh Chernobay.

During the training courses, the novelties of the legislation in the IP sphere 2020 were discussed, namely: a new structure of the state system of legal protection of intellectual property, the competence of its subjects; novelties in the protection of trademarks, geographical indications, industrial designs, inventions and utility models.



Report of UNBA Committee on Interaction with the Civil Society

1. Committee meetings

A total of 6 meetings were held to discuss issues related to the Committee's activities.

2. In total, 7 events were held in 2020, including:

- Press conference "Millions of voters had the opportunity to vote in local elections", which took place on June 24 at the UNIAN press center.
- Round table "Current state and prospects of development of legislation on the Bar and practice of law", Chernihiv, July 30.
- Round table "Current state and prospects of development of legislation on the Bar and practice of law", Chernihiv, July 31.
- Training "Combating Domestic Violence in Local Communities" for employees of regional and local free legal aid centers and legal aid bureaus of Sumy region, as well as advocates cooperating with the FLA system, Sumy, August 18.
- Training "Combating Domestic Violence in Local Communities" for employees of regional and local free legal aid centers and legal aid bureaus of Chernihiv region, as well as advocates cooperating with the FLA system, Chernihiv, September 14;
- Training "Bar self-government. Ethical Foundations", September 25 - Rivne, September 29 - Zhytomyr, October 8 - Khmelnytskyi;
- Online training "Culture of legality, anti-corruption and ethics in legal practice", December 28.

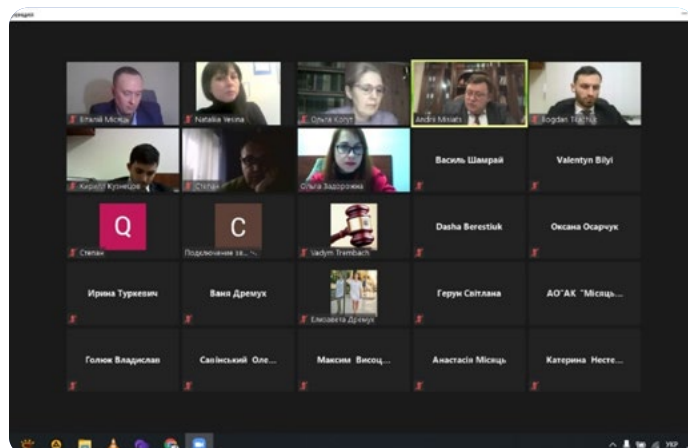
3. Preparation of scientific publications (articles, comments, interviews), bulletins, focusing on Committee's specialty.

The Committee has prepared recommendations for advocates "Providing legal aid in human trafficking cases."



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REPORT OF UNBA COMMITTEE ON LEGAL EDUCATION



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1. ORGANIZATION AND HOLDING OF SEMINARS, CONFERENCES, TRAININGS AND OTHER EVENTS.

The Committee together with UNBA Committee for Gender Policy held a Meet-up "Access to the legal profession: are opportunities equal?". About 60 advocates took part in the event (January 29).

The Committee together with Committee on Gender Policy in cooperation with the Women Lawyers Association "JurFem" and with the support of AVER LEX Law Firm in the

Premier Palace Hotel held a Public Talk "Gender equality in the legal profession: myth or reality?" (February 24).

In June, the Committee initiated the launch of the On-line Practice project, which aims to provide students with the opportunity to practice online under quarantine restrictions. 55 advocates, law firms and associations volunteered to take part in the project. Read about project results [here \(link\)](#).

The Committee held an online discussion: "Single Professional Admission Examination 2020: conclusions for the future". The event was attended by more than 30 participants, including those recently taking the Single Professional Admission Exam, and students who plan to do so next year, as well as teachers of law schools from different regions of Ukraine (July 22).

2. EVENTS (ROUND TABLES, CONFERENCES, FORUMS, ETC.) ATTENDED BY COMMITTEE MEMBERS.

– Press-briefing: "Current International Legal Challenges for Ukraine" held at the Ukrainian Anti-Crisis Media Center (June 22); round table to discuss the draft Law of Ukraine "On Adult Education" (June 24); meeting of the Professional Commission on Evaluation of the Tasks from the block "Law" of the Single Professional Admission Examination (SPAЕ) (July 3, 13 and 17); an interactive seminar devoted to the discussion of the problems of introduction of higher education standard

in the law schools educational programs in specialty 081 "Law" for the second master's degree. The event was initiated by the USAID Program for Justice Reform "New Justice" (September 1).

3. PARTICIPATION OF UNBA COMMITTEE MEMBERS IN WORKING GROUPS/ PARLIAMENTARY HEARINGS, ETC.

Representatives of the Committee participated in the following events:

– seminar organized by the National Agency for Higher Education Quality Assurance for Sectoral Expert Councils and Experts (O. Torbas) (January 22); Meeting of the working group on preparation of committee hearings in Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine: "Reforming higher legal education in Ukraine: problems and prospects" (O. Poyedynok) (February 24, June 12, August 31, September 7); Committee hearings on the reform of higher legal education in Ukraine, organized by the Committee of Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine on Education, Science and Innovation (via videoconference) – Chair of the Committee L. Arkusha joined the discussion (November 11).

4. BULLETINS ISSUED BY THE COMMITTEE

The Committee has prepared the Committee's Bulletins for 2019, Q1 and Q2 of 2020.

5. ACTIVITIES OF THE COMMITTEE IN THE FIELD OF PREPARATION OF COMMENTS ON DRAFT REGULATIONS

During 2020, prepared a number of comments and proposals for 3 draft regulations, which were sent to the Ministry of Education and Science of Ukraine:

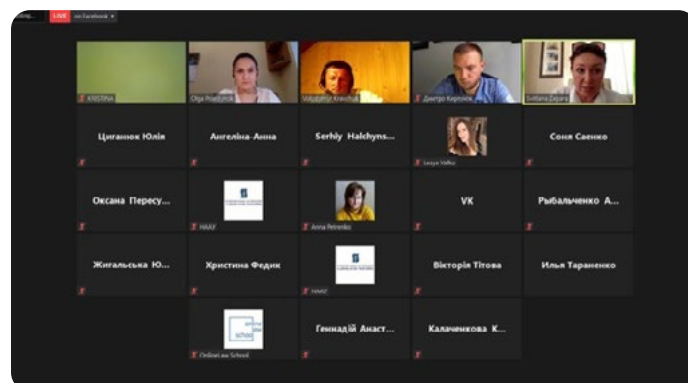
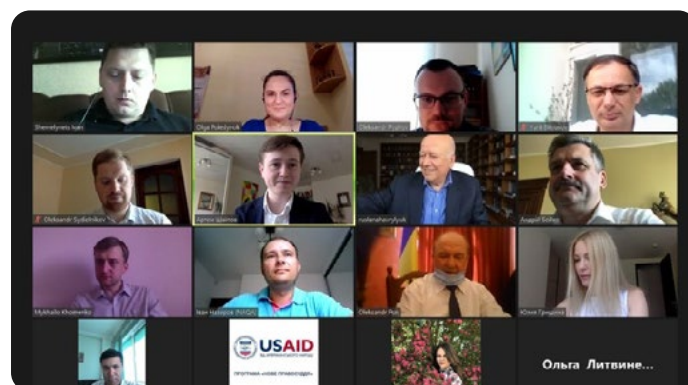
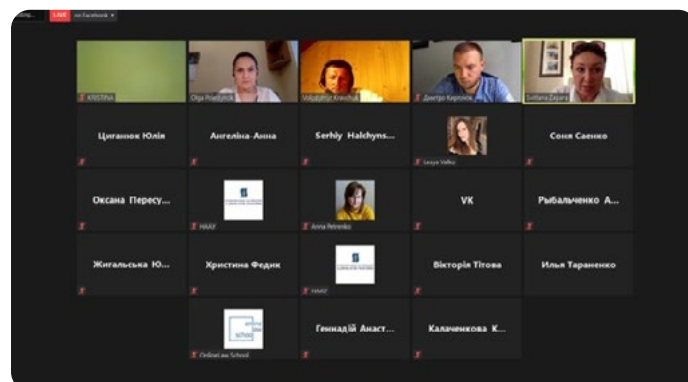
– "Regulations on accreditation of independent assessment institutions and quality assurance of higher educa-

tion", developed in accordance with Art. 23 of the Law of Ukraine "On Higher Education" by the National Agency for Higher Education Quality Assurance;

- "Resolution of the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine "On Amendments to the Resolution of the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine of July 17, 2019 No. 684" on the procedure for attestation of persons obtaining the degree of professional undergraduate or graduate education, in the form of a single state qualifying examination;
- "On Approval of the Procedure for Recognition in Ukraine of Professional Qualifications Acquired in Other Countries".

6. PUBLICATIONS (ARTICLES, COMMENTS, RECOMMENDATIONS, etc.)

- "Integrity, and not just academic one, is something to be taught from childhood".
- "It is difficult to talk about competitiveness of higher legal education at the international level".
- "Adult education as a social responsibility and investment in the future".
- "Adult education: Cui prodest? What should be the policy of adult education in Ukraine?"
- "Students against external independent exam in Law: arguments remain the same".
- The use of information resources in legal disciplines thru distance learning"



Report of UNBA International Law Committee



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1. Committee meetings.

During 2020, a total of 2 meetings of the Committee were held online (February 5, June 4, 2020).

2. Meetings of the Committee in 2020.

In 2020, Committee Members actively participated in the organization of events for advocates:

- Press-briefing: "Current International Legal Challenges for Ukraine" (June 22). The following issues were discussed during the event: reforming the institution of citizenship - the prospects of dual citizenship; ratification of the Rome Statute; international crimes against Ukraine and its citizens; the fate of "International Law" in higher education; the draft law introducing the institution of funders (reg. No. 3304);
- The Committee together with UNBA Criminal Law and Procedure Committee held a joint event "Professional discussion of legal issues of self-defense in Ukraine" with the support of UNBA Youth Committee "UNBA NextGen" (June 25).
- "The Committee in cooperation with Oksana Varakina (Equity Law Firm advisor) and Olga Kuchmienko (UNBA Representative Office in Sweden) held webinar: "Online Work of Lawyer in 2020: new regulations and practices" (July 16).
- The Committee, in cooperation with UNBA Energy Law Committee, held a round table: "The State against green energy investors: the emergence of disputes and prospects for their resolution" (December 22).

3. Events (round tables, conferences, forums, etc.) attended by Committee Members.

Committee Members took part in the following events: International Scientific and Practical Conference

"Modern international relations: current issues of theory and practice" (May), The First International Open and Session of the World Congress of Law "Will the Rule of Law survive in Europe?" online (July 7); the first meeting of the series of professional legal discussions Crimean

UpShot, devoted to the problems arising from the occupation of Crimea (October 6), 6th Week of Law Round Table and the Day of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights "Human Rights in Modern Conditions. Civil Society Development in Ukraine" (December 11).

4. The Committee Positions

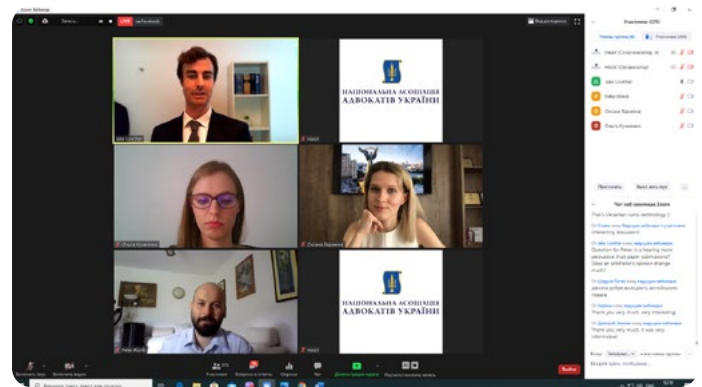
In February 2020, the Committee commented on Ukraine's ratification of the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court.

5. PUBLICATIONS (articles, comments, recommendations, etc.) by Committee members:

- "Peculiarities of financial operations under the law on financial monitoring detailed by the National Bank".
- "Who owns the moon? Space-X, Musk and International Law".
- "Passport in exchange for investment."
- "The trial in MH-17 case: will compensation be awarded in the Netherlands under Ukrainian law?"
- "Comment on the situation with women and children - citizens of Ukraine, detained in the Syrian camp Al-Hawl."
- "Comment on the situation with Ukrainian children in the Syrian Al-Hawl camp".
- "The right to citizenship from the Constitutional standpoint, conventions and practice of the ECHR".
- "Draft law 2590 on dual citizenship: liberalization is not for everyone".
- "The place of the Convention on the Rights of the Child and its Optional Protocols in the legal system of Ukraine".
- "By interfering, the government is questioning the common sense of its voters" - the lawyer about the ban on leaving for work abroad!"
- "From the military to ex-presidents. What is wrong in

Ukraine with charges of high treason.”.

- “MH-17 Case: international legal consequences for Ukraine”, published in Legal Newspaper Online
- “Resolution of the World Health Organization on the assessment of events during the COVID-19 coronavirus pandemic: Is it possible to bring the perpetrators to justice?”
- “The impact of COVID-19 on international law. Lawyers analyze challenges, track trends, make forecasts (part two)”.
- “Will the investigation into the downing of the UIA plane over Iran affect the MH-17 lawsuit – analysis by advocates”.
- “The cost of arbitration will help minimize a well-written contract and the arbitration clause therein”.
- “Dual citizenship: watch the hands”, commentary to article, Dzerkalo Tyzhnia Newspaper.
- “Dual citizenship in Ukraine: Zelensky plans to make changes”
- “Can Ukraine allow dual citizenship?”, a comment for the program "Morning in the Big City".



6. Events held in cooperation with UNBA HSA

Towards professional development of advocates, Committee together with UNBA Higher School of Advocacy organized a series of webinars: 6 webinars and 3 training courses, such as: “Migration law for advocates: current practical issues” (February 22, 23 and November 28–29), “Labor Law Advocate” (topic: “Foreigners and the procedure for employment of foreigners” (September 19).

REPORT OF UNBA CRIMINAL LAW AND PROCEDURE COMMITTEE



Chair of the Committee

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1. Committee meetings.

During 2020, a total of 2 Committee meetings were held online (April 9 and September 18); Committee Members discussed the results of work and agreed upon priority areas for the Committee's activities for future periods.

2. Committee events.

During 2020, the Committee Members actively participated in the organization of 12 events for advocates, such as:

- March 4 - meeting-presentation of the Committee's activities.
- April-June 2020. - Committee (with the participation of a member - I. Glovyuk) in cooperation with Free Legal Aid Committee held a series of online workshops for advocates on the following topics: "Provocation of crime and its concealment", "Effective defense in criminal proceedings: illusions vs. reality", "Search (national regulations)", "Protection of property in criminal proceedings", "Detention: revenge for intransigence or a means of preventing risks", "Preparatory proceedings: Silicon Valley of Advocate's Opportunities vs. Klondike Judges' "Nays".
- June 25 - The Committee together with UNBA International Law Committee with the support of UNBA Youth Committee "UNBA NextGen" held joint event "Professional discussion of legal issues of self-defense in Ukraine".
- October 15 - a round table dedicated to the professional discussion of the General Part of the draft of the new Criminal Code of Ukraine.

3. Events (ROUND TABLES, CONFERENCES, FORUMS, etc.) attended by Committee members:

- roundtables: "Court costs in Ukraine in the context of access to justice" (January 20);
- "Guarantees of legal practice in Ukraine in the light

- of Council of Europe Standards" (January 31), organized by the Council of Europe Office in Ukraine;
- the final conference of the CoE project "Human Rights in the Criminal Justice System of Ukraine" (December 15);
- round table "The urgency of the full implementation of international criminal and humanitarian law on prosecution for international crimes in the Criminal Code of Ukraine" organized by Verkhovna Rada Committee on Law Enforcement (February 7),
- training at the National Academy of Internal Affairs (August 19),
- 5th Lviv Forum of Criminal Justice "Ukrainian Model of Criminal Justice: Through the Looking-Glass" (September 17-18).



4. PARTICIPATION OF UNBA COMMITTEE MEMBERS IN WORKING GROUPS/ PARLIAMENTARY HEARINGS, etc.

The Committee Chair Anzhelika Moiseeva and Committee Vice-Chair Yuriy Bauman took part in the meeting of Verkhovna Rada Committee on Law Enforcement, that considered the draft Law of Ukraine "On Amendments to the Criminal Code of Ukraine on Liability for Crimes Committed by a Criminal Community" (Reg. No. 2513 dated 02 December 2019) (January 15).

Committee members took part in hearings: "Prospects for development, issues of formation and functioning of the jury in Ukraine" (February 12).

5. THE COMMITTEE WORK IN THE FIELD OF LAWMAKING.

During 2020, the Committee prepared comments on the following draft laws:

1)draft Law of Ukraine "On Amendments to the Criminal Code of Ukraine on Liability for Crimes Committed by a Criminal Community" (Reg. No. 2513 dated 02 December 2019);

2)draft Law of Ukraine "On Amendments to Article 183 of the Criminal Procedure Code of Ukraine on Peculiarities of Determining the Amount of Bail in Choosing a Preventive Measure in the Form of Detention for Committing Grave or Especially Grave Crime of Corruption (Reg. No. 2620 dated 18 December 2019);

3)draft Law of Ukraine "On Amendments to the Criminal Code of Ukraine and the Code of Ukraine on Administrative Offenses to Strengthen Liability for Offenses in the Sphere of Urban Development" (Reg. No. 3876 dated 16.07.2020) <https://cutt.ly/nksFogr>;

4)draft Law of Ukraine "On Compensation to Victims of Violent Criminal Offenses" (Reg. No. 3892 dated 18 July 2019).



6. BULLETINS ISSUED BY THE COMMITTEE.

The Committee prepared the Bulletin for the first half of 2020.

7. OTHER NEWS FROM THE LIFE OF THE COMMITTEE.

In August, Oleksiy Horokh, Deputy Chair of UNBA Criminal Law and Procedure Committee joined the criminal justice subgroup of the sectoral subgroup "Rule of Law, Justice" for 2021.

8. PUBLICATIONS, WITHIN THE ACTIVITIES OF THE COMMITTEE.

- "There is no conflict between advocates and HACC judges, there is a total disregard for the Constitution."
- "The law on 'thieves in law'. Ukrainian aspect".
- "The fact that, in addition to theory, you are able to convey your own experience is stimulating."
- "Court proceedings: regarding criminal infractions: whether expectations will come true".
- "The question of application of Article 206 of the CPC of Ukraine: detention in the airport transit zone". "Criminal proceedings: modern dimension and prospective tendencies".
- "Examination by the investigating judge of the validity of suspicion as a means of counteracting unjustified criminal prosecution".
- "Problematic issues of application of Article 290 of the CPC of Ukraine in the activities of the defense: practice of SC CCC".
- "Application of involuntary hospitalization of mentally ill persons in criminal proceedings in Ukraine in the context of the case law of the European Court of Human Rights."
- "The issue of realization of the right of the suspect, accused to translation in the criminal proceedings of Ukraine".
- "Powers of first instance court to close criminal proceedings in connection with the decriminalization of the act: doctrine and practice".
- "Court proceedings: regarding criminal infractions: whether expectations will come true".
- "Problematic issues of appeal and consideration of complaints against the decisions and inaction of the higher instance prosecutor during the application of Art. 308 of CPC of Ukraine".
- "Dynamics of the implementation of the protective function in sentencing for criminal offenses: the practice of the Convention for the Protection of Human Rights".
- "Some issues of sentencing on the basis of agreements."
- "Do we need experts in the field of law in criminal proceedings."
- "Engel's Test for the President."
- "NACP protocol and sending materials to court, or what the 'perpetrator' can expect (unscientific view of a lawyer)."

10. COOPERATION WITH UNBA HSA

Towards professional development of advocates, Committee together with UNBA Higher School of Advocacy organized a series of webinars: 11 webinars, 4 seminars and a forum "Day of Criminal Law and Procedure" in cooperation with the Committee on Family Law and the Committee on Medical and Pharmaceutical Law (July 22).

REPORT OF UNBA CIVIL LAW AND PROCEDURE COMMITTEE



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The Committee's work in 2020 focused on such new directions as:

1. Committee meetings.

In 2020, the Committee held a total of 4 meetings. At the meetings of February 4, April 14, May 5, August 17, the Committee Members conducted a legal analysis of the drafts, determined the action plan for the next periods.

2. MEETINGS OF THE COMMITTEE IN 2020.

Online-roundtable discussion on the topic: "How a lawyer may achieve effective performance of family law agreements and enforcement of decisions in family disputes. What has changed during the quarantine period?" (April 22, in cooperation with the Family Law Committee).

3. SCIENTIFIC PUBLICATIONS (ARTICLES, COMMENTS, RECOMMENDATIONS, ETC.) PUBLISHED AT UNBA HSA WEBSITE, MASS MEDIA.

- "Recovery of alimony: how to properly file lawsuit".
- "Alimony: change in the sum and method of recovery".
- "How to recover alimony when the payer or recipient lives abroad."
- "Prenuptial Agreement: practical advice in the light of Supreme Court practice".
- "Alimony writ of execution issued by a notary: ideas for improving national legislation"
- "Divorce with a foreign element: conflict of laws regarding the applicable law in the legislation of the EU, USA, China, Russia and Ukraine".
- "Judicial reform is not about firing everyone."
- Alimony Indexation.

4. NUMBER OF EVENTS HELD AT UNBA HSA.

Towards professional development of advocates, Committee together with UNBA Higher School of Advocacy organized a series of webinars: 13 webinars, 3 seminars, 2

training courses.

5. PUBLISHED DIGESTS OF JUDICIAL PRACTICE.

The Committee presented "Digest of Judicial Practice on statute of limitations and analysis of court practice within Committee's core specialty (Supreme Court decisions)".

6. PUBLISHED COMMITTEE BULLETINS.

The Committee prepared "Information Digest in the field of Committee's activities for the Q1, Q2, Q3 of 2020".

7. PARTICIPATION OF UNBA COMMITTEE MEMBERS IN WORKING GROUPS/ PARLIAMENTARY HEARINGS, ETC.

Oleg Prostybozhenko took part in meeting of Verkhovna Rada Committee on Youth and Sports, during which the draft No. 3013 "On Amendments to the Law of Ukraine" On Court Fees" (concerning the payment of court fees for the protection of the rights of minors) was discussed in detail (February 19).

UNBA Representatives - Chair of UNBA Civil Law and Procedure Committee Oleg Prostybozhenko, as well as Chair of the Family Law Committee Ganna Garo, as well as member of the above Committees Svitlana Savitska took part in the first meeting of the working group towards improvement of legislation on interests and rights of the child in case of conflict between the parents regarding the child's place of residence, participation in its upbringing. The event took place online, co-hosted by the Interdepartmental Coordination Council for Juvenile Justice (December 10).

8. THE COMMITTEE WORK IN THE FIELD OF LAWMAKING.

During 2020, the Committee Members carried out a legal analysis of the following drafts Laws of Ukraine:

- draft Law of Ukraine "On Amendments to Certain Legislative Acts of Ukraine Concerning the Simplification of the Procedure for Consideration of Court Cases Related to the Protection of Children's Rights", reg. No. 3206 dated 12 March 2020.

- draft Law of Ukraine “On Amendments to the Civil Procedure Code of Ukraine to Reduce the Time of Court Consideration of Cases Related to the Protection of Children’s Rights and Improve the Procedure for Consideration of Cases of Separate Proceedings”, reg. No. 3386 dated 24 June 2020.
- draft Law of Ukraine “On Amendments to Certain Legislative Acts of Ukraine Concerning the Recovery of Child Support Payments”, reg. No. 3339 dated 14 June 2020.
- draft Law of Ukraine “On the sale of property and other measures to ensure security during storage of property, objects and materials in warehouses and other premises owned by the State”, reg. No. 3990 dated 14 June 2020.
- draft Law of Ukraine “On Amendments to Certain Legislative Acts of Ukraine Concerning the Determination of the Place of Residence of a Child in an Uncontested Procedure”, Register. No. 4154 dated 25 September 2021.
- draft Law of Ukraine “On Amendments to the Family Code of Ukraine (regarding the determination of the moment for alimony reduction or increase by court decision)”, reg. No. 4195 dated 25 September 2021.

9. Other activities aimed at development of the Bar in Ukraine.

The Committee Chair Oleg Prostybozhenko joined the UNBA Working Group on the Electronic Justice (April 9).



Report of UNBA Committee for Business and Investor Protection



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1. Committee meetings

2 working meetings, where Committee Members identified priority areas of activity: June 12 and November 13.

2. Organization and holding of seminars, conferences, trainings and other UNBA events.

In total, upon initiative of the Committee, 16 events were held, including 9 joint events with the Business Ombudsman Council to achieve positive progress in preventing violations of the rights and legitimate interests of business entities. The Committee interacted with representatives of State bodies regarding violation of legal rights and interests of business entities, in particular: With Office for Combating Raiderism at the Ministry of Justice of Ukraine, with the State Fiscal Service. The Committee also launched a series "MEET UP with MP", that is meeting with Members of Parliament, where the invited guests were: Halyna Yanchenko, Chair of Verkhovna Rada Temporary Special Commission on Protection of Investors' Rights, Deputy Chair of "Servant of the People" Faction in Verkhovna Rada, and Yulia Yatsyk, Member of Parliament. The event organizers convinced that the meetings with the people's deputies motivate the legal community to be active and start various initiatives to improve the current legislation, and therefore will evolve into something bigger.



3. Cooperation with UNBA Higher School of Advocacy.

5 training events held at the HSA: webinars, one-day and two-day training courses: "Business Lawyer: Raiderism: how to overcome with minimal losses", "Search - a game on someone else's field".



4. PREPARATION OF SCIENTIFIC PUBLICATIONS (ARTICLES, COMMENTS, INTERVIEWS), BULLETINS, FOCUSING ON COMMITTEE'S SPECIALTY

Committee members prepared 4 publications:

- "TOP-5 facts businessmen must be aware of in connection with the newly-imposed quarantine";
- "Analysis of court practice".
- "Digest of legislative changes in the field of combating raiders and protection of property rights (for the period between September 1, 2019 to February 1, 2020)."
- "Investment nannies in civilian clothes - a business threat worse than quarantine".

The full report of UNBA Committee for Business and Investor Protection available [here](#).



REPORT OF UNBA Bankruptcy Committee§§



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1. Committee meetings

2 working meetings, where Committee Members identified priority areas of activity: January 21 and September 10.

2. Upon initiative of the Committee, 2 online events were held for advocates and arbitration receivers in order to improve skills on the following topics:

- "Practical aspects of application of the Bankruptcy Procedures Code of Ukraine. Modern approaches to dealing with conflicts: the possibility of mediation in the bankruptcy procedure of individuals".
- "Bankruptcy proceedings as a tool to bring business out of crisis."

3. Members of the Bankruptcy Committee took part in 20 events, including:

discussion of BPCU at NABU, 1st All-Ukrainian online conference "Restructuring of citizens' debts & Bankruptcy of enterprises under new procedure in 2020", 5th Forum on Restructuring and Bankruptcy, initiated by the Ministry of Justice (via video conference) "Introduction of a simplified insolvency regime for micro and small enterprises, individual entrepreneurs, enterprises with zero assets."

4. Preparation of scientific publications (articles, comments, interviews), bulletins, focusing on Committee's specialt

The Committee Members prepared 11 publications, posted at UNBA, HSA, websites, other media:

- "VERKHOVNA RADA vs COVID-19: Benefits for business during quarantine".
- "“Benefits for business during quarantine: analysis of draft law No.3220 ».

- "Liability of arbitration receivers: legislative novelties, the grounds and procedure for disciplinary liability".
- "Problematic issues of repayment for services and expenses of an arbitration receiver";
- "Joint and several liability in bankruptcy cases, or "How to recover debt from a limited liability company when it has nothing?".
- "Bankruptcy of individuals: what are the benefits, who is it for, nuances, conclusions, prospects?".
- "MORATORIUM No.13 - HARM DIFFICULT TO EVALUATE".
- "Almost bankrupt. How to overcome the Post-COVID crisis and save the business. "
- "Reputation is very important to business, and bankruptcy is the only way to leave the market properly".
- "Bankruptcy of an individual in quarantine times: how to get rid of debts".

5. The Committee work in the field of lawmaking.

The Committee analyzed the draft Law of Ukraine "On Amendments to the BPCU, Reg. No. 3322 dated 10 June 2020.

The full report of UNBA Bankruptcy Committee available [here](#).



REPORT OF UNBA COMMITTEE FOR AGRARIAN, LAND AND ENVIRONMENTAL LAW



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1. Committee meetings

5 working meetings, where Committee Members identified priority areas of activity: April 1, May 14, July 29, October 29, December 24.

2. In total, 4 events were held in 2020, including:

- Meeting-discussion with the judge of the Commercial Court of Cassation of the Supreme Court Tetyana Drobotova about: "Novelties of anti-raiderism legislation".
- Online discussion: "Jurisdiction over land disputes. Problems and solutions".
- Online conference: «Agrarian Raiderism: Fight (or not) and will you win? »
- Webinar: "Jurisdictional disputes in law enforcement practice."

3. Preparation of scientific publications (articles, comments, interviews), bulletins, focusing on Committee's specialty

- The Committee Members prepared 53 publications, posted at UNBA, HSA, websites, other media:
- "Problematic issues of jurisdiction over land disputes."
- "Analysis of individual court positions on the protection of farm land rights."
- "Algorithm of actions in case of inspection and bringing to administrative liability of business entities for violation of land legislation."
- "Approval of the boundaries of the land. Is it necessary to get approval?"
- "Bulletin for the first half of 2020".

4. Cooperation with UNBA Higher School of Advocacy.

13 training events held at the HSA: webinars, seminars, one-day training courses, such as: "Land lease and protection of lease rights", "Digital adaptation of business in pandemic times: realities and prospects of E-commerce", "Some aspects of farm activity: taxes, labor, asset protection", "Jurisdiction over land disputes: case law" and others.

5. The Committee work in the field of Lawmaking.

During 2020, Committee Members conducted a legal analysis of draft laws Law of Ukraine: on progressive land relations No.3208; on the jurisdiction of disputes No.3296; on amendments to Section X "Transitional Provisions" of the LCU on the prohibition of alienation of agricultural lands No.3442-1; on the introduction of certain types of state support for agricultural producers No.3547; on stimulating the activity of farms No.4046; to increasing protection of the interests of land owners, owners of land shares for agricultural purposes No.4063; on improving the system of management and deregulation in the field of land relations No.2194.

Committee Members prepared expert opinion concerning main provisions of the Law of Ukraine "On amendments to certain legislative acts of Ukraine on the circulation of agricultural land" No. 2178-10, as well as on the inheritance of the right of permanent use of land for farming.



REPORT OF UNBA Committee on Humanitarian Issues and Creative Initiatives



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1. Meetings of the Committee - 4 meetings, DURING WHICH THE MEMBERS DEFINED activities of the Committee.

2. Upon initiative of the Committee and in cooperation with the Center for Advocacy and Legal Studies, 5 events WERE HELD:

- The exhibition of artworks by lawyer of Odesa region Oleksiy Kurevin (opened on February 14, 2020).
- Off line exhibition of artworks by advocate Nataliya Dyadyk (spring 2020).
- Creative evening "Wonderland of the Palette and Words" (October 22, 2020).
- Exhibition of artworks "Colors of Soul" by advocate Anna Matsievskaya (autumn 2020).
- Creative evening "From the Depths of Ages - to the Magis of Souls" (December 17, 2020).

In addition, the Committee and the Center organized the First All-Ukrainian Poetry Competition "Advocate's Lyre".



3. PUBLICATIONS REFLECTING activities of the Committee.

An article was published in the section "Our Talents" in monthly "UNBA Committees" about the work of Nataliya Dyadyk, Ivanna Golub, Oleksandra Chernykh, Alya Wozniak (Abbasova).

The full report of the Committee oCommittee on Humanitarian Issues and Creative Initiatives available [here](#).



Report of UNBA Construction Law Committee



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1. Committee meetings: a total of 9 meetings were held to discuss issues related to Committee's activities.

2. On March 29, the Committee held roundtable discussion: "Construction Law of Ukraine: European future".

3. Committee representatives took part in:

- Interstate Consultants Engineers Guild (ICEG), dedicated to the topic: "Application of modern world-renowned practices in the implementation of infrastructure projects in Ukraine" (February 10, 2020).
- "URBAN FORUM 2020", organized by Kyiv National University of Building and Architecture (KNUBA), on-line using the Microsoft Teams platform (November 20, 2020).

4. Preparation of scientific publications (articles, comments, interviews), bulletins, focusing on Committee's specialty

- "Problematic issues in the field of construction (as of August 2020)".
- "Low-quality utilities and inflated tariffs: ways to solve problems".

5. The Committee work in the field of lawmaking

Committee Vice-Chair Oleg Kurchyn joined the working group of Verkhovna Rada Committee on the Organization of State Power, Local Self-Government, Regional Development and Urban Planning regarding the draft "On supply of construction products on the market" No.2698 from 28 December 2019.



REPORT OF UNBA COMMITTEE FOR TAX AND CUSTOMS LAW



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1. Committee meetings

2 working meetings, where Committee Members identified priority areas of activity: May 28, June 23.

2. Organization and holding of seminars, conferences, trainings and other UNBA events.

Activities carried out upon initiative and with the participation of Committee members, including:

- roundtable discussion on the topic: "Activity of tax militia financial investigation forces in Ukraine during the reform";
- Edgar Kaminsky's webinar for employees to increase the financial literacy of employees;
- Online discussion: "Classification of goods, violation of customs rules and post-audit: role and experience of Business Ombudsman Council (BOC)";
- "Current issues of business protection in the tax sphere: experience of BOC exemplified in 4 thousand complaints".
- meeting with representatives of the State Tax Service;
- Ukrainian-German online advocates' forum;
- Roundtable discussion on the topic: "Defense tactics for taxpayers in cases of tax/fee (mandatory payments) evasion";
- International Tax Congress "Management of Public Finances and Problems of Ensuring National Economic Security".

3. Preparation of scientific publications (articles, comments, interviews), bulletins, focusing on Committee's specialty Publications reflecting activities of the Committee.

The Committee Members prepared 53 publications, posted at UNBA, HSA, websites, other media:

- "Paying advocate in cash. What evidence can prove its receipt? "
- "Law on SSC: Cutting advocates some slack and more".
- "There will soon be a time when you will not be able to spend more than you officially earn."
- "As the legislator forgot about legal privilege in the Law on Financial Monitoring: analysis of legal consequences".
- "There will soon be a time when you will not be able to spend more than you officially earn."

4. Cooperation with UNBA Higher School of Advocacy.

8 training events held at the HSA: webinars, seminars, one-day and two-day training courses. The following topics have become popular among the legal community: "Tax compliance and forensics: Reboot", "Taxation before, during and after COVID-19", "Liability of advocates for violation of financial monitoring procedure" and "Personal income tax and private entrepreneurs. Tax Code of Ukraine - 2020 changes".

5. The Committee work in the field of lawmaking

The Committee supported the draft Law on Amendments to the Tax Code of Ukraine (to eliminate violations of the rights of self-employed persons) (reg. No. 2200-1 dated 16 October 2019).

The Committee Members prepared proposals for draft Law of Ukraine “On the Bureau of Economic Security of Ukraine” No.3087-д;;

The Committee Members also took part in a working group on the draft Law on Amendments to the Law of Ukraine “On Collection and Accounting of the Single Contribution towards Compulsory State Social Insurance” (on elimination of discrimination among payers) (reg. No. 2166 dated 20 September 2019)”

In addition, the Committee Chair became member of the Working Group on Regulatory and Legal Support in the Sphere of Financial Monitoring at the Ministry of Justice of Ukraine.



Report of UNBA Committee for the Protection of the Rights of Persons with Disabilities



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1. Committee meetings

3 online meetings, during which the Committee Members determined the priority areas of activity for 2020: April 7, March 27, August 28.

2. Held upon initiative of the Committee

3 free online webinars on "Three views on the Rules of Professional conduct or Peculiarities of Interaction of a Lawyer with Persons with Disabilities" and 2 events at UNBA Higher School of Advocacy on the topic "Professional Ethics with Persons with Disabilities".

3. Activities

The Committee Members took part in 29 events, in particular: the analysis of the election legislation, the legislation on the obligatory state pension insurance and pension provision, etc. carried out, and the corresponding offers and recommendations were given. Committee Members interacted with representatives of state and executive authorities to ensure the protection of the rights of persons with disabilities, with the judiciary in matters of access to justice for advocates - persons with disabilities.

4. Preparation of scientific publications in the field of activity of the Committee.

The Committee Members prepared 2 publications, posted at UNBA, HSA, websites, other media:

- "Employment of persons with disabilities: legislative guarantees and reality".
- "Peculiarities of employment of persons with disabilities. Duties and rights of the employer".



REPORT OF UNBA Military Law Committee



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The Committee on Coordination of Legal Aid to Participants in the Anti-Terrorist Operation, Members of Their Families and Displaced Persons established by order of UNBA/BCU President from October 25, 2014 No.175 and renamed into UNBA Military Law Committee by order of UNBA/BCU President from January 14, 2020.

The name was changed upon initiative of Committee Chair - Mariya Ostrovska. In addition to the formal reasons related to the completion of Anti-Terrorist Operation, introduction of Joint Force Operation and ways to resolve the armed conflict, the format of Committee's activities was therefore updated. Thus, new areas of Committee work will be expert advice on improving the system of military justice and relevant legislation, as well as the exchange of experience in the defending and representing military in criminal and other proceedings.

The Committee activities in 2020 focused on the participation of the Chair/ Members of the Committee in working groups/meetings and writing articles:

1. Participation in a working meeting of Ukrainian advocates with the international expert of the Council of Europe, CCBE member Jonathan Goldsmith, on the discussion of the Recommendations on compliance with the guarantees of advocacy in Ukraine in the light of European standards;
2. Participation in the working group on monitoring the observance of the rights and freedoms of convicted veterans and veterans taken in custody by the Ministry of Veterans' Affairs, Temporarily Occupied Territories and Internally Displaced Persons of Ukraine;
3. Participation in a panel discussion on the topic: "The right to social protection of persons with disabilities resulting from the military conflict in Donbass", organized jointly with the Committees on Family Law and the Protection of the Rights of Persons with Disabilities;

4. Upon invitation of the Military Law Enforcement Service and the Information Agency of the Ministry of Defense, "Army Inform", together with advocates from FLA Coordination Center, took part in a briefing on the legal intricacies of defense in war crimes cases;
5. The Chair of the Committee prepared scientific publications on the following topics: "Human rights protection is like a tango on the edge of abyss" and "Invaluable courage and the right to self-defense".



REPORT OF UNBA Energy Law Committee



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The purpose of the Committee's work is to promote improvement and alignment with international standards of regulations governing relations in the field of energy, participation in the formation of caselaw practice in this area, raising awareness of advocates about application of legislation in the relevant field of Committee's work, organization of public events with the involvement of industry experts and representatives of the legal community.

Since its inception, the Committee's activities have focused on the following areas:

1. Events pertaining to activity of Committee:

On 22 December 2020, the Committee, in cooperation with UNBA International Law Committee, held a round table: "The State against green energy investors: the emergence of disputes and prospects for their resolution".

2. Committee Members prepared 4 PUBLICATIONS:

- "The role and place of the National Commission for State Regulation of Energy and Utilities in the system of public authorities of Ukraine."
- "Legality and legitimacy of the NCSREU as necessary conditions for fair state regulation (Justice Regulation)".



REPORT OF UNBA COMMITTEE FOR INVESTMENT AND PRIVATIZATION



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The purpose of the Committee is to promote the development of investment and privatization law, improve the professional knowledge and practical skills of advocates in matters of professional legal support of investment activities and privatization.

THE MAIN TASKS OF THE COMMITTEE:

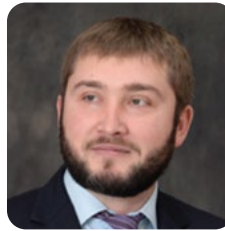
- creation of a platform for professional discussion of problematic aspects of lawmaking and law enforcement in the field of investment activities and privatization (both state and municipal property);
- exchange of experience and current trends in law enforcement between advocates and participants of investment and privatization relations;
- improving the professional knowledge and practical skills of advocates in matters of professional legal support of investment activities and privatization;
- systematic coverage and analysis of current changes in legislation and law enforcement practice in the areas of the Committee;
- preparation of proposals and comments on draft laws and bylaws in the areas of the Committee's activities;
- research of the state of development of investment and privatization legal relations, practice of law enforcement and preparation on their basis of methodical recommendations for advocates;
- interaction with the HSA on issues of professional development of advocates in the areas of activity of the Committee.

AN ACTION PLAN HAS BEEN APPROVED FOR:

Starting work of UNBA with: State Property Fund of Ukraine and its regional branches; UkraineInvest, Ukrainian Chamber of Commerce and Industry, the Cabinet of Ministers and the Ministry of Economic Development on the issue of state property lease; Heads of regional state administrations and mayors; National Investment Council under the President of Ukraine, the Office of Reforms of the Cabinet of Ministers.



REPORT OF UNBA Transport Law Committee



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In February 2020, the Committee on Transport Law was established by the order of UNBA/BCU President No.36. Advocate Andriy Lukyanenko was appointed as Chair of the Committee.

The Committee's work in 2020 was focused on such new directions as:

1. Committee meetings

A total of 8 working meetings were held to discuss issues related to the Committee's activities and rapid response to changes in the field of transport law.

1. PREPARATION OF SCIENTIFIC PUBLICATIONS (ARTICLES, COMMENTS, INTERVIEWS), BULLETINS, FOCUSING ON COMMITTEE'S SPECIALTY

- "Problems of Ukraine's implementation of the *acquis communautaire* in terms of weighing large vehicles".
- "The Court of Justice of the European Union as a way of judicial protection of Ukrainian transport companies in the EU".

2. HELD UPON INITIATIVE OF THE COMMITTEE:

Joint Roundtable with the UNBA Administrative Law and Procedure Committee about: "Peculiarities of Judicial Appeal Dimensional and Weight Control Results of Ukrtransbezpeka" (June 30).

Joint Roundtable with UNBA Administrative Law and Procedure Committee to discuss the inconsistency of the joint order of the Ministry of Infrastructure of Ukraine and the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Ukraine "On approval of the Procedure for interaction of the State Inspectorate of Ukraine for Land Transport Safety, Ministry of Internal Affairs of Ukraine, State Agency of Automobile Roads of Ukraine during organization and carrying out of on weighing and conduct of dimensional and weight vehicle control and other self-propelled machines and mechanisms on public roads" dated 10.12.2013 No.1007/1207 with requirements of regulatory legislation, 03 September;

Round table with UNBA Tax and Customs Law Committee about: "Lack of statute of limitations in Art. 467 of the Customs Code of Ukraine as a restriction of the Constitutional right of a person to be released from administrative liability "(November 30).



Report of UNBA Media and Advertising Law Committee



Chair of the Committee

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1. Events (round tables, conferences, forums, etc.) attended by Committee Members.

Members of the Committee participated in online trainings, webinars for advocates, round tables, election projects of the Council of Europe in Ukraine and the NGO "Human Rights Platform" holding a series of webinars in September – "The main thing about the local elections 2020" and other events.

2. Scientific publications (articles, comments, recommendations, etc.) published at UNBA HSA website, mass media:

— "Using advocate's letter of inquiry and an information request in a lawyer's daily activities."

— "Unfortunately, the problem of personal data protection is common to both politicians and ordinary citizens"

— "Access to public information for lawyers", lecturer - Tetiana Oleksiyuk (23 June).

— "The right to freedom of expression. International Standards", lecturer - Lyudmila Opryshko (July 6).



4. The Committee work in the field of Lawmaking

The Committee conducted a legal analysis of the draft Law on Amendments to the Law of Ukraine "On Access to Public Information" regarding the provision of answers to inquiries, reg. No. 3660 dated 15 June 2020.

5. Work on cooperation with NGOs, institutions, educational establishments etc.

Committee member Tetyana Oleksiyuk joined in the development of a series for managers on access to public information. This activity was carried out within the course of the Ministry of Digital Transformation of Ukraine, established with the support of the Parliamentary Commissioner for Human Rights, NACS and the project "Human Rights for Ukraine", implemented by UNDP in Ukraine and funded by the Danish Ministry of Foreign Affairs.



3. Number of events held at UNBA HSA

Towards professional development of advocates, Committee together with UNBA Higher School of Advocacy organized a webinar:

REPORT OF UNBA LABOR LAW COMMITTEE



Chair of the Committee

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In February 2020, the Committee on Labor Law was established by the order of UNBA/BCU President. Advocate Viktoriya Polishchuk was appointed Chair of the Committee, and Kateryna Tsvetkova was appointed Vice-Chair.

The Committee's work in 2020 was focused on such new directions as:

1. Committee meetings

a total of 4 meetings in online and offline formats, which discussed issues related to the activities of the Committee, as well as to discuss the most important novelties in the field of labor law.

2. HELD UPON INITIATIVE OF THE COMMITTEE:

- Labor Law Week in June;
- Committee members took part in panel online discussion: "Dismissal of employees due to redundancies", June 4;
- Roundtable discussion on the topic: "State Labor Service as an "arbiter" in a labor dispute on the complaints of employees," November 25.

3. EVENTS HELD IN COOPERATION OF COMMITTEE MEMBER WITH UNBA HIGHER SCHOOL OF ADVOCACY:

4 webinars, seminar "Documentation of labor relations" and 5 training courses: "All about the termination of employment contracts", "Day of protection of the rights of the employer", "All about the termination of employment contracts", "State Labor Inspections", "Corporate conflicts with officials".

4. COMMITTEE MEMBERS TOOK PART IN THE FOLLOWING EVENTS:

Hearing of Verkhovna Rada Committee on Social Policy and Protection of Veterans' Rights about: "On state policy in the field of labor relations regulation."

Roundtable discussion on the topic: "Environmental and

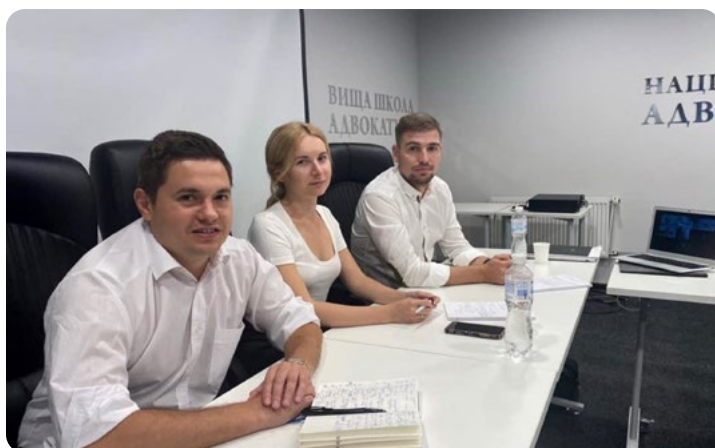
social risks in Ukraine: evaluation and forecasting criteria".

Online discussion: "Legal problems of state environmental and social security".

Online discussion in the format of a conference on the topic: "Social and environmental security: search for a symmetrical model of legal regulation in the conditions of sustainable development".

5. PREPARATION OF SCIENTIFIC PUBLICATIONS (ARTICLES, COMMENTS, INTERVIEWS), IN THE FIELD OF COMMITTEE'S SPECIALTY:

- "Is a change in the company's work schedule identical to a change in the work schedule of employees?".
- "Dismissal during quarantine".



- "Expert negotiations in labor disputes".
- "Development of mediation in the CIS countries".
- "Quarantine extended: what to do next with labor issues? "
- "Outstaffing and non-reality of business transactions: what does the case law say about this? "

- "Persons responsible for the preservation of personal data of employees."
- "5 tips when addressing the People's Deputy of Ukraine".
- "Trade secret in LLC".
- "The latest case law of the Supreme Court on dismissal from public service".
- "Dismissal and non-payment of wages: can employer use force majeure to his advantage?"
- "The case law of the Supreme Court on suspending".
- "Dismissal of patronage service employees".
- "Early termination of powers of people's deputies that committed corruption offenses".
- "Appeal of possible dismissal".
- "Organization of the personnel department or HR specialists".
- "Confidentiality of the mediation process in labor disputes".
- "The concept of hidden employment".
- "Dismissal of police officers due to misconduct based on the results of certification".
- "Legal Opinion of the Supreme Court on the dismissal of an employee for absenteeism".
- "Legal Opinion of the Supreme Court on the Preemptive Right to Employment".
- "Features of dismissal for committing offense against morality: analysis of Supreme Court practice".
- "The position of the Supreme Court on the dismissal of pregnant women in connection with the expiration of the employment contract".
- "Confidentiality of mediation in commercial disputes as an advantage over other out-of-court dispute resolution methods".
- "Problematic aspects of the dismissal of pregnant women in connection with the expiration of their employment contract."
- "Appeal against dismissal by agreement of the parties: building a legal position in the case taking into account the practice of the Supreme Court".
- "Problems of compensation for non-pecuniary damage to the employee."
- "An employee died due to an accident at work: what are the consequences for the employer?"



- "Dismissal for a single gross violation: analysis of court practice".
- "Recovery of losses from the manager of enterprise, practical aspects".
- "Outstaffing as an opportunity for the employer to optimize labor relations".
- "The case law of Supreme Court on the jurisdiction of disputes in the field of labor relations and public service".
- "Employment contract or civil law agreement: advantages, disadvantages, risks for the employer".
- "Analysis of the peculiarities of dismissal of an employee at his own request and by agreement of the parties through the prism of the case law of the Supreme Court".
- "Unemployed lawyer, is it possible?"
- "Contradictory legal conclusions of the Supreme Court on the calculation of average earnings during forced absence".
- "Judicial prospect of reinstatement of civil servants after their dismissal during changes in the organization of production and labor".
- "Procedure and terms of imposing fines by the State Labor Service".
- "What you need to know about working at home during quarantine".
- "Remote work is a step forward for business".
- "Terms of imposition of fine by the State Labor Service".
- "Changes in the Labor Code. Rules of work in times of quarantine".
- "New challenges in labor relations: remote work, flexible working conditions".
- "TOP-5 options for registration of labor relations during quarantine".

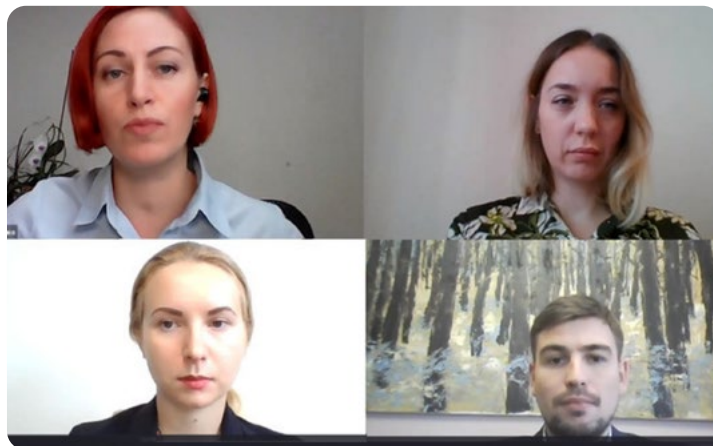
- "Review of the latest changes in labor legislation during quarantine."
- "A giant IT bug".
- In addition, the members of the Committee in 2020 prepared 2 case law digests:
- "Caselaw digest for the first half year".
- "Caselaw digest for the second half year".

6. The Committee work in the field of Lawmaking

During the year, Committee members drafted more than 10 bills, including:

- draft law "On Amendments to Certain Legislative Acts of Ukraine Concerning the Accounting of Employee Activity in Electronic Form" No. 3623;
- draft law "On Amendments to the Law of Ukraine "On Employment" to Stimulate the Creation of New Jobs by Small Business Entities" No.4266;
- draft law "On Amendments to the Law of Ukraine
- "On Compulsory State Pension Insurance" to increase the amount of pensions for persons that worked in collective farms, agricultural cooperatives, farms and agricultural enterprises (organizations)"
- No.4282;
- draft law "On Amendments to Article 13 of the Law of Ukraine" On Social Services" to Increase Compensation to Individuals Providing Social Care Services" No.4283;
- draft law "On Amendments to the Code of Ukraine on Administrative Offenses to Combat Mobbing" No. 4306;
- draft law "On Amendments to Article 64 of the Budget Code of Ukraine Concerning the Procedure for Crediting Personal Income Tax in Connection with the Completion of Decentralization Reform" No.4370;
- draft law "Introduction of amendments to the Law of Ukraine" On Pension Insurance" to bring the terms of the law in line with the terms used in the legislation on rehabilitation of victims of repression" No.4480 and others.

More detailed information on the Committee's activities can be found in [the Committee's Bulletin](#).



Report of UNBA Commercial Law and Procedure Committee



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1. Committee meetings

a total of 3 meetings online and offline, which discussed issues related to the activities of the Committee, as well as the most important novelties in the field of labor law.

2. Held upon initiative of the Committee:

- Working Zoom-conference discussing proposals and comments on the feasibility of adopting the draft Law "On Amendments to the Commercial Procedural Code of Ukraine on jurisdiction of disputes arising in the field of land relations and real estate disputes" No. 3296 dated 31 March 2020.
- Round table on the issue of reforming the Commercial Code of Ukraine to bring it in line with the Civil Code of Ukraine, as well as other legislation: "Draft law No.4164 is a systematic step in streamlining economic and civil legislation".

3. Committee Members took part in the following events:

Committee Member Oleksandr Chernykh:

- took part in a meeting of UNBA working group on e-justice, where he serves as a member, with representatives of the State Judicial Administration of Ukraine (the subject matter of discussion was UCITS Electronic Court).
- held a series of webinars on: "Commercial litigation in cases of restoring the solvency of individuals. Bankruptcy of individuals";
- took part in a webinar on: "Restoring the solvency of individuals - benefits and pitfalls", organized by the EU project "Pravo-Justice" and Commercial Courts of Donetsk and Lugansk regions.

4. Preparation of scientific publications (articles, comments, interviews), in the field of Committee's specialty.

"Transfer of land disputes to the jurisdiction of commercial courts: a real need or a battle for competence?"

Committee Member Oleksandr Chernykh co-authored METHODOLOGICAL RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE RESTORATION OF INDIVIDUAL'S SOLVENCY, commissioned by the Ministry of Justice, the National Association of Arbitration Receivers, the EU Pravo-Justice project and the teams of Pravova Konstanta Law Firm, Koordinata NGO for the Coordination Centre for Legal Aid Provision of the Ministry of Justice.

Authors: Olena Belyanevych, Oleh Pidtserkovny, Olga Bakalinska, Lyubov Lukashuk, Porzhytsky Marek, Oleksandr Chernykh.



5. Participation of the Committee in the formation of unified judicial practice and law drafting.

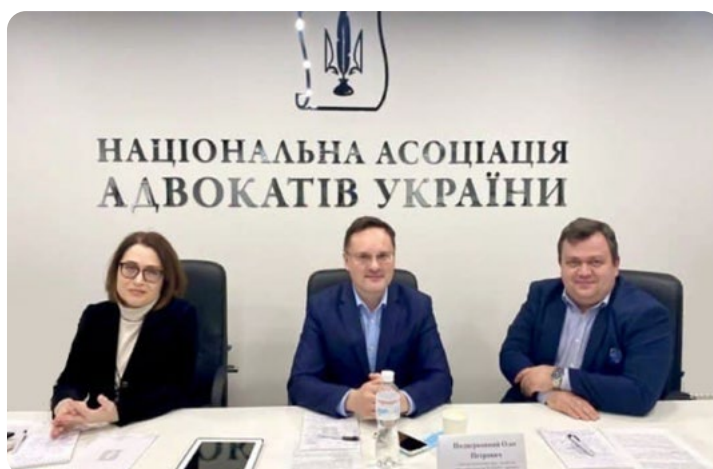
In February, Members of the Committee initiated a discussion of some aspects of judicial practice in tax disputes. The latter concerned the decision of the Administrative Court of Cassation of Supreme Court from 24 February 2020 in case No.140/388/19 on the transfer to the Chamber of the issue of derogation from the legal position of the Administrative Court of Cassation of the



Supreme Court, contained in decision of 3 December 2019 in the case No.1440/1965/18;

In December, the Committee conducted a legal analysis of the draft law “On Payment Services” (Reg. No.4364 of 12 November 2020) aimed at the implementation of Directive 2015/2366 of the European Parliament and the Council from 25 November 2015 “On payment services in the internal market” (PSD2) and Directive (EU) 2009/110/ EU of 16.09.2009 “On the establishment, implementation and prudential supervision of institutions operating with electronic money”.

Based on the results of the legal analysis, a number of remarks and proposals were prepared for the draft No.3637 “On Virtual Assets” in accordance with the current legislation, Committee Member Oleksandr Chernykh co-authored the draft No.4398 “On Amendments to Certain Legislative Acts of Ukraine Concerning the Restructuring of Liabilities for Foreign Currency Loans and Adaptation of Insolvency Procedures of Individuals”.



Report of UNBA Administrative Law and Procedure Committee



Chair of the Committee

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1. Upon initiative of Committee, the FOLLOWING measures were taken DURING 2020:

- The Committee together with the Center for Research of Administrative Justice Problems of Kyiv Regional Center of the National Academy of Pedagogical Sciences of Ukraine organized and held a Round Table on the topic: "Peculiarities of Consideration of Administrative Cases Concerning Public Service" (June 19).
- UNBA Administrative Law and Procedure Committee together with UNBA Transport Law Committee and in cooperation with the Center for the Study of Administrative Justice Problems of the KRC of NALS of Ukraine held a Round Table on the topic: "Peculiarities of Judicial Appeal Dimensional and Weight Control Results" (June 30).
- On December 4, 2020, upon initiative of Committee on Administrative Law and Procedure and the Committee on Customs and Tax Law, an expert Round Table was held at UNBA on the topic: "Defense tactics for taxpayers in cases of tax/fee (mandatory payments) evasion (4 December).

2. Events (round tables, conferences, forums, etc.) attended by Committee Members.

On June 4, the Chair of Committee Yuriy Bauman and Vice-Chair of the Committee Olena Dzhaburiya took part in the Round Table on the topic: "Opening the land market and changing the jurisdiction of land disputes."

On September 11, 2020, Vice-Chair of Committee Olena Dzhaburiya took part in a working meeting on the topic: "Electronic Court". Alternative means of communication with the court", held on the premises of Territorial Office of the State Judicial Administration of Ukraine in Odessa region.

3. Committee Members PUBLISHED ARTICLES:

"It is categorically inadmissible to test the rule of law on human destinies".

"The grounds for the entry of organizational forms of advocacy into state financial monitoring relationship: problematic aspects".



4. Events held in cooperation with UNBA HSA.

Towards professional development of advocates, Committee together with UNBA Higher School of Advocacy organized a series of webinars: webinar "Defense tactics for business protection by advocate against regulatory authorities", seminar "Mechanisms for protection of civil servant's rights" and training course "Business Advocate" (May 30–31, November 26).

5. Participation of UNBA Committee Members in working groups/parliamentary hearings, etc.

Representatives of the Committee took part in meetings of UNBA Working Group on the introduction of E-Justice in Ukraine, Verkhovna Rada Committee on Organization

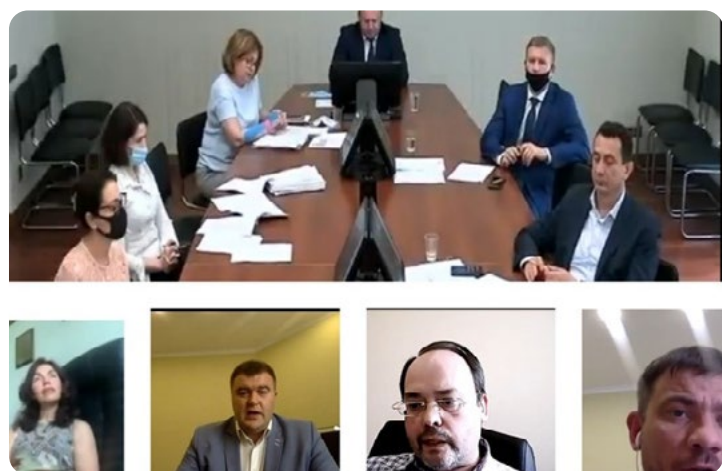


of State Power, local self-government, Working group preparing the second reading of draft Law of Ukraine "On Amendments to Certain Legislative Acts of Ukraine on Optimizing the Network and Functioning of Administrative Service Centers and Improving Access to Administrative Services Provided in Electronic Form" (Reg. No. 2679 dated 26 December 2019).

6. The Committee work in the field of Lawmaking.

In June, the Committee prepared comments and proposals to draft Law of Ukraine "On Administrative Procedure" (Reg. No. 3475 dated 14.05.2020), which were sent to the relevant Committee of Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine.

In December, the Committee, in cooperation with Family Law and Labor Law Committees, conducted legal analysis of the draft law "On Amendments to the Code of Ukraine on Administrative Offenses to Combat Mobbing" (Reg. No. 4306 dated 23.10.2019).



Report of UNBA Mediation Committee



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1. Organization and Holding of Forums and Conferences.

1.1. Activities carried out upon initiative and with the participation of Committee members, including:

- International forum on: "Alternative Dispute Resolution in the Context of International Experience and the Draft Law on Mediation together with the Association of Mediators of Georgia, Pravo-Justice and the All-Ukrainian Association of Administrative Judges;
- Online discussion: "Why should advocate mediate?"

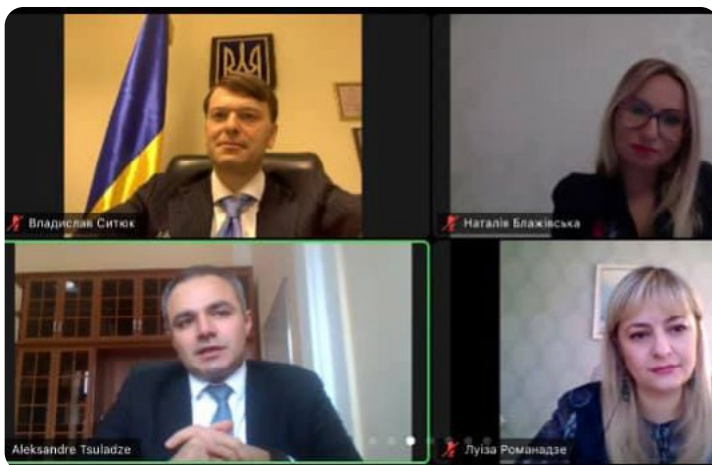


Participation of Committee members in the meetings of Verkhovna Rada Committee to discuss draft laws No. 3045-1, 3411, 3460 and 3504 concerning the organization and activities of arbitration courts to restore confidence in arbitration, as well as the main alternative ways of resolving disputes at the judicial stage of proceedings, in particular, settlement of disputes with a judge and mediation.

2. Under the Leadership of UNBA/BCU President, Members of Committee:

Work was carried out to analyze the Draft Law on Mediation. Amendments to the draft law were prepared and submitted to Verkhovna Rada Committee on Legal Policy and Justice on behalf of UNBA.

Prepared appeal to the Chair of Verkhovna Rada Committee on Legal Policy and Justice regarding protection of UNBA interests during adoption of the draft law "On Mediation" submitted in connection with the attempts of notaries to take over some of the functions of advocates. The appeal noted UNBA's position on enshrining in law the right to train advocates as mediators, because, unlike notaries, advocates are constantly faced with dispute resolution procedures.



REPORT OF UNBA COMMITTEE ON FREE LEGAL AID



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1. Committee meetings

a total of 2 online and offline meetings to discuss issues related to the Committee's activities were held. In addition, the discussions concerned ensuring the proper custody of persons in places of pre-trial detention and serving sentences and the compliance of the actions of advocate Artem Petomets with current legislation governing the provision of free legal aid during the execution of defense through appointment from 18 August 2019. No.05-0004169.

2. Event participation:

Oleksandr Drozdov, Chair of UNBA FLA Committee, took part in the International Conference "The Place and Role of Advocacy in the Law Enforcement System" held in Minsk. Together with colleagues from four countries (Belarus, Russia, Ukraine and Germany) on February 27, they discussed the most pressing issues of advocacy development.

The Committee Chair took part in the work of BCU working group clarifying application of the legal ban to identify an advocate with a client. The explanation touches upon Article 23 of the Law of Ukraine "On the Bar and Practice of Law", as well as provisions of the relevant law, which guarantee legal privilege and confidentiality of communication between advocate and client.

Chair of UNBA FLA Committee, advocate Oleksandr Drozdov, joined the Working Group established by the Bar Council of Ukraine to clarify the provisions of Article 23 of the Law of Ukraine "On the Bar and Practice of Law" on the prohibition of identifying an advocate with a client. The precondition for the establishment of the Working Group were the mass complaints of advocates about the pressure from the judges of Higher Anti-Corruption Court in high-profile cases.

On November 11, Oleksandr Drozdov, Chair of UNBA FLA Committee, took part in the parliamentary hearings of Verkhovna Rada Committee on Legal Policy: "Problematic enforcement of European Court of Human Rights".

During the second event within the national discussion: "Access to justice: realities and prospects". On November 30, Chair of UNBA FLA Committee Oleksandr Drozdov

emphasized that the instability of the national legislation regulating judiciary poses a threat to administration of justice in Ukraine.

3 . The Committee work in the field of Lawmaking

Committee Chair Oleksandr Drozdov commented:

- draft law "On Amendments to Certain Legislative Acts Aimed at Providing Additional Social and Economic Guarantees in Connection with the Spread of Coronavirus Disease (COVID-2019)" No.3275.
- draft law "On Amendments to Chapter 11 "Transitional Provisions" of the Criminal Procedure Code of Ukraine regarding peculiarities of judicial control over the observance of the rights, freedoms and interests of persons in criminal proceedings and consideration of certain issues during court proceedings in times of quarantine established by the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine to prevent the spread of Coronavirus disease (COVID-19)" No.3276.

UNBA HIGHER SCHOOL OF Advocacy in 2020



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In 2018, the new and improved UNBA Higher School of Advocacy launched, in 2019 the Bar Council of Ukraine adopted decision on February 14, 2019 No.20 on approval of the new version of the "CLE Procedure for advocates of Ukraine". The specified document determined, that the overall organization of the process of Continuing Legal Education 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, regional Qualification and Disciplinary Commission of the Bar and third-party CLE operators accredited by the administrator.

ADMINISTRATOR OF CLE OF advocates OF Ukraine - UNBA HSA

In accordance with paragraph 33 of Section III of the CLE Procedure, on April 1, 2019, the Center for Accreditation, Accounting and Control of Advocates' CLE was established, in short - "UNBA Accreditation Center". President of Ukrainian National Bar Association Lidiya Izovitova approved the Procedure of Accreditation and Certification, which set the conditions and requirements for the organization of the continuing legal education process for advocates of Ukraine.



UNBA Higher School of Advocacy, since the adoption of the new Procedure on July 1, 2019, fulfilled the requirements for organization of online platform, allowing CLE operators under uniform and transparent standards organize events for professional development of advocates. In 2020, the UNBA Accreditation Center processed 187,574 applications from advocates willing to



participate in CLE, accrued 439,151 CLE points, replied to 133,587 e-mails and 50,291 telephone calls. In accordance with the wished and recommendations received by the UNBA HSA Accreditation Center, the online platform get constantly improved and new functionality added. Thus, 2020 objective of launching a mobile application was accomplished — now advocate's CLE cabinet available for smartphones and desktop computers.

Administrator of CLE of advocates of Ukraine - UNBA HSA

In accordance with ss. 11 of the CLE Procedure, UNBA Higher School of Advocacy acts as an operator of continuing Legal Education for advocates. Thus, in 2020 the UNBA Higher School of Advocates held over 32% of the total number of CLE events in Ukraine and submitted an application to the administrator for accrual of 38,204 CLE points. The total number of UNBA events was 840. During 2020, the practice of applying knowledge transfer to advocates through webinars and online broadcasts was improved, which greatly simplified access for advocates from the regions to the curricula of UNBA Higher School of Advocacy during quarantine restrictions.

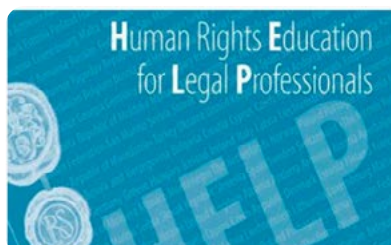
The UNBA teaching staff has increased from 89 in 2019 to 287 teachers in 2020, which has significantly expanded the choice of topics and specializations for advocates. Also, lecturers had been writing expert articles and commentaries on caselaw and legal practice issues. The UNBA team in 2021 plans to conduct 2 "trainings for trainers", teaching skills, abilities and knowledge that each lecturer needs, such as public speaking, working with the audience using online tools.

The gender balance in the School is maintained: UNBA teaching staff is 49.8% men and 50.2% women.

In 2020, the implementation of the joint program of the UNBA Higher School of Advocacy and UNBA Committee on Medical and Pharmaceutical Law and Bioethics was continued within the framework of the Council of Europe project "Strengthening the Implementation of European Human Rights Standards in Ukraine". Thus, online course of the Council of Europe HELP program "Basic principles of Human Rights Protection in the field of Biomedicine". Thus, 558 advocates passed the program this year.

During the year, Higher School of Advocacy expanded its partnership with other educational institutions. Two memoranda were signed: with the Training Center of Prosecutors of Ukraine and the Faculty of Law of the National University "Kyiv-Mohyla Academy". Within the framework of Memoranda, joint programs and events are planned, as well as deepening cooperation and exchange of experience.

In August 2020, three specialized Centers were opened within the Higher School of Advocacy, such as: Child's Advocate Center, UNBA Medical Law Center, Alternative Dispute



Онлайн курси

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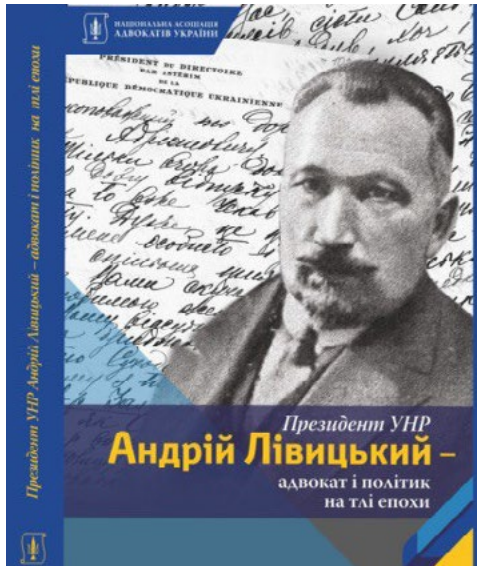


Resolution Center (ADR Center). These centers were established to deepen specialization, expand opportunities for advocates in highly specialized areas, protect the rights of certain categories of the population and, and improve communication between government agencies and the Bar.

UNBA team has significantly increased its presence on social networks, so the audience on Facebook has increased several times, significantly increased the number of subscribers of Telegram channel, where advocates receive information about accredited events, on Instagram the audience grew to 4.5 thousand followers, and more than a thousand advocates subscribed to the YouTube channel. Also, a series of research exercises scheduled for 2021, studying issues of CLE process organization, and with specialization in training and searching of the criteria of efficiency of the legal practice.



2020 Report of UNBA Scientific and Methodological Center for Advocacy and Legal Studies



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I. SCIENTIFIC WORK:

1) PUBLICATION OF BOOKS:

1. Faizulin Y. President of the Ukrainian People's Republic Andriy Livytsky: lawyer and politician against the background of the era / Yaroslav Faizulin: Monograph. – Series "Advocates-Presidents", Vol.1. – K.: KBIU, 2020. – 384 p.

The book covers the life, political preferences, advocacy, state and socio-political activities of a prominent statesman and politician, President of the Ukrainian People's Republic Andriy Livytsky. This monograph is the first professional thorough study of all spheres of the lawyer's activity, his contribution to the Ukrainian national revival, state building, proclamation and preservation of the Ukrainian Statehood.

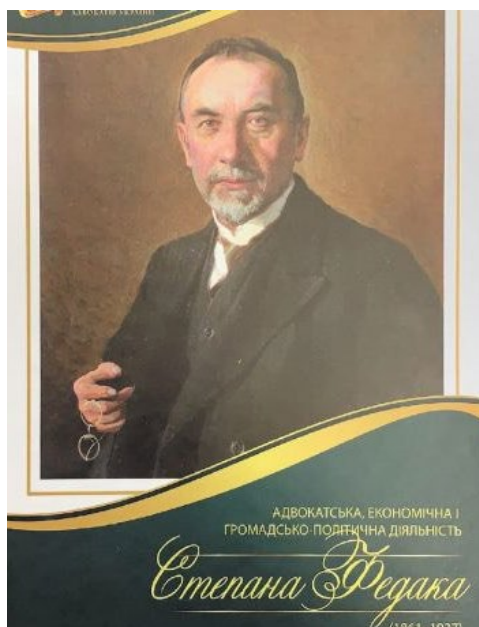
The book uses numerous archival materials, including documents of the Soviet secret services, which were not available in previous years. The publication is designed for a wide range of readers – advocates, jurists, scholars, teachers, students, all who are interested in the history of Ukraine in general and the history of Ukrainian law in particular.



2. Savchuk B. Advocacy, economic and socio-political activity of Stepan Fedak (1861 – 1937) / Bohdan Savchuk: Monograph. – Series "Lawyer's biography", Vol. 4. – Lviv: "Manuscript", 2020. – 304 p

This publication is the first in Ukrainian historiography comprehensive study of the biography and spheres of activity of Stepan Ivanovych Fedak – Ukrainian lawyer, public figure, founder and head of national economic and humanitarian organizations in Ukraine.

The monograph highlights the features of the lawyer's practice, areas of work of the office, activities in the management of the insurance company "Dniester". Considerable attention is paid to the disclosure of the role of S. Fedak in the socio-political processes in Ukraine in the late 19th century through 1920s. his contribution to the national cultural and educational life of the region. The publication targets advocates, jurists, scientists, local historians, teachers, students, as well as a wide range of readers interested in the recent history of Ukraine and the history of the Bar.



2) PUBLICATION OF POPULAR SCIENCE PRODUCTS:

Issue of UNBA illustrated wall calendar for 2021 "Advocates-patrons in the history of Ukraine".

The calendar opens with new names of patrons that made significant contribution to the development of the legal profession and the history of philanthropy.

The pages of the publication present advocates-founders of churches, builders of public buildings, schools, hospitals, shelters, theaters, cultural and artistic centers.

The Calendar reveals the role of patrons in the establishment, financing and legal support of leading scientific, economic, educational and public institutions, as well as the establishment of charitable organizations for the law firm to assist and support advocates.



3) SCIENTIFIC BOOK DEVELOPMENT:

In the development there are 5 books on history of advocacy.

4) SCIENTIFIC EVENTS:

1. Co-organization of International Scientific Conference "Ukraine in the context of modern challenges and threats"

October 8, 2020 in conjunction with Taras Shevchenko National University of Kyiv. Separate section organized by the Center for Advocacy and Legal Studies and UNBA Higher School of Advocacy "Legal Aspects in Conference participants were representatives of Scientific and Methodological Center for Advocacy and Legal Studies and UNBA Higher School of Advocacy;

1. Iryna Vasylyk (Kyiv, Ukraine) Diaspora Advocates: directions and prospects of research.
2. Basara-Tilishchak Galyna (Kyiv, Ukraine) Unknown world of lawyer Mykhailo Zakhidnyi of Ukrainian revolution times (1917–1918).
3. Lugova Olena (Berezhany, Ukraine) Advocacy of Berezhany in 1919–1939
4. Lugovyi Bogdan . (Berezhany, Ukraine) Advocates and jurists in the rise of military formations in Western Ukraine 1914–1919.
5. Polishchuk Victoria (Kyiv, Ukraine) Activities of a lawyer in mediation in commercial disputes.
6. Tryboy Oleg (Kyiv, Ukraine) Problems of hidden conflicts and ways to solve them.
7. Sheremeta Oksana (Kyiv, Ukraine) Decommunization of research of the history of philosophy of Ukraine: O. M. Konrad and his critique of the socialist-communist mentality
8. Shkoda Tatiana (Kyiv, Ukraine) Social liability of lawyer in the context of modern challenges of civil society development in Ukraine.



2. Participation of Vasylyk I. in the round table

"Ukrainian elite in historical retrospect" on June 25, 2020, on the basis of Kamyanets-Podilsky State Historical Museum Reserve. Presentation topic: "Advocate elite of medieval and early modern Ukraine".

3. Vasylyk I. B. participated in the International Scientific Conference "8th Interdisciplinary Humanitarian Readings", held on November, 21, 2020,

at Kyiv House of Scientists of NAS of Ukraine. Topic of speech "The phenomenon of the social role of the Bar in the history of Ukraine: directions, assessments, prospects of study".

4. Participation Vasylyk I.B. in the work of the II International scientific-practical conference

"Advocacy of Ukraine: current state and prospects of development", December 17, 2020, organized by Department of Advocacy of Yaroslav Mudryi National Law University, M.. Kharkiv City: Presentation topic: "Rules of Advocate's Professional Conduct and Disciplinary Liability of Advocates in the Imperial Period."

5) PUBLISHED ARTICLES, SCIENTIFIC APPROBATION:

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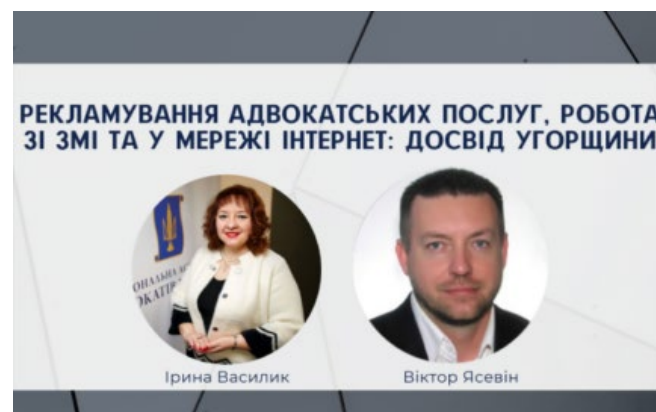
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11. Filimonikhin V.. Lawyer Marko Vilensky: fate cut short in Bykivnia // Bulletin of Ukrainian National Bar Association. №. 9 (66) September 2020. – P. 60 – 61.
12. Vasylyk I., Faizulin Y. Andriy Livytskyi – lawyer, President of Ukrainian People's Republic // Bulletin of Ukrainian National Bar Association. №. 9 (66) September 2020. – P. 61 – 64.
13. Basara-Tylishchak G. Unrealized Constitutions of Ukraine: constitutional projects of the WUPR and UPR and their creators – Doctor of Law, Lawyer Stanislav Dnistriansky and Lawyer Otto Eichelman // Bulletin of Ukrainian National Bar Association, №. 10 (67) October 2020. – P.62 – 64.
14. Vasylyk i., Basara-Tylishchak G. Stanislav Dnistriansky: scientist-lawyer, doctor of law, politician // Bulletin of Ukrainian National Bar Association, №.11 (68) November 2020. – P. 60 – 64.
15. Vasylyk i., Basara-Tylishchak G. Lawyer Petro Klymovych – builder of Odessa and Ukraine (to the 165th anniversary of his birth) // Bulletin of Ukrainian National Bar Association, №.12 (69) December 2020. – P. 59 – 61.
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II. Methodical work:

Opening of advocacy history classrooms and auditoriums honoring advocates at regional higher educational establishments

1. The Cabinet-Museum of Advocacy History of Vinnytsia Region opened at the Faculty of Law of Vasyl Stus Donetsk National University (March 2020)
2. Stands were prepared for the opening of cabinet-museums of advocacy history at the Western Ukrainian National University (Ternopil City) and Chortkiv Educational and Scientific Institute of Entrepreneurship and Business of WUNU (Chortkiv City).

III. Educational projects:

1. Vasylyk I. B. participated (March 2, 2020) in the program "Good Conversation" on the platform "Voskresinnya. Live Radio" (Kyiv City). Topic: "From the history of the Ukrainian Bar. The book-album about advertising and business cards of advocates in XIX-XX centuries. and "Advocates-writers - calendar for 2020"
2. Presentation of the all-Ukrainian traveling exhibition "Advocates in Ukrainian statehood" for advocates and students in Vinnytsia during the opening of the Cabinet-Museum of History of Vinnytsia (based on the Faculty of Law of Vasyl Stus Donetsk National University, March 2020);
3. There were 3 free webinars on the history of advocacy for advocates (in cooperation with the Higher School of Advocacy and the Bar Council of Lviv City) about the following topics:
 - "The Institution of Advocacy in Ukraine: formation, traditions, personality";
 - "Rules of Professional Conduct in historical retrospect";
4. Patronage of Rakovets Borys Kozubsky High School providing the school with legal and historical - legal literature.
5. Filling the page of the project "History of advocacy of Ukraine" in Facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/history.advocacy.ukraine>



IV. ART PROJECTS AND POPULARIZATION ACTIVITIES

1. Presentation of "Advocates-writers - calendar for 2020" by the Head of the Center for Advocacy and Legal Studies Studies I.B. Vasylyk at the meeting of the Bar Council of Ukraine on February 14, 2020..
2. On July 14, 2020, an exhibition of works of art by lawyer Natalia Dyadyk (Kyiv); popularization of creativity of modern advocates on the page of the Project "History of Advocacy of Ukraine":
<https://www.facebook.com/history.advocacy.ukraine>
3. The Head of UNBA Scientific and Methodological Center for Advocacy and Legal Studies presented 2020 publications: UNBA calendar for 2021 "Advocates-patrons in the history of Ukraine", the book "Advocacy, economic and socio-political activity of Stepan Fedak (1861-1937)" and the monograph "WUPR President Andriy Livytsky - lawyer and politician against the background of the era", December 17, 2020 at UNBA



In cooperation with UNBA Committee on Humanitarian Issues and Creative Initiatives, the FOLLOWING ART PROJECTS HAVE BEEN IMPLEMENTED:

1. Within the **framework of the art project "Advocacy Art"**, under the patronage of UNBA/BCU President Lidiya Izovitova held 2 exhibitions of art by modern advocates:
 - On February 14, 2020, an **exhibition of artworks "Reincarnation"** by advocate Oleksiy Kurevin was opened. (Odesa City). The exhibition held at UNBA until March 15, 2020;
 - On October 22, 2020, **an exhibition of artworks "Colors of the Soul"** by advocate Anna Matsievska . (Lviv City). The exhibition has been held at UNBA for a month.
2. A poetry contest was held among advocates **"Advocate's lyre"**.
3. Held 2 creative evenings (as part of a poetry competition):



- **Creative evening "Wonderland of the palette and words"**, October 22, 2020 At the evening there was a presentation of the books "Coffee with honey" and "My shore" by advocate and writer from Kyiv Oleksandr Chernykh

- **The creative evening "From the depths of the ages to the magic of the soul"** took place on December 17, 2020 with the participation of UNBA/BCU President Lidiya Izovitova, during which the winners of the "Lawyer's Lyre" Competition were awarded.



V. PARTICIPATION IN THE PROJECT "THE HISTORY OF ADVOCACY OF UKRAINE" IN GRANT PROGRAMS

Participant of UNBA Project History of Advocacy of Ukraine implemented by the Center for Advocacy and Legal Studies, Svitlana Potapenko Senior Research Fellow of the M.S. Grushevsky Institute of . M. Archaeography . and Source Studies of NAS of Ukraine undertook traineeship in City of (Romania) under a grant from the Gerda Henkel Foundation (The Gerda Henkel Fellowship Program).

Project topic: "Lawyers in Sloboda Ukraine (1730s 1830s)."

As part of the project, the author took part in a number of international academic events to test the preliminary results of the study. Speeches and discussions were organized using modern means of remote work.

In particular, on June 29, 2020. Archaeography . Potapenko made a report in English "Instead of myself, I entrust to be in court and to attend...": advocates in

eighteenth-century Sloboda Ukraine" at the online seminar of invited researchers of the College of New Europe (Bucharest, Romania) as a fellow of the Gerda Henkel Foundation in this academic institution. The seminar was attended by about thirty scientists, specialists in various fields of humanities and social sciences, representing Albania, Belarus, Armenia, Italy, Moldova, Germany, Romania, Turkey, Hungary, Ukraine, France and Montenegro.

The meeting was moderated by the research coordinator of the College of New Europe Anka Oroveanu.



"Instead of Myself, I Entrust to Be in the Court and to Attend...": Advocates in Eighteenth-Century Sloboda Ukraine

Svitlana Potapenko



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 including financial stats about activities of all the bodies of Bar self-government.

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 activities of advocacy, publicly explains the position of professional community on judicial reform, recent changes in legislation, protection of citizens' rights.

UNBA Department of Communications provides operative comments from the leading advocates on a wide range of legal issues for TV channels, printed and online media, radio.

In cooperation with the most authoritative legal media, UNBA publishes articles and organizes interviews concerning subjects which are of professional interest for legal practitioners, scholars, law students alike.





Вадим Красник: «НААУ буде працювати, а всі перешкоди й

«НААУ буде працювати, а всі перешкоди й обмеження — лише тимчасові незручності»

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Національна асоціація адвокатів України пройшла через низку випробувань у 2020 році. Це і пандемія, і реформування законодавства та судової системи, і порушення прав адвокатів. Та все ж є досягнення, якими можна пишатися, та плани. Саме про це в бліцінтерв'ю «ЗБ» розповів керівник секретаріату НААУ, РАУ Вадим КРАСНИК.

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Bitcoin в законі
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У 2012 році НААУ розпочала свою роботу у якості органу самоврядування разом із прийняттям закону «Про адвокатуру та адвокатську діяльність». У цей день адвокати зібрались на чергове, вже 73-тє засідання Ради адвокатів України, щоправда без урочистостей – онлайн, передає кореспондент «Закон і Бізнес».

За час свого існування, РАУ прийнято 1740 рішень.

Голова НААУ, РАУ Лідія Ізювітова привітала адвокатів та висловила сподівання, що наступні роки діяльності НААУ будуть такими ж плідними як і попередні.

UNBA OFFICIAL WEBSITE

The structure of UNBA official site allows to place operative information about organization's activities in an easy-to-read and searchable presentation.

In 2020, 568,355 users visited UNBA Internet portal, the average per day is 4,500 users. The largest number of users were from Ukraine (84.6%)

Also, people from the United States (7.3 %), Russia – (0.37 %). In total, during this period, the pages of UNBA website were viewed 3,776 times, unique views – 2,981.

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. **In 2020, the site published 925 news and 185 other publications.**

The site contains electronic versions of thematic and annual reports of UNBA, methodological manuals and books, UNBA Bulletin, photos and videos. UNBA.

Given that UNBA has international partners, Department of Communications supports the English version of the website as well.

The website also contains the Unified Register of Advocates of Ukraine (URAU). The portal has the status of the official electronic resource for obtaining information from the Registry.



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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 legal practice issues (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. The Bulletin is published once per month.



Links to the "UNBA Bulletin" at UNBA website:

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OFFICIAL FaceBOOK page

The UNBA page on Facebook is continuously filled with current news. In 2020, UNBA Facebook page received 33 625 likes. The number of readers reached 35 847 people. The average post on the page reaches 6 550 people.

The All-Ukrainian project "History of Advocacy of Ukraine", which is supported by the UNBA Center for Advocacy and Legal Studies, has its own Facebook 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.

Links to all official UNBA accounts on social networks are posted on the main page of UNBA web portal. Any other accounts are not official or maintained by UNBA Communications Department.



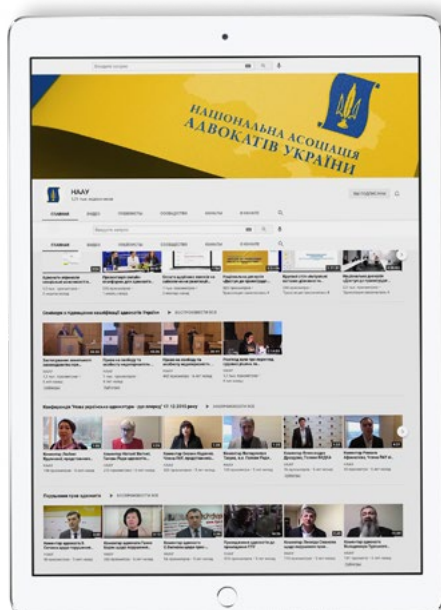
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Link to the page of the said All-Ukrainian project "The History of Advocacy of Ukraine":

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channel:
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OFFICIAL YouTube channel

The UNBA official YouTube channel is effective tool for informing advocates by dissemination of video-information about UNBA activities. In 2020, YouTube became one of the platforms for online training of advocates and hosting international UNBA events, such as the Ukrainian-German Bar Forums, with over 2,000 listeners.

- **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**

Twitter official page

The official UNBA Twitter page receives permanent news updates with the news and photos from the hosted events.

Thus, each registered user has the opportunity to constantly monitor the latest events of the Association in a convenient manner.



Link to official Twitter page:

twitter.com/infounba

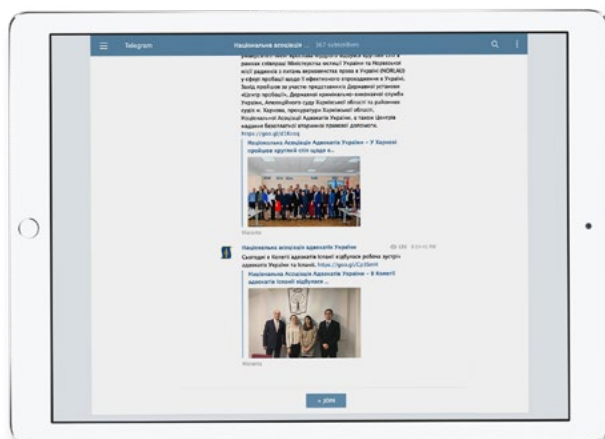


Telegram

Telegram-channel with thematic news for swift informing of the professional audience launched in 2017. In 2020, UNBA Telegram has an audience of almost 1,300 users.

Link to the Telegram channel of Ukrainian National Bar Association in Telegram:

t.me/InfoUNBA



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 .

Key information materials of UNBA can be received in the format of a weekly e-mail newsletter. Subscribe to our newsletter at UNBA website.



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EFFECTIVE MODEL OF SELF-GOVERNANCE

72

meetings of the
Bar Council of
Ukraine;

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decisions of
BCU

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congresses of
Advocates of
Ukraine

190

decisions of
Congresses

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conference of
Advocates of the
Region



EFFECTIVE MEANS FOR PROTECTION OF RIGHTS

572

appeals received by BCU from advocates on violation of professional rights

862

advocate's appeals about violation of professional rights considered by regional Bar Councils

CREATED

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



NETWORK OF INTERNATIONAL CONTACTS

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UNBA representative offices operating abroad

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SECURE UNIFIED REGISTER OF ADVOCATES OF UKRAINE

58 804

advocates registered

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online advocate's cabinet

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TRANSPARENCY OF UNBA'S ACTIVITY

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