



UKRAINIAN NATIONAL
BAR ASSOCIATION

Report

*on international
charitable assistance to
Ukrainian advocates*



February-November





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Dear ladies and gentlemen, advocates!

Firstly, we are deeply grateful for the 9 months of continuing support of the international legal community: moral, financial and organizational. We came to understand and appreciate the professional solidarity, which has always been an intrinsic part of the legal community. During these dire times, professional solidarity transcended the state borders, further strengthened our faith in the mission of the legal profession as a defender of human rights, the rule of law and every advocate who finds him/herself in trouble.

In March of this year, we founded the UNBA Board of Trustees to provide targeted assistance to advocates and their relatives who found themselves in hardship during the war. Our colleagues from all over the planet donate funds that we direct to help injured advocates and their relatives, and a host of other colleagues that had to flee their homes in light of hostilities, help them settle in new conditions, find work and start life anew. Representatives of Ukrainian National Bar Association work all over the world and help both their fellow advocates and fellow citizens far from home.

We learned to operate regardless of air strikes, blackouts, unstable Internet. War is not a reason to stop institutional development. We exert maximum efforts to ensure that operations of the Bar self-government, as well as the practice of law continue in such difficult conditions. We must preserve the profession, its mission, and ensure the right to the legal profession both for those who have just started this professional path, and for our entire professional community.

On November 17, under martial law, Ukrainian National Bar Association marked its 10th anniversary of incorporation. Today, there are about 70,000 advocates in Ukraine. Many of them joined the ranks of the Armed Forces of Ukraine and heroically defend our land. Unfortunately, since the beginning of the war, the legal community has suffered losses - dozens of advocates have died. Many advocates lost relatives and loved ones under enemy shelling, became homeless, injured, and/or require constant treatment and expensive medications.

That is why we continue to appeal to advocates in European countries and the whole world with a request to provide financial assistance for our advocates. The allocation of funds is as transparent and expedient by design. We present this to the international community in our regular reports, and you now have the opportunity to familiarize yourself with another one of them.

We live and work with faith in Victory!

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Dear colleagues!

From the first days of Russia's attack on Ukraine, it became clear that the war would have a tragic impact on all Ukrainians, including members of legal community. That is why UNBA established Board of Trustees, which, in coordination with international partners, donors, national and foreign organizations, provides assistance to the injured advocates and their families. Thanks to the relentless work of the Board of Trustees, more than 400 Ukrainian advocates have already received help.

In ten years, UNBA managed to gain international authority and recognition. The wide network of international connections gave us the opportunity to quickly respond to Russia's armed aggression and start providing assistance to Ukrainians both inside the country and abroad. Equal relations of UNBA with national Bar associations, the largest professional organizations of advocates from all over the world have helped us to achieve success in the areas of protection of rights and assistance to asylum seekers, ensuring recognition of the qualifications of Ukrainian advocates and access to the legal market abroad.

During numerous personal and online meetings with heads of European Bar associations and heads of international lawyer's organizations, I constantly call on foreign advocates to facilitate the adaptation of Ukrainian advocates to the requirements of European markets, stressing that they need training in the language of the host country, law classes, continuing legal education courses about the law of European nations. This especially applies to countries where our advocates are forced to stay because of the war.

I sincerely thank all our donors, everyone who believes in our victory. The world sees how courageously we stand this war and find faith in the darkest moments of life. However, it is difficult for us to cope. The war, frequent blackouts and heat disruptions, slow or absent Internet connection greatly complicated the professional and personal life of advocates. Therefore, we ask our partners to continue this crucial support if possible. Financial and moral support saves lives.

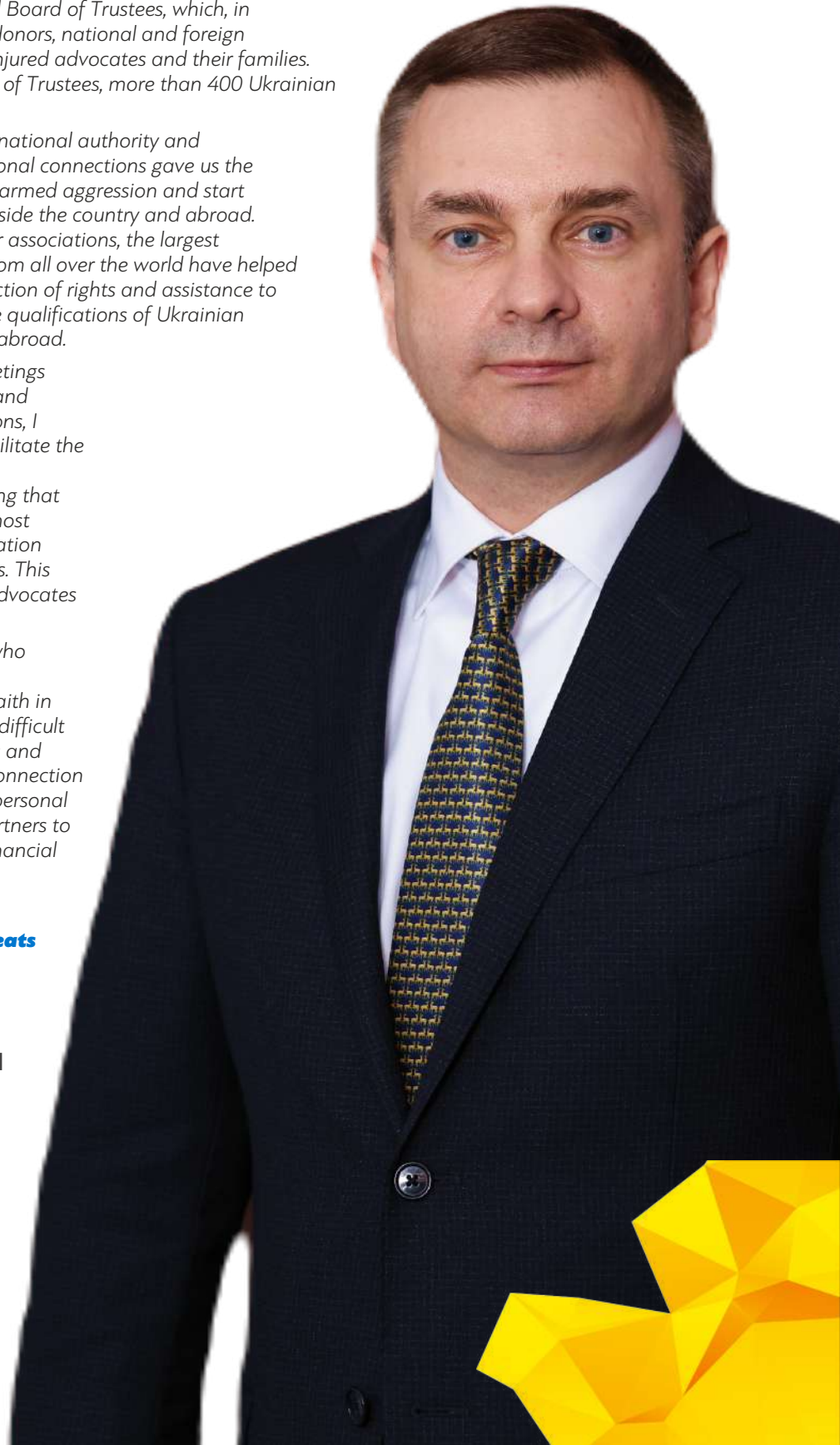
Let's remember that light always defeats darkness!

Glory to the heroes!

Vice-President of Ukrainian National
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Dear donors!

As you know, the All-Ukrainian Charitable Organization "Charitable Foundation for Assistance to Advocates" was incorporated upon open vote at the meeting of the Bar Council of Ukraine, reflected by decision of the BCU No. 6 dated February 28, 2014.

The Foundation is a charitable, non-governmental, non-profit organization. It was created with the aim of providing financial support to advocates and their family members who find themselves in difficult life circumstances - illness, death of loved ones and relatives, burial of advocates with no living relatives or family, those of vulnerable categories, that lost housing as a result of a natural disaster.

The idea of creating a fund had a serious basis, because due to the peculiarities of domestic tax legislation, Ukrainian National Bar Association, as a non-profit organization, does not have the right to distribute (allocate) its funds among its members, including providing financial assistance to advocates.

The main goal of the Foundation's activities has always been to carry out charitable activities aimed at helping UNBA members, promoting the development of legal practice and increasing the prestige of the legal profession.

In these difficult times for all Ukrainian advocates, we understand how far-sighted was the decision to incorporate the Foundation. Thanks to this organization we can now help all the advocates who turn to us for help, and implement the decisions of the UNBA Board of Trustees on the distribution of funds for the critical needs of our colleagues.

**I believe that thanks to our unity,
we will win this war!**

Glory to Ukraine!

Director of the Charitable Foundation
for Assistance to Advocates,
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UNBA Board of Trustees

The Board of Trustees has been operating for almost 9 months now, since the very start of the armed aggression against Ukraine. All this time, we have been supported by foreign colleagues and donors, whose contribution to helping Ukrainian advocates is highly valuable.

During the visit of CCBE President James MacGuill and IBA Executive Director Mark Ellis to Ukraine in September, members of the Board of Trustees had the opportunity to personally thank them for the charitable assistance provided, to discuss the criteria and procedure for providing charitable assistance to advocates who found themselves in hardship, harsh living conditions as a result of military hostilities.

The Board of Trustees treats every application for assistance with special responsibility and understanding, because these are the fates of our fellow advocates. We try to personally contact each advocate, establish all the circumstances and needs, which we can help alleviate. The Bar is the only professional organization that can meaningfully help its members whose homes were destroyed or damaged, who have been injured or who need help as single parents.

I am sincerely grateful to all members of the Board of Trustees who spend their time on such an important cause. Thank you for your patience, moral fortitude and empathy.

For me personally, the most difficult moment in my work is making decisions about refusing to provide assistance due to minor damage to property or non-compliance with the criteria for assistance.

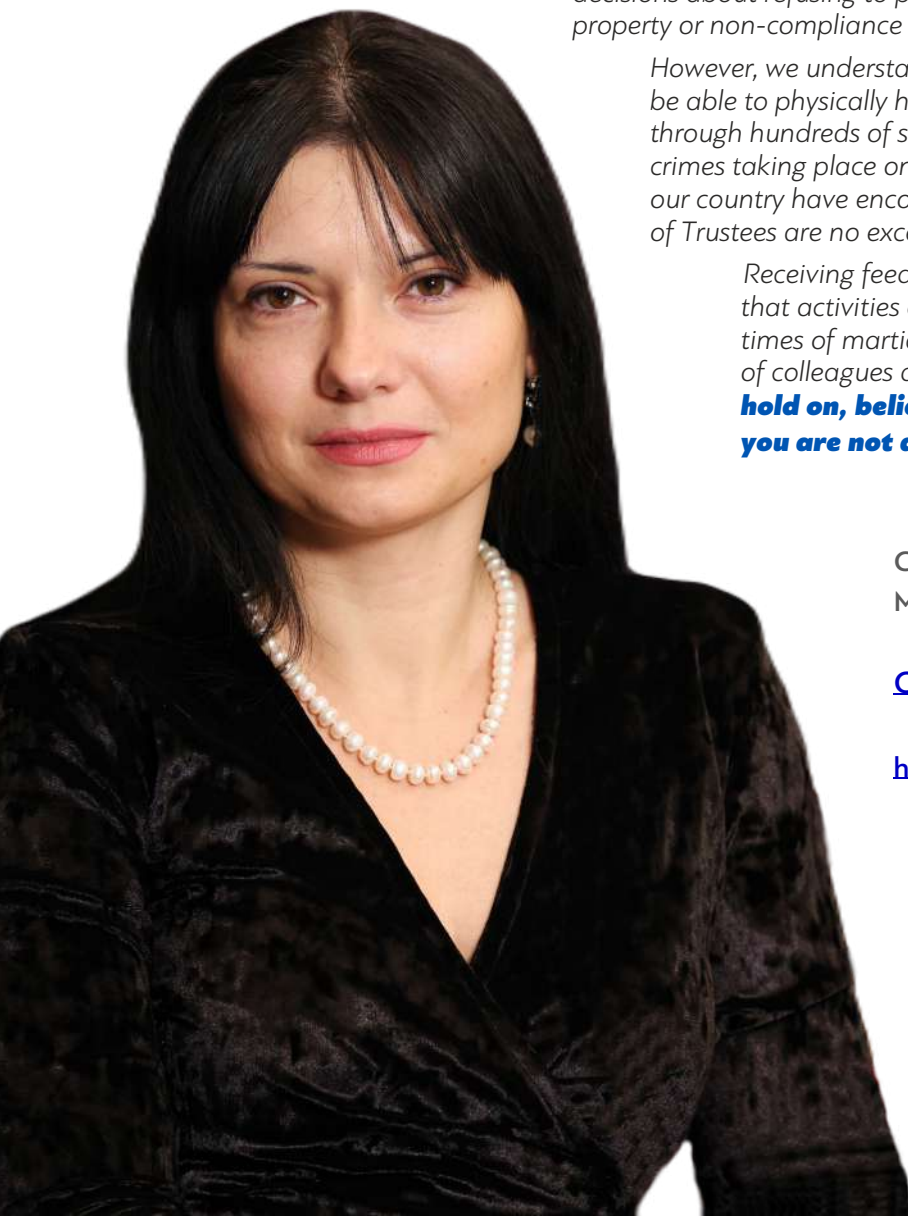
However, we understand that our budget is limited and we will not be able to physically help everyone. It is quite difficult to pass through hundreds of statements which reflect all the atrocities and crimes taking place on the territory of Ukraine, which all citizens of our country have encountered, to which the members of the Board of Trustees are no exception.

Receiving feedback from colleagues, one may understand that activities of the Board of Trustees are necessary in times of martial law, since even the psychological support of colleagues during the processing of applications helps to **hold on, believe in the future and understand that you are not alone with your trouble.**

Chair of the Board of Trustees,
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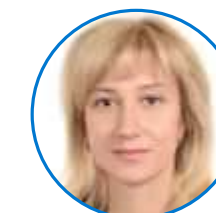
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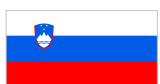
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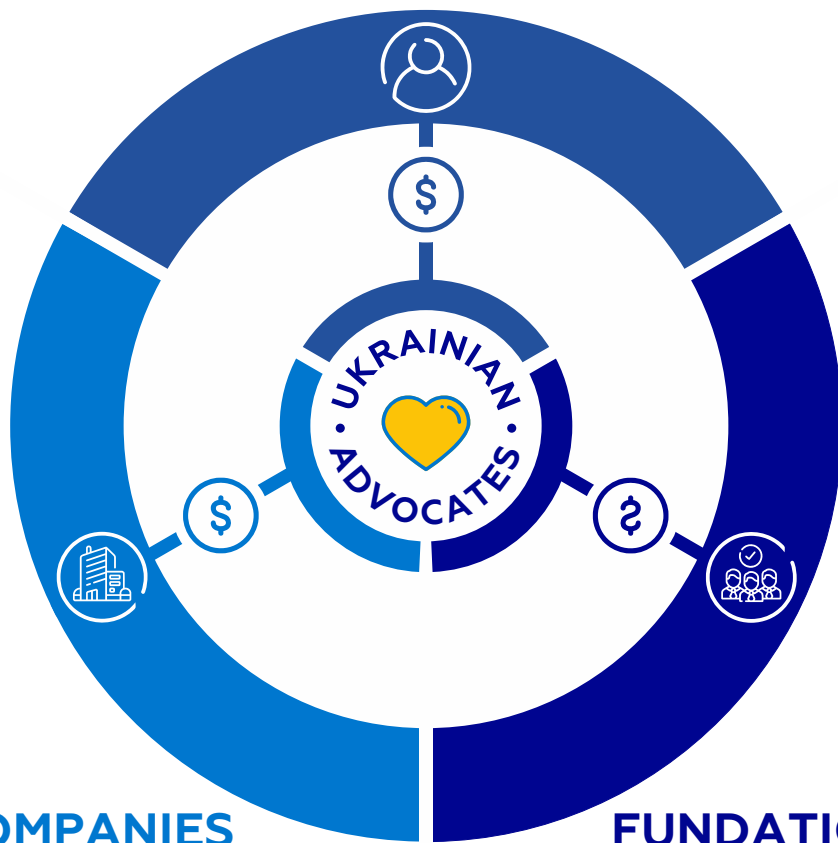
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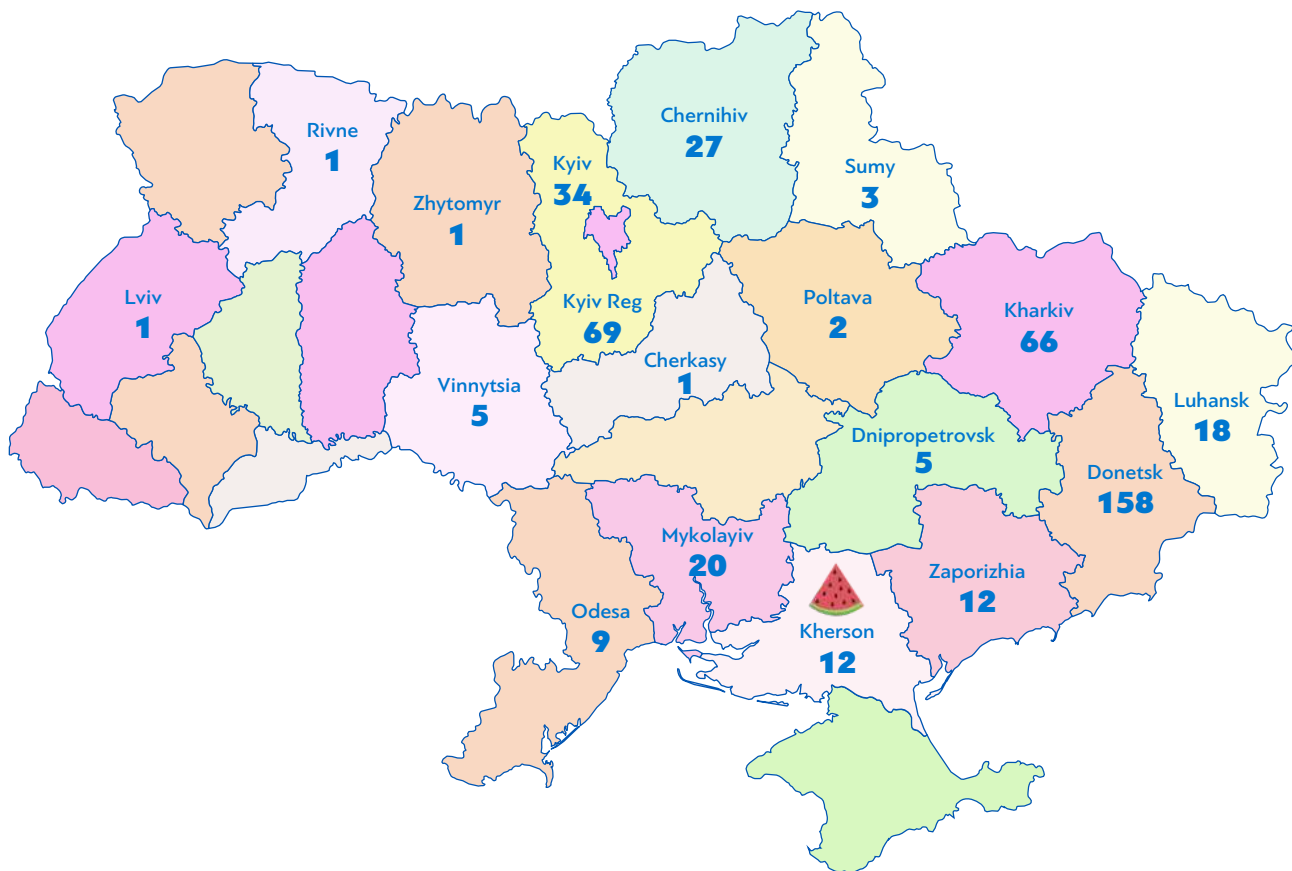


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Since its inception in March, the Board of Trustees already processed more than 400 appeals from advocates nationwide, who suffered as a result of hostilities



Map of appeals by region



Between March 3 and November 17, 2022, the Board of Trustees adopted:

445 decisions



393 decisions



52 decisions





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Advocates received the following amount of assistance *

324,534\$



Category 1

175,866\$

assistance granted:

- advocates whose homes were completely destroyed;
- severely injured advocates;
- senior advocates;
- families of deceased advocates



Category 2

127,485\$

assistance granted:

- advocates whose homes were partially destroyed;
- advocates with moderate injuries;
- advocates – single parents



Category 3

21,183\$

assistance granted:

- advocates in dire need of medication and have no means to purchase them



* information provided as of 17.11.2022





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The Board of Trustees conducted a series of short interviews with some of our donors, namely the Chairpersons of the Japanese, Czech, and Azerbaijan Bar Associations, Executive Director of the IBA, President of CCBE, and asked them four questions about their attitude to the war in Ukraine and the charitable activities of UNBA Board of Trustees.



1. Why is providing charitable assistance to Ukrainian advocates important to you and JFBA members in particular?

The Japan Federation of Bar Associations is a national organization of Japanese advocates whose mission is to protect fundamental human rights and facilitate social justice. Based on the principles of the Constitution of Japan, which proclaims the renunciation of war and promotes respect for the right to peaceful existence, we cannot ignore the actions of Russia and the enormous damage caused by these actions to the life, safety, and freedom of Ukrainian citizens and advocates.

JFBA has notified its members about the call for donations from Ukrainian National Bar Association. As a result, a few members of the Association from all over Japan made donations. In particular, many donations were made through the "Volunteer Group of Japanese Advocates to Support Advocates in Ukraine", created by volunteer advocates to support our colleagues in Ukraine. Therefore, as JFBA, we would like to express our gratitude to the "Volunteer Group of Japanese Advocates for the Support of Advocates in Ukraine" for their great efforts and contribution to the transfer of funds to Ukrainian National Bar Association, as well as our members for their support to UNBA.

2. When you send funds to our organization (Ukrainian advocates), what do you hope for and what do you expect from this donation?

We hope that the donations will benefit Ukrainian advocates and their families whose lives, safety and freedom are in jeopardy from the Russian invasion. In addition, we sincerely hope that our donation will help the Ukrainian people to return to normal everyday life as soon as possible.

3. If you had 5 minutes to talk to injured advocates or their families, what would you say to them?

We would like to express our sincere support to the people of Ukraine and emphasize once again that the Association strongly protests against the recent Russian military aggression and wishes peace to the people of Ukraine. We would also like to inform you that we will continue to exert every effort to provide any possible support from the Japanese side.

Motoji Kobayashi,
President of the Japan Federation of Bar Associations

1. Why is the provision of charitable assistance to Ukrainian advocates important to you and the members of the CCBE?

The CCBE, and thus the entire European legal profession, unequivocally condemned Russia's invasion of Ukraine and immediately expressed its solidarity with fellow Ukrainian advocates, as well as with the people of Ukraine.

An unjustified invasion of a sovereign state like Ukraine is a flagrant attack against the rule of law.

Advocates are guardians of the rule of law.

They are obliged to condemn such attacks and to remind that all states must respect the fundamental obligations, values, principles and freedoms set forth in international laws and treaties, such as the Charter of the United Nations, the Statute of the Council of Europe, the European Convention on Human Rights, the Budapest Memorandum on Security Assurances and other general principles of public international law, including the Rome Statute of International Criminal Court.

2. When you send funds to our organization (Ukrainian advocates), what do you hope for and what do you expect from this donation?

The CCBE welcomes and fully supports the charitable program of UNBA, through which it seeks to provide professional legal assistance to citizens of Ukraine, protect people's rights, and strengthen the foundations of the rule of law in Ukraine during wartime.

CCBE hopes that its financial donation will contribute to the provision of assistance to advocates and their families who died, were injured, lost their homes or found themselves in an extremely difficult situation as a result of combat operations on the territory of Ukraine.

The CCBE hopes that Ukrainian advocates and their families will feel the support and solidarity of all European advocates in these tragic times.

3. If you had 5 minutes with the injured advocates or their families, what would you say to them?

I would tell them not to lose hope despite the extremely dark times they are going through. European advocates wholeheartedly support with them.

I would quote the words of Irish patriot Terence Joseph MacSwiney:

"It is not those who can inflict the most but those who can endure the most who will conquer."

The CCBE will do everything possible to continue to support Ukrainian advocates and their families, whether by promoting recognition of the qualifications of Ukrainian advocates in Europe, listing contact points in the CCBE Member Associations to provide initial legal assistance in support of people fleeing Ukraine, as well as any other useful initiatives of solidarity to respect the fundamental rights of people from Ukraine and to protect the Rule of Law.

James MacGuill,
President of the Council of Bars and Law Societies of Europe





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"I want to express my boundless admiration and support for all Ukrainians who are fighting for freedom and justice. From the moment when Russia mercilessly attacked Ukraine, violating all principles of international law, I made sure that the International Bar Association strongly opposed these violations and provided significant support to Ukraine. We will continue to do this until Ukraine is freed and those who committed crimes are brought to justice."

**Dr Mark Ellis,
Executive Director
International Bar Association**



We are all very saddened by the situation in Ukraine. This donation is the least we can do on our behalf for our sister organization, Ukrainian National Bar Association, and our Ukrainian colleagues.

1. Why is the provision of charitable assistance to Ukrainian advocates important for you and the members of the Azerbaijan Bar Association?

We want to express our solidarity with our Ukrainian colleagues in these difficult times. For us, the solidarity of advocates is a sacred concept.

2. When you send funds to our organization (Ukrainian advocates), what do you hope for and what do you expect from this donation?

We are aware that some of our colleagues have completely lost their houses, some of them have lost their jobs and they have no means of livelihood. We understand that it is difficult for Ukrainian National Bar Association to cope with these problems alone. Therefore, we support Ukrainian people and believe that our donations will reach those who need them. We are sure that after the war, our colleagues will continue the best traditions of our profession and will defend people's rights with even greater zeal.

3. If you had 5 minutes to talk to injured advocates or their families, what would you say?

As you already know, the military aggression of Armenia led to the occupation of 20 percent of the territory of the Republic of Azerbaijan. During the invasion, more than a million of Azerbaijan peoples became "forcefully displaced persons", 20,000 died fighting, 50,000 were injured and became disabled. At that time, the country's economic situation was not stable, and Azerbaijani forced migrants lived in extreme conditions in tent cities, where there were no elementary conditions and sanitary requirements for living. Things changed, and in 2020 we liberated our land and started rebuilding. However, we understand your pain. We want you to know that we are here for you and will be until the end. Justice will prevail. Please accept our fervent wishes that your country may find peace.

**Anar Bagirov,
President of Azerbaijan Bar Association**

1. Why is the provision of charitable assistance to Ukrainian advocates important for you and for the members of the Czech Bar Association?

We generally oppose any aggression in the world and consider solidarity among advocates to be one of the fundamental principles of international cooperation. The situation in Ukraine is even closer to us, considering that it is de facto a neighboring country to the former Czechoslovakia, which is still considered homeland by many of us. Czechoslovakia has its own experience of the entry and temporary stay of the Soviet army, which eventually came to "liberate" us.

2. When you send funds to our organization (Ukrainian advocates), what do you hope for and what do you expect from this donation?

We believe that our financial donations will help fellow advocates in a difficult situation and will also contribute to the preservation of the independent legal profession.

3. If you had 5 minutes with the injured advocates or their families, what would you say?

Thank you for your courage. Glory to Ukraine!

**Robert Němec,
President of the Czech Bar Association**





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Acknowledgments by Ukrainian advocates

Please accept my gratitude from the bottom of my heart for the material charitable assistance received! Receiving this help means a lot to me and my children, both financially and knowing that I am not alone, that there is a "hand of help and support". As a sign of gratitude and respect from my side, I promise to continue to fulfill my professional duties as an ADVOCATE with dignity and pride!

Advocate from Mykolaiv region



Dear colleagues!

I express my gratitude to you for the financial assistance provided to me. Your support is very important to me. I am proud to have become an advocate and to be able to defend people's rights.

I hope for our speedy victory and that in the near future I will be able to continue my professional activities and continue to strengthen the respect for the legal profession.

Thank you! Glory to Ukraine!

Advocate from Donetsk region



I am extremely grateful for the financial assistance provided for the restoration of the destroyed housing! Thanks to the funds received, significant progress has already been made in bringing my apartment back to a habitable state. I really got a strong shoulder to lean on from the legal community. Peace to all of us! Glory to Ukraine!

Advocate from Kyiv region



Good day. Thank you very much for your kindest help.

In this difficult time, it is important to get the support of colleagues and understand the unity of the legal community.

I want to believe that peace will come soon, and we will all be able to return to our usual lives.

I wish you and your loved ones good health.

Keep yourselves safe.

Advocate from Donetsk region



Dear Board of Trustees! Thank you very much for the financial help! May fate be kind to all members of the Board of Trustees who decided to help me. In a difficult time, I feel in the FAMILY of Advocates of Ukraine. Everything will be Ukraine! Together to victory!

With respect and thanks,

Advocate from Kharkiv region





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Change the world for the better! Make a charitable donation!

Dear international colleagues!

We highly appreciate the lasting support that many of you continually provide in these terrible and difficult times.

The war in Ukraine is still ongoing and we continue to raise funds to help our fellow advocates in dire need of financial support. Our colleagues and partners are in dire need of financial support. Winter will be difficult for all of us.

As you know, in March 2022, Ukrainian National Bar Association created the Board of Trustees to investigate each individual case and fairly distribute the financial assistance you have provided. To date, more than 400 advocates and their families have received funding. And it's all thanks to you!

Considering the current situation in our country, Ukrainian National Bar Association calls to financially support the activities of UNBA Board of Trustees.

In case of additional questions arising, please contact the Vice-President of Ukrainian National Bar Association Valentyn Gvozdiy v.gvozdiy@unba.org.ua

Account details for donations

Account details for charitable contributions in EUR

Recipient's Name:

Ukrainian National Bar Association

Company address:

3 Borysoglibska str., Kyiv City, 04070, Ukraine

IBAN:

UA67305299000026006006220665

Recipient's bank:

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SWIFT Code of the Bank:

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Purpose of payment:

Charitable contribution to Ukrainian National Bar Association

Correspondent bank:

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Correspondent bank:

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Correspondent bank:

The Bank of New York Mellon, New York, USA

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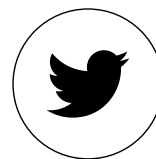
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** For many Ukrainians, the little raccoon has become the personification of Ukrainian resistance. Russian soldiers, fleeing from Kherson, stole a raccoon and many other animals from the Kherson Zoo. Ukrainians are very worried about the fate of the "captured" furry friends and, hoping for victory, joke that the raccoon will "lead the government of the Kherson region in exile" or prepare an uprising and the liberation of Crimea.*