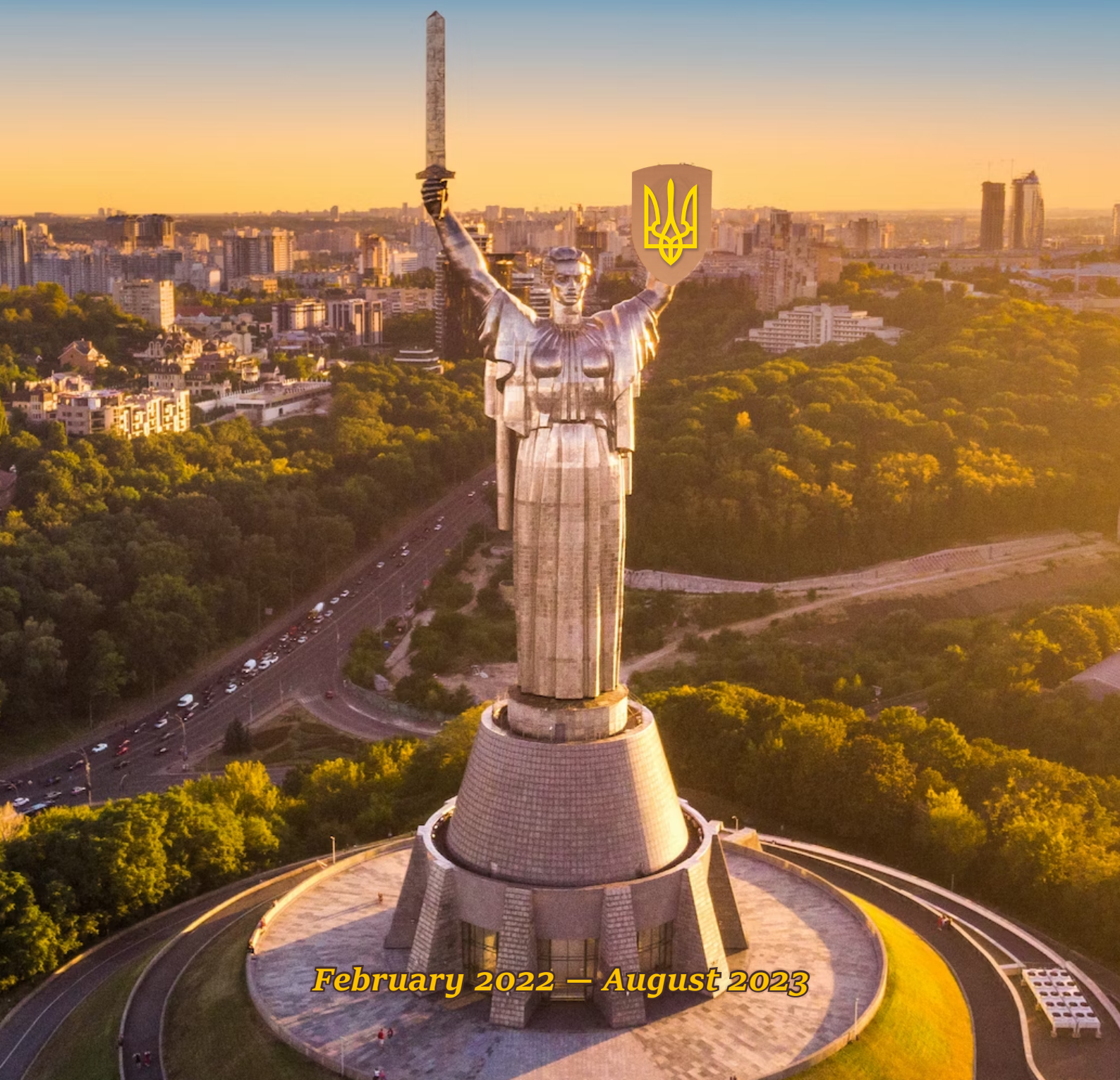




UKRAINIAN NATIONAL
BAR ASSOCIATION

Report

*on international
charitable assistance
to Ukrainian advocates*



February 2022 — August 2023



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Dear advocates!

A year and a half of a full-scale invasion into Ukraine is an extremely difficult period of trials and challenges, both for our state and for each of us. During this time, we have experienced many complications, which taught us to adapt to new realities and work on the verge of our opportunities every day.

During this time, we saw the incredible strength of the association of international lawyers' organizations around helping our advocates and invaluable moral, organizational and material support from foreign colleagues. We are sincerely grateful for the charitable donations that have become a source of inspiration and support for our advocates who have been in trouble because of the war.

Faith in the mission of the legal profession and the key role of advocates in the current reality of the legal system development in Ukraine helps us to move forward and overcome any obstacles. Thanks to the support of international colleagues, our advocates have the necessary resources for life and opportunities for effective work, and most importantly – hope and confidence in the future.

Our international partners have been able to repeatedly verify the transparency and efficiency of the distribution of charitable donations. The Board of Trustees, established within Ukrainian National Bar Association in March 2022, already presented three reports on the provision of material assistance to Ukrainian advocates. The documents were translated into English and sent to every foreign organization that supported us. The present fourth report also shows the effectiveness of the UNBA Board of Trustees for the preceding year and a half of the full-scale russian invasion of Ukraine.

The war in our country continues, and advocates long for help every day. And those who defend the country in the combat zone and need specialized munitions, those who were injured and undergo treatment, and those who lost their homes and property from enemy attacks, and those who sustained the gravest toll of all – their loved ones. That is why we continue to appeal to lawyers of European communities with a request to support us.

Charitable funds can help provide our advocates with all the necessary resources and, perhaps, save more than one life.

We are grateful to our international colleagues for their generosity and the opportunity to do a noble deed together.

We live and work with faith in victory!

President of Ukrainian National Bar Association,
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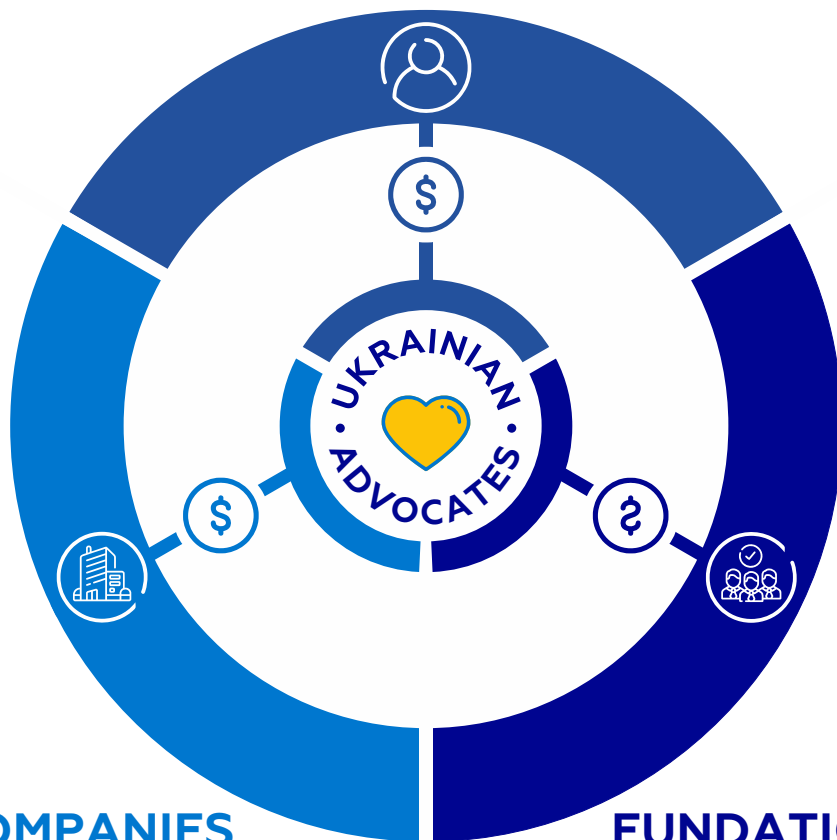
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Dear colleagues!

From the first days of the war, numerous letters from all over the world filled the mailbox of Ukrainian National Bar Association. International partners and lawyers' organizations expressed incredible solidarity with Ukrainian colleagues and willingness to help.

In early March 2022, Ukrainian National Bar Association established the Board of Trustees for the distribution of charitable funds. Thanks to the generosity and understanding of our foreign friends during the war throughout one and a half years we have the opportunity to organize support points for advocates throughout the country, providing funds to advocates that lost their homes and property from enemy attacks, and to advocates injured in the combat, supporting families of those killed in action. We are sincerely grateful to all our partners for the opportunity to meaningfully support the legal community of Ukraine.

Once again, we share the results of distributing charitable funds received by Ukrainian National Bar Association from international donors. The fourth report demonstrates the accomplishments of the UNBA Board of Trustees for one and a half years and contains the key financial indicators. We assure you that every donation was used as efficiently and fairly as possible.

Such incredible support of Ukrainian advocates by international colleagues became possible due to the long-term effective activity and impeccable reputation of the Bar self-government in Ukraine. And we therefore continue to strengthen them, expanding international outreach not only in the western but also in the eastern direction. The historic meeting of the UNBA delegation with colleagues from Japan, which took place in July 2023, became a vivid confirmation of this.

The entire world sees how courageously and confidently Ukrainians are fighting for their independence and freedom. The cost of fighting the enemy is exceedingly high. And today, more than ever, we need strong and stable support from international partners. We are confident that the international community will not leave Ukrainians alone in trouble.

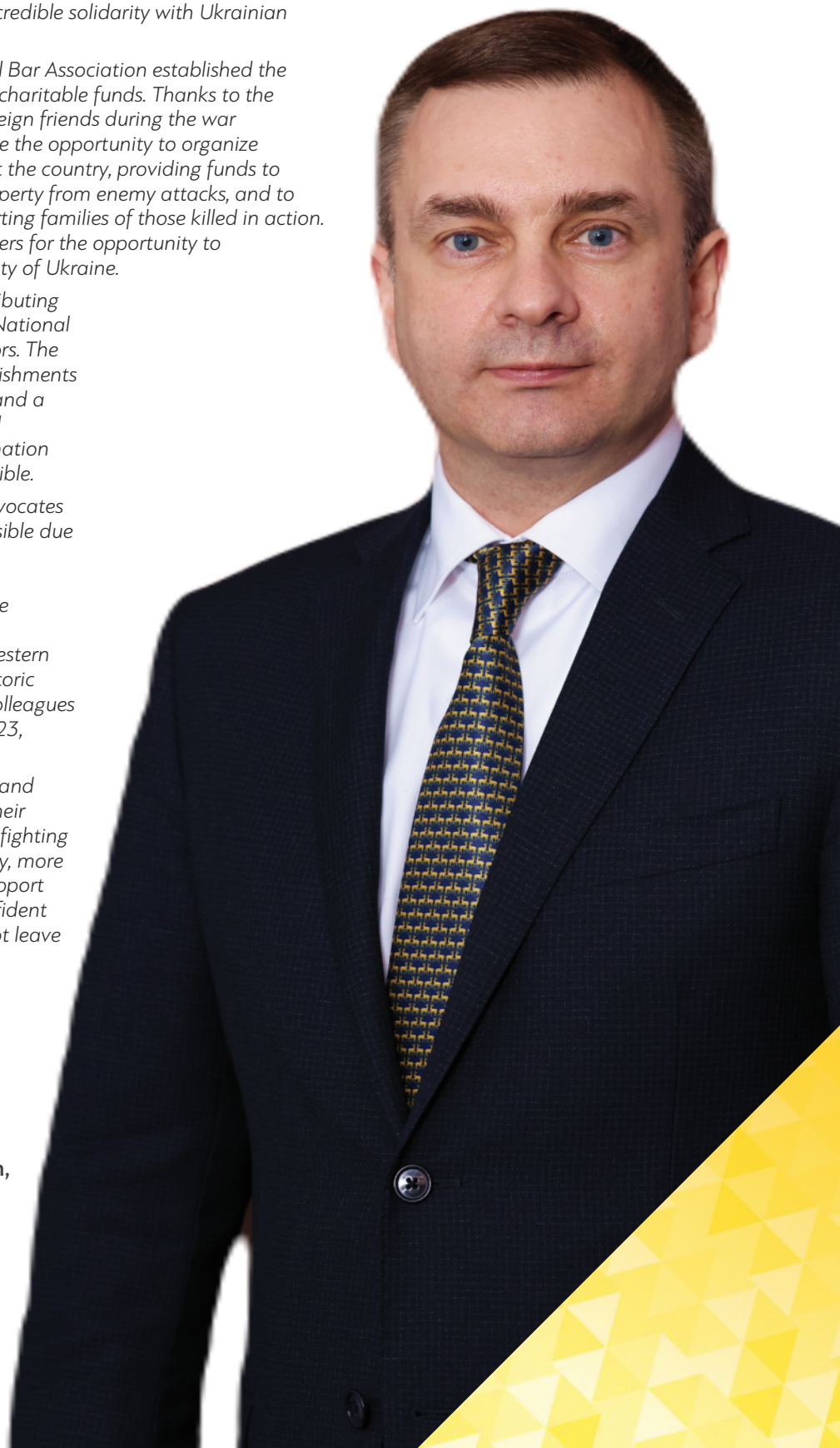
**Remember that light always
beats the darkness!**

Glory to the Heroes!

Vice-President of
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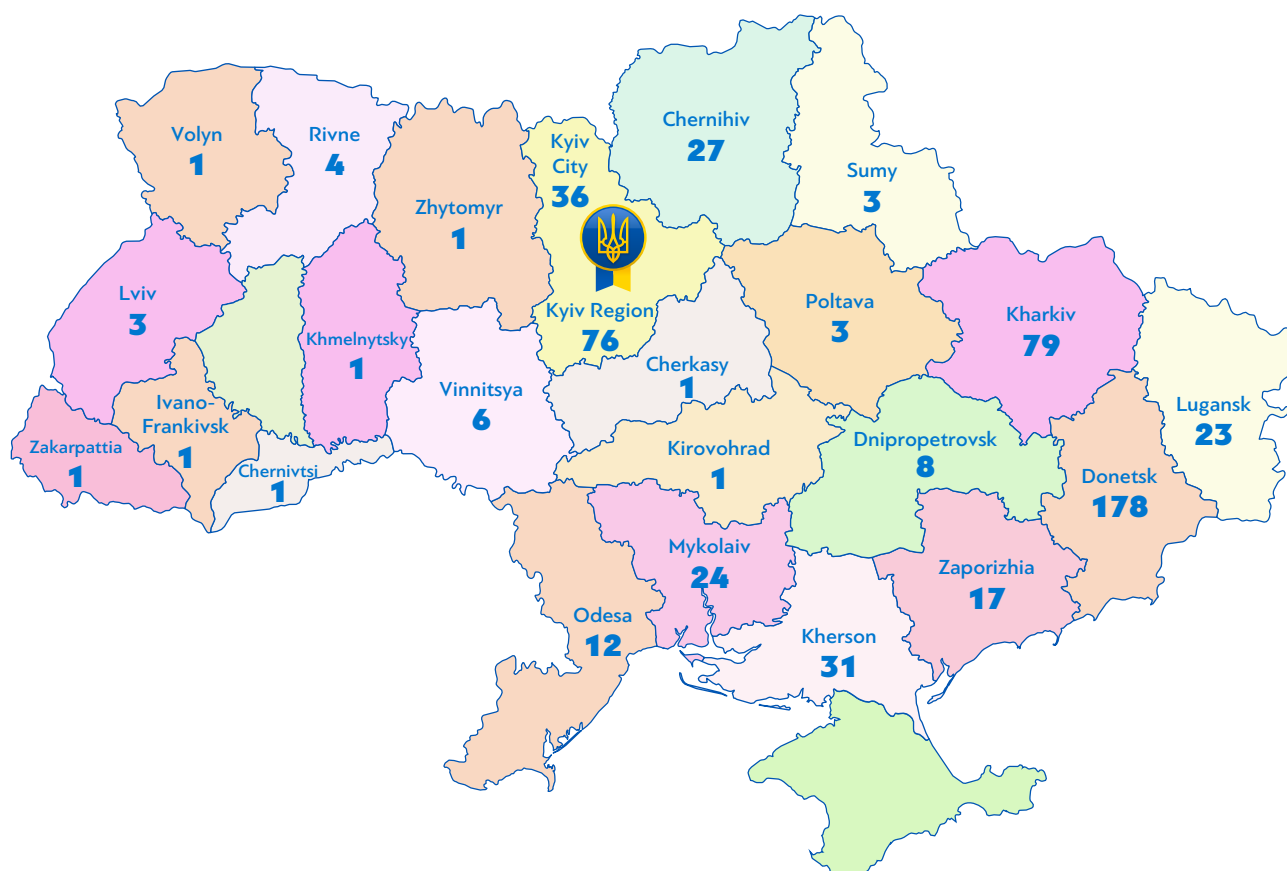


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05 Since the establishment of the Board of Trustees as of March, processed almost **600 appeals** from advocates all over Ukraine, that suffered as a result of military hostilities

Appeals

Map showing appeals by region



In between March 03, 2022 and August 15, 2023, the Board of Trustees held 27 meetings, adopted

537 decisions



473 ✓
decisions
granting
assistance



64
decisions
denying
assistance





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Advocates received assistance, totaling*

\$413,089



Category 1

\$257,582
assistance received:

- advocates that lost housing;
- severely injured advocates;
- senior advocates;
- families of the deceased advocates



Category 2

\$129,018
assistance received:

- advocates with damaged housing;
- moderately injured advocates;
- advocates — single parents;



Category 3

\$26,489
assistance received:

- advocates depending on medications, without means to purchase them



* information provided as of August 15, 2023



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Photos of the destroyed advocates' homes





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UNBA Board of Trustees

For a year and a half, the UNBA Board of Trustees has been operating continuously, which became possible solely thanks to the incredible help of the foreign colleagues, philanthropists and other people not indifferent to other people's grief.

Throughout the work of the Board of Trustees, the situation around assistance applications from advocates has been improving. At first, there were a large number of applications for assistance from advocates from Mariupol, then our colleagues from Bakhmut suffered incredible losses and grief, and recently colleagues from Kherson and Mykolaiv regions needed help due to the blasting of the Kakhovka hydroelectric dam. However, it is incredibly difficult for the members of the Board of Trustees to consider applications for assistance from the families of the fallen advocates – colleagues, whom we knew, with whom we worked with in courts, with whom we argued about the legal issues; for us they will forever remain true defenders, not only of their clients, but also our nation.

I am sincerely grateful to all members of the Board of Trustees, who, despite their own problems which they faced as a result of the armed aggression of the Russian Federation, find free time, and dedicate it to support and assist their fellow advocates.

Receiving such important material support in difficult times, Ukrainian advocates convey a huge gratitude to foreign colleagues, professional advocacy associations and organizations that, even from other continents, support Ukraine and Ukrainian Bar.

Chair of the Board of Trustees,
member of the Bar Council
of Ukraine from Rivne region

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Creation of Support Centers for Advocates with the help of CCBE and IBA

In November 2022, the President of UNBA/BCU Lidiya Izovitova initiated the creation of Support Centers for Advocates of Ukraine in various regions of Ukraine on the premises of regional advocates' self-government – regional Bar Councils and Qualification and Disciplinary Commissions of the Bar.



This decision was adopted in connection with the power outages, rolling blackouts associated with the military aggression of the Russian Federation against Ukraine and the introduction of martial law in Ukraine, in order to provide advocates with access to the URAU, electronic court cabinet, printing facilities, etc.





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In particular, **on November 25, 2022**, during the plenary session of the CCBE in Brussels, Vice-President of the UNBA Valentyn Gvozdiy shared problems of Ukrainian advocates and obstacles that prevent them from continuously providing quality services to clients in Ukraine.



Members of the Council of Bars and Law Societies of Europe immediately offered their assistance and took over the organization and coordination of fundraising efforts towards purchasing of the needed equipment. Individual advocates and CCBE members kindly provided UNBA the assistance in the establishment of the Support Centers helping overcome the consequences of the state of emergency associated with the power outages.

The International Bar Association (IBA), led by its Executive Director Mark Ellis, also made a significant financial contribution towards the creation of Support Centers.

Thanks to this assistance, 15 EcoFlow portable charging stations and 25 generators were purchased, and a Support Center launched at the UNBA head office premises.



Received funds

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\$82,180

The following services are available at the Support Centers for advocates and their families:



Hot coffee
and tea



Internet
access



Mobile device
charging



First Aid
Kit



A place to do the work
(including video conferencing)



Money spent

\$82,180



09

Digitization of UNBA archives

On August 12, 2023, at the BCU meeting, it was decided to start a project on digitization of the Ukrainian Bar archives from the very first day of UNBA's existence. Its implementation will contribute to the preservation of valuable information about advocates of Ukraine, the development of the advocacy as an industry and support democratic values in our country.

This project was enabled by the financial support of the International Bar Association.



The need for digitization of archives is dictated, primarily, by military aggression, because the archives with the personal casefiles of advocates are under a permanent threat of destruction. And this can lead to the loss of important historical and professional data. This is evidenced by the Crimea situation, when the loss of control over the territory led to an information vacuum about advocates who remained in the occupied territory.



Due to the financial support of international colleagues, UNBA has already started the process of purchasing equipment for archive digitization. In the near future, it is planned to train employees who will be engaged in this process and carry out the manual part of scanning and archiving. As a result, we will ensure the safe storage and availability of digitized data for advocates and Bar self-government.



We are sincerely grateful to the IBA for its continued support and cooperation in the implementation of the project, which will help to ensure the stability, development, and revival of the legal practice in Ukraine. Together we will be able to ensure the continuation of the dedicated work of advocates, the preservation of justice and the protection of the rights of citizens across Ukraine, despite the current challenges.



IBA purchased the equipment and financed the process for a total amount of

\$38,150





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Work meetings with international colleagues helping the Bar of Ukraine

Germany

On September 30, 2022, the UNBA/BCU President Lidiya Izovitova, UNBA/BCU Vice-President Valentyn Gvozdiy and the BCU Secretary Ihor Kolesnykov visited the German Federal Bar (BRAK) and met with BRAK President Ulrich Wessels and the heads of the regional Bars of Germany.

During the meeting, Lidiya Izovitova sincerely thanked for the dedicated support of Ukrainian advocates from the first days of the war. She said that all German regional Bars provided tangible financial assistance, which swiftly went to Ukrainian advocates within the framework of transparent procedures administered by the UNBA Board of Trustees. Lidiya Izovitova also noted that Germany sent the largest number of charitable contributions – more than 200 legal entities and individuals sent financial assistance to support fellow Ukrainian advocates.





CCBE

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On November 1, 2022, during the annual conference of the International Bar Association (IBA) in Miami (USA), UNBA Vice-President, Valentyn Gvozdiy held a working meeting with the President of the Council of Bars and Law Societies of Europe (CCBE) James McGill and the Head of the Secretariat of this organization Simone Cuomo.

During the meeting, Valentyn Gvozdiy thanked his colleagues for their significant charitable assistance to Ukrainian advocates affected by the war, as well as for their assistance in developing and adopting the necessary recommendations to simplify the access of Ukrainian advocates to the legal services market in European countries.

Italy

On November 19, 2022, UNBA/BCU Vice-President Valentyn Gvozdiy addressed the heads of European Bars online at the congress of the FBE (Fédération des Barreaux d'Europe), which took place in Palermo, Italy.

Valentyn Gvozdiy expressed gratitude to the European colleagues for the support provided to Ukrainian advocates temporarily staying in their countries. Also, the UNBA/BCU Vice-President reported the current state of affairs in Ukrainian Bar, the main decisions adopted by the Bar Council of Ukraine during the martial law and the challenges that Ukrainian advocates have to face today, defending their institutional independence.





Belgium

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On November 25, 2022, the UNBA/BCU President Lidiya Izovitova spoke to Belgian advocates and judges at the ceremony hall of the Court of Appeal of Brussels at the opening of the new Year of the Law of the De Nederlandse Orde van Advocaten bij de Balie te Brussel together with the Flemish Legal Society (Vlaams Pleitgenotschap).

Lidiya Izovitova spoke about the UNBA activities during the martial law, the urgent needs of Ukrainian advocates, difficulties in professional activities and finding ways to overcome them and appealed to Belgian colleagues to help Ukrainian advocates, especially in overcoming the consequences of blackouts.



Japan

In July 2023, UNBA/BCU Vice-President Valentyn Gvozdiy visited Japan, where he met with the leadership of Japan Federation of Bar Associations (JFBA) and representatives of major law firms.

During the meeting attended by 5 Vice-Presidents of JFBA, who are also heads of regional Bar Councils, Mr. Gvozdiy presented the history of UNBA, spoke about institutional activities of Ukrainian Bar during the war, and also presented symbolic gifts – children's drawings, which were warmly received by Japanese colleagues.

During the visit Mr. Gvozdiy held talks with representatives of Japan Chamber of Commerce and Industry and Tokyo Chamber of Commerce and Industry on the possibility of future cooperation, especially in the context of planning the reconstruction of Ukraine after the war. In continuation, UNBA plans to develop and conduct webinars for Japanese businesses, attracting the best law firms working in the sphere of commerce. This will ensure the provision of highly qualified legal assistance to Japanese companies in Ukraine.



Ukrainian National Bar Association Ukraine expresses sincere gratitude to all colleagues and partners for invaluable financial assistance to Ukrainian advocates.



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Gratitudes of Ukrainian advocates

Dear colleagues! Thank you very much for your support and assistance. I sincerely express my gratitude! On the occasion of the Day of Advocacy of Ukraine, I want to congratulate all colleagues on the holiday! I wish everyone strength, inspiration, health and peace, well-being in every family.

Advocate from Donetsk region



Dear colleagues! We are very grateful for your help, which allowed for a certain period of time to rent housing and provide for our baby son. Thank you!!!

Advocate from Rivne region



Thank you for your understanding, kindness, compassion, sincerity, support! It is nice to know that he is a member of the association and colleagues are always nearby. I wish you good, prosperity, prosperity, harmony and happiness!

Thank you from the bottom of my heart for your help, so timely and so necessary.

Advocate from Zaporizhia



Good afternoon! Thanks for your support! My son and I are very grateful for your help!! Take care!

Advocate from Kharkiv region



Dear colleagues. I am infinitely grateful to you for your understanding for helping me in connection with the complete loss of my home during my stay in the enemy-occupied territory of our state. I am so grateful to you for helping me in such a difficult time today. Thank you very much, I wish you a peaceful sky, prosperity, and thank you again for your support and understanding.

Advocate from Kherson





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Make a donation – help the advocates of Ukraine!

Dear fellow advocates!

The war in Ukraine is still going on. Almost every day massive strikes on the territory of Ukraine lead to immense destruction and claim Ukrainian lives. During this extremely grim time for Ukraine, UNBA is trying to help its fellow advocates whose homes have been destroyed or damaged, families of advocates who died as a result of hostilities, and advocates who need vital medicines, etc.

Your support is invaluable, and we are sincerely grateful for it. UNBA continues to raise funds to help our fellow advocates, because they, like never before, need financial support.

As you know, in March 2022, Ukrainian National Bar Association established the Board of Trustees to review each individual case and ensure fair distribution of financial assistance received. To date, more than 500 advocates and their families have received funding. This is all thanks to you – our benefactors!

UNBA, taking into account the horror that is taking place in our country, calls on everyone to provide financial support to the cause led by UNBA Board of Trustees.

In case of additional questions, please contact the Vice-President of Ukrainian National Bar Association Valentyn Gvozdiy

v.gvozdiy@unba.org.ua

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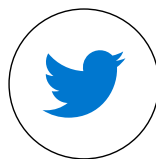
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