



## **Dear colleagues!**

In line with the principles of openness and transparency, UNBA annually publishes a report summarizing its activities. The report traditionally refers to the greatest achievements of advocates' self-government, accomplishments of UNBA committees, priorities for further development.

This document contains analytical data on the work of higher and regional bodies advocates' self-government, financial statistics, information on the dynamics of changes in the Unified Register of Advocates of Ukraine.

Every year we prove efficiency, willingness to professionally and consistently uphold both the rights of advocates and the constitutional rights and freedoms of Ukrainian citizens.

In 2012, the Law of Ukraine 'On the Bar and Practice of Law' restored what has been lost in Ukrainian history, but a continuing tradition of European democracy - advocates' self-government. In full accordance with the law, recommendations of the Venice Commission, the advocacy community elects its representatives to national and regional bodies, judicial administration bodies, functions as a single stable democratic institution, provides uniform standards of access to the legal profession and sets requirements for the level of advocates' qualification.

The year 2018 was marked by a serious attempt to dismantle the self-governing Bar and replace the integrated national Bar with so to say 'federated', fragmented and unbalanced model of governance. This challenge to the independence of the Bar has provoked consistent opposition from advocates and has gone public via information campaigns and discussions about such reform being completely unacceptable. Finally, thanks to the consolidated position of UNBA, the Bar Councils and Conferences of Advocates of the Regions, the interaction with the Members of the Parliament and academia, the draft 'On the Bar and Practice of Law'

Nº. 9055 lost political support and was not voted in Verkhovna Rada. Ukrainian legal profession and its European choice are constantly supported by

key international professional organizations - the Council of Bars and Law Societies in Europe (CCBE), the International Bar Association (IBA), Union International des Avocats (UIA). In 2018, UNBA conducted joint activities in Ukraine with national advocates of Germany, the United Kingdom, the Office of Special Procedures of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights; UNBA has signed a Memorandum of Cooperation in the field of International Advocacy and Guarantees of Legal Practice with the International Bar Association.

Systematic interaction facilitates the exchange of modern practices between professional communities, the development of contacts and the raising of professional level of advocates, as well as attracting international attention to the problems of Ukrainian Bar.

I am absolutely convinced that 2018 has been a successful period of consolidation of the legal community in the face of systemic challenges and threats, a demonstration of the advocates' desire for independence, as well as continuous professional improvement, dedication to the values of the legal profession and the mission of serving the community.

Sincerely,,

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### Mission and vision

**UNBA was established in Nevember 17, 2012** and unites all Ukrainian advocates to carry out the tasks of advocates' self-government, affirm the independence of the Bar and increase professional standards.

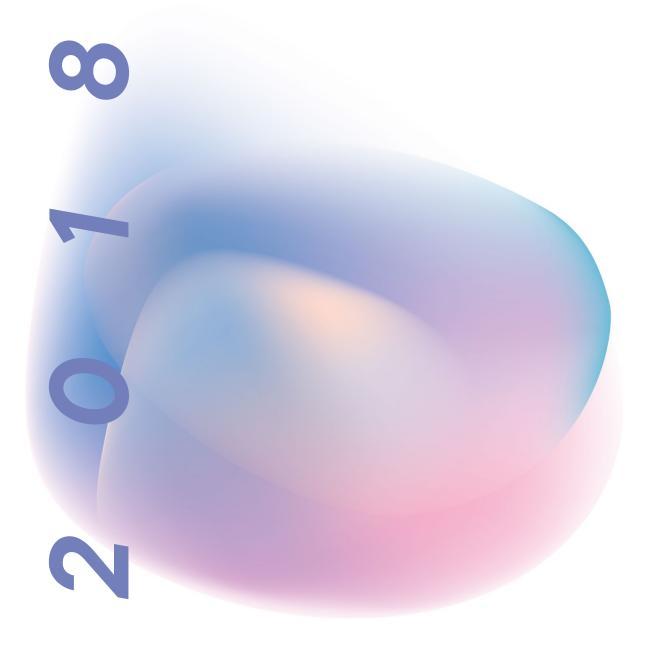
**UNBA is the only official** non-governmental non-profit non-commercial professional advocacy organization

**UNBA's mission** to do everything possible to protect the professional rights and guarantees of advocates

**UNBA's vision is to become** a strong advocates' self-government organization with international recognition

The purpose of UNBA is to continuously strengthen professional rights and guarantees of the legal profession

**Membership of UNBA** as of December 2018 - 45,370 advocates.



## Structure. How is UNBA organized?

**Ukrainian National Bar Association (hereinafter - UNBA))** is a legal entity acting through organizational forms of advocates' self-government, as provided for by the Law of Ukraine 'On the Bar and Practice of 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. (Sections 3, 5 of Article 45 of the Law).

- Congress of Advocates of Ukraine the supreme body of advocates' self-government, composed of delegates elected by Conferences of Advocates of the Regions by a relative majority of the votes of the delegates attending the Conference.
- Bar Council of Ukraine in the time between the Congresses of Advocates of Ukraine performs the functions of the highest body of advocates' self-government. Membership of the Bar Council of Ukraine - 30 representatives: one representative from each region, elected by the Conference of Advocates of the Region and a Chair and two Vice-Chairs, elected at the Congress of Advocates of Ukraine.
- Higher Qualification and Disciplinary Commission of the Bar - a collegiate body tasked to review appeals against the decisions, actions or inaction of the Qualification and Disciplinary Commissions of the Bar. The HQDCB is under the control and accountable to the Congress of Advocates of Ukraine and the Bar Council of Ukraine. The composition of HQDCB is 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 advocate self-government in the Autonomous Republic of Crimea, regions, cities of Kyiv and Sevastopol. The Conference is composed of advocates whose workplace is located respectively in the Autonomous Republic of Crimea, regions, cities of Kyiv and Sevastopol and registered in the Unified Register of Advocates of Ukraine.
- Bar Council of the Region a body that performs self-government functions in the region in the meantime between Conferences of Advocates of the region. The Bar Council of the Region is under the control and accountable to the Conference of Advocates of the Region. The Chair and the members of the Bar Council are elected at the Conference of Advocates.
- Qualification and Disciplinary Commission of the Bar a body formed to determine the level of professional qualifications of persons who have expressed their intention to obtain the right to practice law, as well as resolving issues of the disciplinary liability of advocates. The QDCB is under the control and accountable to the Conference of Advocates of the Region. The QDCB's Chair and members are elected by a Conferences of Advocates of the Regions.
- Regional Audit Commission of the Bar a body that is formed and acts to oversee the financial and economic activities of the Bar Council of the Region and the Qualification and Disciplinary Commission of the Bar RACB is under the control and accountability of the Conference of Advocates of the Region. The Chair and members of the RACB are elected by the Conference of Advocates of the Region.



# Structure of UNBA/BCU Secretariat

Approved by the decision of the BCU # 141 of June 11, 2016

#### PRESIDENT OF UNBA/BC

Head of UNBA/BCU Secretariat

# Department for activity support of UNBA/BCU

#### Financial division

- Accounting
- Budgeting
- Financial reports
- Payroll
- Other

#### Legal branch:



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

#### **Division for representation in courts**

- · Representation in courts
- Other

#### Administrative division

- · Office support
- Procurement
- Car Fleet
- Other

#### Document management and record keeping division

- · Incoming and outgoing correspondence
- Archives
- Other

#### IT division

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

#### Personnel division

- HR
- Other

# Department of self-government

#### **Division of Advocates' self-government**

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

#### **URAU Division**

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

#### Division for support of UNBA structural units

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

★ - Direct subordination to President of UNBA/BCU

# Deputy Head of UNBA/BCU Secretariat

# Department of Communications

#### **Public Relations Division**

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

#### **Division of creative services**

- Design
- Layouts
- · Web design
- Other

#### **Web Resources Division**

- · Web content development and support
- Newsletters
- Other

#### **Publishing division**

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

#### **Partnership Program**

- Coordination and support of partnership programs
- Other

#### Other

- Translation
- Support for UNBA events
- Photographer
- Other

# Department of the **Profession**

#### Division for facilitating practice of law

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

#### **Support for UNBA/BCU sections**

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

#### **Event management division**

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

# **Activities of UNBA/BCU Secretariat in 2018**

#### 1. About the Secretariat of the Bar Council of Ukraine

Secretariat is a permanent body established in accordance with decision №. 32 of 17.12.2012 to ensure the continuous activity of UNBA and the functions assigned to the BCU.

The main tasks of the Secretariat are organizational, expertanalytical, legal, informational and logistical support of UNBA/BCU President and deputy chairmen, as well as preparation and holding of Congresses of Advocates of Ukraine.

The Secretariat cooperates with bodies of advocates' self-government, local, national and international Bar associations, law firms, law offices and individual advocates, governmental bodies, local self-government and their officials, associations, institutions and organizations, individuals, as well as international institutions and professional organizations.

By decision of the BCU №. 141 of 11.06.2016, the structure of Secretariat was upgraded in order to increase the level of organizational, expert-analytical, legal, informational and logistical support of the activities of UNBA, BCU.

To date, the structure of the Secretariat includes: Head of UNBA/BCU Secretariat; Deputy Head of UNBA/BCU Secretariat; 4 Departments, each comprising the relevant divisions:

1) Department for activity support of UNBA/BCU Secretariat (Finance, Legal, Administrative divisions, Document Management and Record keeping, IT, Personnel Division); 2) Department of Self-Government (advocates' self-government, URAU, UNBA Structural Units Support division); 3) Communications Department (Public Relations, Creative Services, Web Resources, Publishing, Partnership program, etc.); 4) Department of the Profession (Division for facilitating practice of law, Support for UNBA/BCU sections, Event management division).

Information about UNBA/BCU Secretariat, including the staff, is available at official UNBA website - <a href="mailto:unba.org.ua/sekretariat">unba.org.ua/sekretariat</a>.

# On the activities of UNBA/BCU Secretariat (UNBA Secretariat) in 2018

#### I. BCU

In 2018, the Secretariat provided organizational and technical support for the preparation and convening of 14 BCU meetings, with the resulted in 134 decisions and 14 meeting minutes.

In particular, a set of measures was taken to ensure the proper operation of the BCU: collecting, organizing and directing the materials of the BCU meeting; legal support for the work of the BCU (preparation of draft decisions of the BCU, minutes, documents necessary for ensuring proper work); registration of BCU decisions based on the results of their adoption and publication on UNBA official website; directing decisions of the BCU to the regional bodies of advocate self-government; technical support of BCU work; organization of stay of BCU members for the period of its convening, etc.

#### II. URAU

Secretariat continues to maintain a unified database reflecting the number and names of advocates of Ukraine, foreign countries, that, in accordance with the Law of Ukraine

'On the Bar and Practice of Law' have acquired the right to practice law in Ukraine, as well as organizational forms of advocacy chosen by advocates,

- URAU, witnessed by the following indicators in 2018:
- number of new advocates added to URAU database 6.507:
- number of advocates, whose right to practice law was renewed - 719;
- number of advocates whose right to practice law was suspended/terminated - 2330;
- the number of issued transfer excerpts was 542.

#### III. Continuing Legal Education of advocates

# In 2018, the Secretariat provided organizational and technical support for:

- · 23 events for advocates organized by UNBA;
- 96 events (seminars, lectures, trainings, conferences, forums, roundtables) for advocates organized by UNBA jointly with the bodies of advocates' self-government, other national and international organizations.

#### Secretariat in 2018:

- sinvolved 80 experts to participate in the training of advocates and to provided them with adequate working conditions;
- Organized registration of **9866 advocates** who participated in the CLE events in 2018;
- · Prepared methodological and agenda materials;
- Provided technical support;
- organized delivery of 9866 CLE certificates and the like.
- In total, the number of those who successfully completed CLE and received certificates is
- 13709 advocates.

In addition, the work of the Expert Council on Accreditation and Certification for professional development of advocates at UNBA was ensured.

#### IV. Representation in courts

In 2018, the Secretariat represented the organization before courts in **185** cases: in administrative courts - **15**; in courts of general jurisdiction - **170**.

#### V. Protecting advocates professional rights and guarantees

In 2018, Secretariat, within the limits of its mandate for the protection of the professional rights of advocates and the guarantees of legal practice ensured filing, in particular, before the law enforcement agencies and the Committee on the protection of advocates' rights and guarantees 74 complaints about violations of advocates 'rights and professional guarantees.

VI. Consideration of appeals

In 2018 the BCU, UNBA Secretariat provided: consideration on the merits for 1401 applications (letters, requests, petitions) received by UNBA; redirected 161 appeal to other structures and organizations.

The Secretariat in 2018 ensured the accounting and reporting for UNBA by way of collecting, analyzing and systematizing information on the activities of the Bar self-government.

Access to this information is available through the official UNBA website.

In 2018, the Secretariat actively communicated with international professional organizations, as well as their representative offices in Ukraine about their interaction with UNBA, as well as other matters within its competence, information about this was posted in the relevant section on the official website of UNBA.

Also, in 2018, the BCU Secretariat, UNBA conducted regular filling of information with the official printed body of UNBA "Bulletin of UNBA", which had 10 issues (43 000 pieces).

VII. UNBA Official Website

In 2018, the Secretariat administered and filled UNBA's official web site with major news, BCU decisions, information on UNBA's cooperation with international professional organizations, documents, advocates 'publications on practical issues, news on advocates' training activities, roundtables, forums, conferences, etc., UNBA's press releases, including those covering the international evens, electronic methodological guides, and the official printed edition of the "UNBA Bulletin" in electronic format, useful information on changes in legislation Ukraine and with judicial and international practice, interviews with advocates, leadership of the legal profession of Ukraine.

During 2018, UNBA/BCU Secretariat provided organizational and technical support for the work of committees, councils, centers and other bodies and structures of UNBA (BCU). In particular: provision of meeting rooms and materials; technical and legal support of committees.

#### VIII. Record keeping

UNBA/BCU Secretariat continues to organize and maintain UNBA record keeping, which is confirmed by the following indicators in 2018:

- processed 1401 appeals of individuals and legal entities, advocates:
- processed 519 documents correspondence with central and local state authorities, local self-government bodies on basic (core) issues of activity;

- processed 1179 documents correspondence with the bodies of advocate self-government on the main (profile) issues of
- the total number of incoming correspondence processed -3120 documents.





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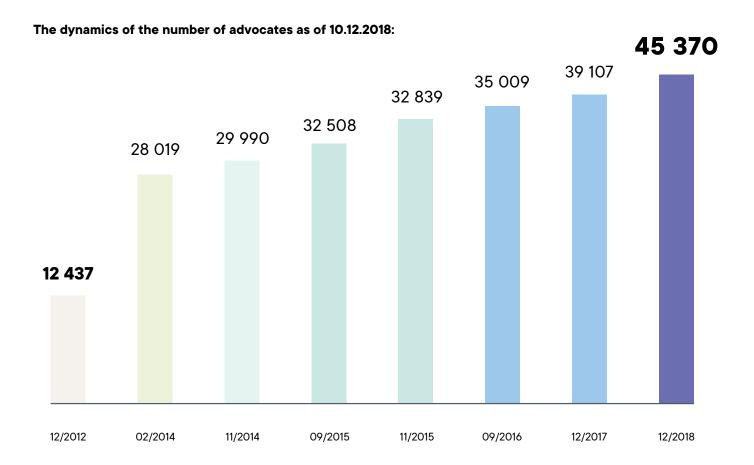
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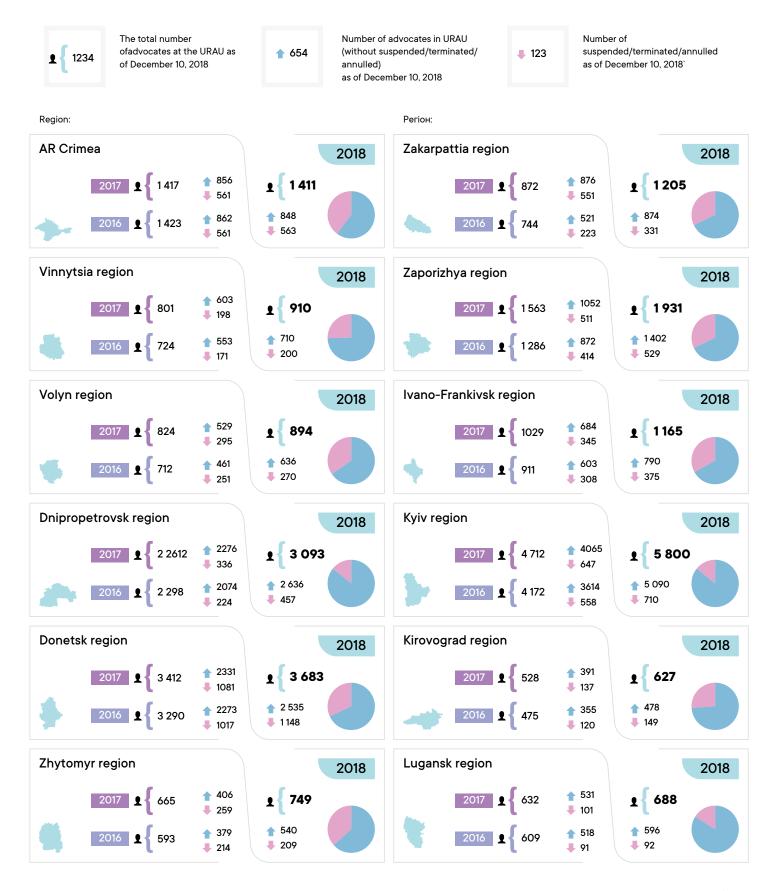
# **Unified Register of Advocates Ukraine**

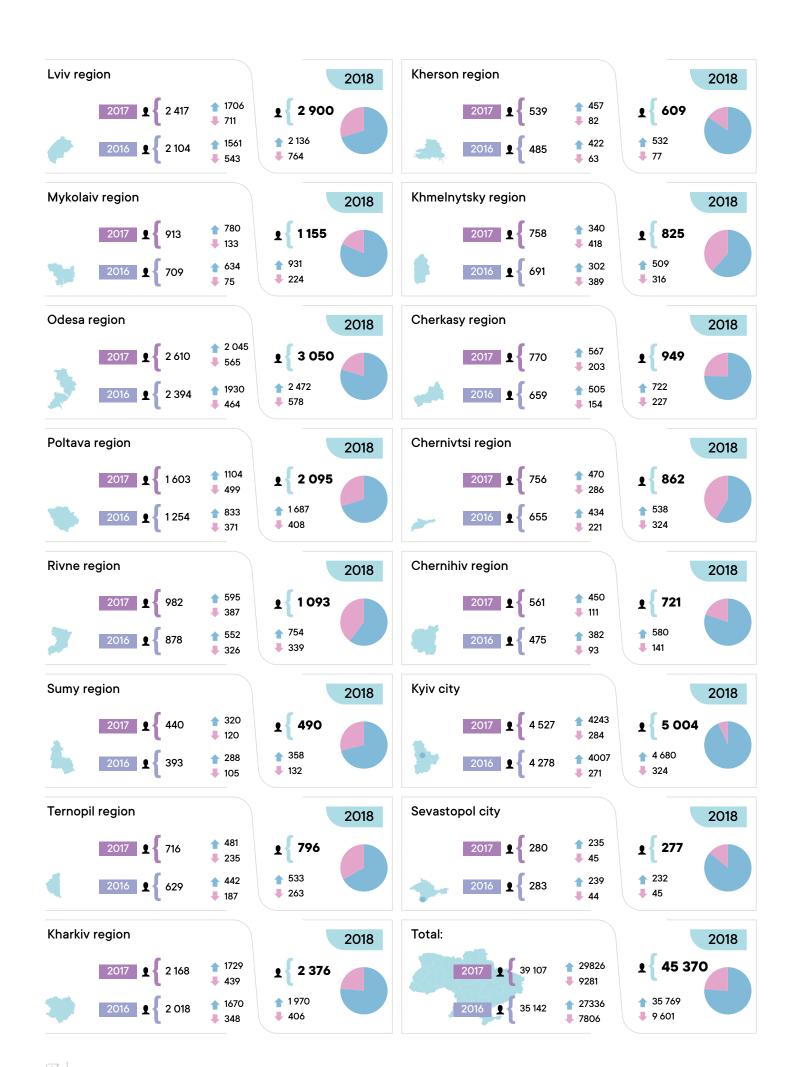
Unified Register of Advocates of Ukraine (URAU) is an electronic database containing information on the number and staff of advocates of Ukraine, foreign advocates, who, in accordance with the Law of Ukraine "On the Bar and Practice of Law", have acquired the right to practice law. Subject to advocate's application, the Unified Register of Advocates of Ukraine shall include information on the organizational form of activity chosen by the advocate, data about certificate of the right to practice law, the workplace of the advocate, the suspension/termination/ renewal of the right to practice law and other information provided for by the Procedure for Maintaining of URAU, approved

by the decision of the Bar Council of Ukraine on December 26, 2012 №. 26 (as amended). Also, at UNBA official website one may register for access to Advocate's Personal Cabinet, allowing to edit information about oneself in the URAU (add a photo card, reflect the legal practice experience, social media, etc.), and pay annual fees online. In order to register therein, an advocate must provide a unique e-mail address to the URAU. Given that, s.2 art. 45 of the Criminal Procedure Code of Ukraine an advocate whose information is not entered in the Unified Register of Advocates of Ukraine may not act as defender.



# **Unified Register of Advocates of Ukraine 2018**





# **Unified Register of Advocates of Ukraine**

In 2018, the transition to the new administrative panel of the URAU database was complete. URAU is now operating with a new interface, enhanced capabilities and deeply improved and developed.

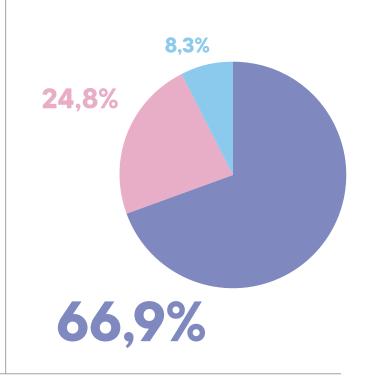
The updated dashboard allows to use filters to refine data via the filters, such as:

By gender: males - 28 770 (63.68%)

females - 16 600 (36.59%),

By forms of legal practice (Individual - 66.9%, law firms - 24.8%, law offices - 8.3%)





Number of transfer excerpts issued for advocates:



## **UNBA CLE courses and events**

Nº	Date	Place	Type of event	Number of participants held
1	2/24/2018	Vinnytsia	UNBA + Human Rights Committee	160
2	2/24/2018	Kyiv	UNBA Seminar for Advocates of Kyiv	600
3	3/17/2018	Kropyvnytskyi	UNBA Seminar for Advocates of the Kirovograd Region	250
4	3/24/2018	Ternopil	UNBA Seminar for Advocates at Ternopil Region	300
5	4/19/2018	Kharkiv	Round Table: "Current Trends in the Development of Ukrainian Medical Law"	70
6	4/21/2018	Sumy	UNBA Seminar for Advocates of Sumy Region	250
7	5/19/2018	Lviv	UNBA Seminar for Advocates of Lviv Region	1250
8	6/9/2018	Ivano-Frankivsk	UNBA Seminar for Advocates at Chernivtsi and Ivano-Frankivsk Regions	400
9	6/16/2018	Zaporizhia	UNBA Seminar for Advocates of Zaporizhia Region	1000
10	6/23/2018	Severodonetsk	UNBA Seminar for Advocates of Lugansk Region	150
11	7/7/2018	Mykolayiv	UNBA Seminar for Advocates of Mykolaiv Region	200
12	7/14/2018	Lutsk	UNBA Seminar for Advocates of Volyn and Rivne Regions	320
13	7/21/2018	Mariupol	UNBA Seminar for Advocates of Donetsk Region	200
14	8/11/2018	Vinnytsia	UNBA Seminar for Advocates at Vinnytsia and Zhytomyr Regions	200
15	9/8/2018	Kherson	UNBA Seminar for Advocates at Kherson Region	150
16	9/22/2018	Odesa	UNBA Workshop for Advocates of Odesa Region	700
17	9/29/2018	Dnipro	UNBA Workshop for Advocates of Dnipropetrovsk Region	1250
18	10/13/2018	Mukachevo	UNBA Seminar for Advocates of Zakarpattia Region	206
19	10/20/2018	Kharkiv	UNBA Seminar for Advocates of Kharkiv Region	720
20	11/3/2018	Chernihiv	UNBA Seminar for Advocates of Chernihiv Region	360
21	11/10/2018	Cherkasy	UNBA Seminar for Advocates of Cherkasy Region	480
22	11/17/2018	Khmelnytskyi	UNBA Seminar for Advocates of Khmelnytskyi Region	250
23	12/1/2018	Poltava	UNBA Seminar for Advocates of Poltava Region	400

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# **CLE events jointly held by UNBA and other organizations**

Nº	Date	Place	Type of event	Number of participants held
1	1/10/2018	Kirovograd region	UNBA + FLA Committee + ULAF + Coordination Center	30
2	1/11/2018	Khmelnytskyi region.	UNBA + FLA Committee + ULAF + Coordination Center	44
3	1/15/2018	Dnipropetrovsk region	UNBA + FLA Committee + ULAF + Coordination Center	23
4	1/18/2018	Khmelnytsky region (Shepetivka)	UNBA + FLA Committee + ULAF + Coordination Center	16
5	1/18/2018	Kherson	UNBA + FLA Committee + ULAF + Coordination Center	22
6	1/20/2018	Ternopil region. (Ternopil City)	UNBA + FLA Committee + ULAF + Coordination Center	26
7	1/20/2018	Mykolaiv region (Mykolaiv City)	UNBA + FLA Committee + ULAF + Coordination Center	136
8	1/23/2018	Sumy region (Okhtyrka)	UNBA + FLA Committee + ULAF + Coordination Center	4
9	1/24/2018	Sumy region	UNBA + FLA Committee + ULAF + Coordination Center	18
10	1/24/2018	Kirovograd region (Alexandria)	UNBA + FLA Committee + ULAF + Coordination Center	30
11	1/24/2018	Dnipropetrovsk region	UNBA + FLA Committee + ULAF + Coordination Center	95
12	1/25/2018	Sumy region (Romny)	UNBA + FLA Committee + ULAF + Coordination Center	10
13	1/25/2018	Dnipropetrovsk region	UNBA + FLA Committee + ULAF + Coordination Center	47
14	1/25/2018	Chernihiv region	UNBA + FLA Committee + ULAF + Coordination Center	43
15	1/26/2018	Ternopil region (Kremenets)	UNBA + FLA Committee + ULAF + Coordination Center	12
16	1/26/2018	Volyn region (Lutsk)	UNBA + FLA Committee + ULAF + Coordination Center	48
17	1/29/2018	Kyiv City	UNBA + FLA Committee + ULAF + Coordination Center	36
18	1/29/2018	Sumy region (Sumy)	UNBA + FLA Committee + ULAF + Coordination Center	19
19	1/29/2018	Zhytomyr region	UNBA + FLA Committee + ULAF + Coordination Center	36



Nº	Date	Place	Type of event	Number of participants held
20	1/30/2018	Sumy region (Shostka)	UNBA + FLA Committee + ULAF + Coordination Center	92
21	2/1/2018	Poltava region	UNBA + FLA Committee + ULAF + Coordination Center	40
22	2/1/2018	Ternopil region (Chortkiv)	UNBA + FLA Committee + ULAF + Coordination Center	21
23	2/2/2018	Sumy region (Konotop)	UNBA + FLA Committee + ULAF + Coordination Center	7
24	2/2/2018	Donetsk region (Kramatorsk)	UNBA + FLA Committee + ULAF + Coordination Center	57
25	2/5/2018	Volyn region (Kovel)	UNBA + FLA Committee + ULAF + Coordination Center	13
26	2/6/2018	Kyiv	UNBA + TAA + AAS	90
27	2/7/2018	Kirovograd region	UNBA + FLA Committee + ULAF + Coordination Center	75
28	2/12/2018	Volyn region (Vladimir-Volynskyi)	UNBA + FLA Committee + ULAF + Coordination Center	19
29	2/16/2018	Kyiv	UNBA + AAS	130
30	2/16/2018	Zaporozhye region	UNBA + FLA Committee + ULAF + Coordination Center	47
31	2/17/2018	Mykolaiv region	UNBA + FLA Committee + ULAF + Coordination Center	204
32	2/22/2018	Kyiv	UNBA + Embassy of the United Kingdom, Law Society of England and Wales and the British-Ukrainian Law Association	80
33	2/22/2018	Lviv region.	UNBA + FLA Committee + ULAF + Coordination Center	39
34	2/23/2018	Zakarpattia region	UNBA + FLA Committee + ULAF + Coordination Center	37
35	2/27/2018	Lviv region.	UNBA + FLA Committee + ULAF + Coordination Center	25
36	2/28/2018	Lviv region.	UNBA + FLA Committee + ULAF + Coordination Center	25
37	3/17/2018	Odesa region	UNBA + FLA Committee + ULAF + Coordination Center	90
38	5/12/2018	Kyiv	Legal Workshop of UNBA and Legal Journa 'Law of Ukraine'	60
39	5/26/2018	Dnipro	UNBA and HELP training (Introduction to the Convention)	40
40	6/1/2018	Kyiv	The second forum on direct taxation organized by UNBA, TAA, AAAJ	50
41	6/9/2018	Kyiv	Legal Workshop of UNBA and Journal 'Law of Ukraine'	80

Nº	Date	Place	Type of event	Number of participants held
42	6/30/2018	Lviv	UNBA and HELP training (Introduction to the Convention)	40
43	7/6/2018	Kyiv	Legal Workshop of UNBA and Legal Journal 'Law of Ukraine'	50
44	7/7/2018	Kyiv	UNBA and HELP training (Eligibility Criteria)	30
45	7/17/2018	Kyiv	Next Gen - The work of an advocate in jurisdictions without justice	65
46	7/21/2018	Odesa	UNBA and HELP training (Introduction to the Convention)	30
47	7/27/2018	Kyiv	Next Gen - LegalTech. Modern legal technologies	33
48	8/7/2018	Kyiv	Next Gen -Professional guidance of a law firm: aspect of taxation	34
49	8/15/2018	Kyiv	Next Gen - Protecting Intellectual Property Rights	35
50	9/4/2018	Kyiv	Next Gen - Professional Services Marketing	35
51	9/12/2018	Kyiv	Next Gen - Introduction to European Union legislation	43
52	9/15/2018	Cherkasy	UNBA and HELP training (Introduction to the Convention)	40
53	9/21/2018	Kyiv	Legal Workshop of UNBA and Legal Journal 'Law of Ukraine'	45
54	9/26/2018	Kyiv	Legal Workshop of UNBA and Legal Journal 'Law of Ukraine'	70
55	10/6/2018	Lviv	UNBA and HELP training (Introduction to the Convention) 2 trainings	40
56	10/7/2018	Kyiv	UNBA and HELP training (Introduction to the Convention)	30
57	7/13/2018	Uzhgorod	UNBA and HELP training (Introduction to the Convention)	30
58	10/18/2018	Kyiv	Next Gen - The professional rights of advocates, or how not to get into trouble	20
59	19-20.10.2018	Dnipro	ULAF + UNBA "Criminal Procedure Code of Ukraine: application through the prism of European standards "	16
60	19-20.10.2018	Kharkiv	ULAF + UNBA "Criminal Procedure Code of Ukraine: application through the prism of European standards "	12
61	10/20/2018	Odesa	UNBA and HELP training (Introduction to the Convention) 2 trainings	30
62	10/24/2018	Kyiv	Next Gen - Managing Copyright and Related Rights in a New Way	26
63	10/25/2018	Kharkiv	UNBA and HELP training (Introduction to the Convention)	28

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Nº	Дата проведення	Місце проведення	Тип заходу	Кількість учасників
64	10/26/2018	Kyiv	Next Gen - Legal Tech 2.0. Modern legal technologies	43
65	26-27.10.2018	Lviv	ULAF + UNBA "Criminal Procedure Code of Ukraine: application through the prism of European standards "	20
66	26-27.10.2018	Odesa	ULAF + UNBA "Criminal Procedure Code of Ukraine: application through the prism of European standards "	20
67	10/27/2018	Vinnytsia	UNBA and HELP training (Introduction to the Convention)	27
68	10/31/2018	Kyiv	Next Gen - Intellectual Property and Fashion	11
69	11/2/2018	Kyiv	Legal Workshop of UNBA and Legal Journal 'Law of Ukraine'	120
70	2-3.11.2018	Dnipro	ULAF + UNBA "Criminal Procedure Code of Ukraine: application through the prism of European standards "	18
71	9-10.11.2018	Kyiv	ULAF + UNBA "Criminal Procedure Code of Ukraine: application through the prism of European standards "	33
72	9-10.11.2018	Odesa	ULAF + UNBA "Criminal Procedure Code of Ukraine: application through the prism of European standards "	15
73	9-10.11.2018	Kharkiv	ULAF + UNBA "Criminal Procedure Code of Ukraine: application through the prism of European standards "	23
74	11/14/2018	Kyiv	Next Gen - Work on the political component. The first acquittal	29
75	16-17.11.18	Dnipro	ULAF + UNBA "Criminal Procedure Code of Ukraine: application through the prism of European standards"	15
76	16-17.11.18	Lviv	ULAF + UNBA "Criminal Procedure Code of Ukraine: application through the prism of European standards "	14
77	11/18/2018	Kyiv	Next Gen - Work on the political component	16
78	23-24.11.2018	Kyiv	ULAF + UNBA "Criminal Procedure Code of Ukraine: application through the prism of European standards "	32
79	23-24.11.2018	Lviv	ULAF + UNBA "Criminal Procedure Code of Ukraine: application through the prism of European standards "	19
80	23-24.11.2018	Odesa	ULAF + UNBA "Criminal Procedure Code of Ukraine: application through the prism of European standards "	16
81	23-24.11.2018	Kharkiv	ULAF + UNBA "Criminal Procedure Code of Ukraine: application through the prism of European standards "	20
82	11/24/2018	Kyiv	Legal Workshop of UNBA and Legal Journal 'Law of Ukraine'	78
83	26-27.11.2018	Lviv	Українсько-німецький форум з питань захисту в кримінальному провадженні	90
84	11/30/2018	Kyiv	UNBA + TAA "International Forum on IT Taxation"	40
85	30.111.12.2018	Dnipro	ULAF + UNBA "Criminal Procedure Code of Ukraine: application through the prism of European standards "	21

Nº	Date	Place	Type of event	Number of participants held
86	30.11-1.12.2018	Kyiv	ULAF + UNBA "Criminal Procedure Code of Ukraine: application through the prism of European standards "	27
87	12/1/2018	Kyiv	Kyiv Next Gen - Dealing with Political Cases	38
88	7-8.12.2018	Kyiv	ULAF + UNBA "Criminal Procedure Code of Ukraine: application through the prism of European standards "	18
89	7-8.12.2018	Lviv	ULAF + UNBA "Criminal Procedure Code of Ukraine: application through the prism of European standards "	26
90	7-8.12.2018	Odesa	ULAF + UNBA "Criminal Procedure Code of Ukraine: application through the prism of European standards "	17
91	7-8.12.2018	Kharkiv	ULAF + UNBA "Criminal Procedure Code of Ukraine: application through the prism of European standards "	18
92	12/11/2018	Kyiv	Kyiv UNBA and South Law Law Workshop	64
93	12/11/2018	Kyiv	Kyiv UNBA and South Law Law Workshop	63
94	14-15.12.2018	Dnipro	ULAF + UNBA "Criminal Procedure Code of Ukraine: application through the prism of European standards "	17
95	21-22.12.2018	Odesa	ULAF + UNBA "Criminal Procedure Code of Ukraine: application through the prism of European standards "	14
96	21-22.12.2018	Lviv	ULAF + UNBA "Criminal Procedure Code of Ukraine: application through the prism of European standards "	23

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## Key achievements and events of 2018

# DEVELOPENT OF CONTINUOUS LEGAL EDUCATION

# On February 16, the upgraded Higher School of Advocacy became operational

The speech of a recognized professional advocate Yaroslav Zeykan gave a 'go' to the team of the Higher School of Advocacy meant to bring a modern educational format to Ukrainian Bar.

The team of lecturers presented training courses and other products and services of the Higher School of Advocacy, which were specifically designed for advocates, in particular covering topics of criminal law, civil and family law, intellectual property, as well as a wide range of expertise areas, including traffic accidents, construction, forensic science, psychology, linguistics and more. An additional benefit of studying at the HSA is the practical orientation of the classes, taught by leading specialists in various fields of law.





# In 2018, UNBA conducted 20 free training seminars in all regions of Ukraine

Ukrainian National Bar Association, jointly with the Council of Europe, has launched trainings on the leading educational courses of the European Program for the Human Rights Education for legal professionals - HELP.

The purpose of the training is to improve the skills and competences of advocates in the context of the application of the Convention on the Protection of Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms in their daily work.



# A special training course for introducing assistant advocate into the profession has been launched

A special introduction training course for the Assistant Advocate contains 7 modules based on specific topics. Each unit-module has the following structure: videos; text materials and documents that serve as a supplement to the videos, as well as a test and practical task. The test assignment is automatically checked by the system, whereas the practical assignment requires a professional review by the lecturer and takes some time. The course takes place online and at a convenient time. Upon completion of the course, a certificate issued and sent to the email in the course of 24 hours. The data is entered in the register of persons, who have undergone a Special Training Course for introducing assistant advocate into the profession The register is available on the website of the Higher School of Advocacy.

# A professional adaptation course for trainees launched

An adaptation course for trainees contains 7 modules based on selected topics. Each unit-module has the following structure: videos; text materials and documents that serve as supplement to the videos, as well as a test and practical task. The test assignment is automatically checked by the system, while the practical one requires professional review from the lecturer and takes some time to test. The course may be learned online and at a convenient time. Upon completion of the course, a certificate is issued, which is also duplicated in e-mail during the next 24h. The data is entered in the register of persons who have passed the Professional Adaptation course for trainees. The register is available at the website of the Higher School of Advocacy.

UNBA cooperation with the Council of Europe HELP program has started

In 2018, UNBA began training under the HELP Council of Europe program. The Council of Europe's HELP Program Coordinator is Olena Sibilova, Chair of UNBA Professional Qualification Development Committee

During the six months, 10 trainings were held, in particular, on the following topics

"Introduction to the Convention for the Protection of Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms", "Eligibility Criteria" and "Right to the Integrity of the Person

- Bioethics". These measures helped to raise awareness among participants about protection of human rights in ECtHR and promoted the harmonization of human rights standards and the reduction of their violations at the national level.

Interviews were conducted among advocates, assistant advocates and trainees. On this basis, the topics of the courses within the project "Strengthening the Implementation of European Standards for the Protection of Human Rights in Ukraine" were developed and agreed with the CoE.

The first of the HELP courses was the "Labor Rights in the Light of ECtHR Practice". This CoE course was introduced for EU countries at the end of February 2017, for other countries - from April 2017. In October 2018, it was first introduced to a panel of judges in Ukraine and is now being taught to advocates.

Another new course that is currently being tested is the "Prohibition of Misconduct". In the near future, the course will be taught to mixed groups - advocates, judges and prosecutors. Of particular interest is the course "Admissibility Criteria for Applications to the European Court of Human Rights". Its purpose is to assist in the submission of applications to the ECtHR. The course consists of 10 sessions, each of which addresses the nuances of eligibility, and each task and question is designed on a case-by-case basis. It will be taught by certified ECHR coaches and advocates. In addition, given the interest of the audience, UNBA will continue to provide a course 'Introduction to Convention'. And in view of the demand in the regions, other trainings will be offered as well.

Adequate professional training and timely qualification

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development are keys to proper protection of human rights. It is also a necessary element of competent national

judiciary, a decisive condition for the community's respect for an advocate as a professional human rights defender.

A schedule of professional education events, including HELP courses, is published at UNBA website.





# FURTHERANCE OF COOPERATION WITH STATE AUTHORITIES

# In February 2018, UNBA, All-Ukrainian Association of Administrative Judges and Tax Advisers Association agreed to cooperate.

The Memorandum of Cooperation was signed on February 16 as part of the conference "Procedure for the Settlement of Disputes with the Participation of Judges: international and Ukrainian experience."

According to the document, the parties will undertake joint activities, exchange experience and information on their activities in the field of the rule-of-law, protection of human rights and freedoms. The activities pursuant to the Memorandum also include joint implementation of the 'Tax Academy' project.

## Nine advocates were elected to the Public Control Board of the State Bureau of Investigation

The Board includes leading legal practitioners, practicing advocates: Maxim Boldin, Oleksandr Volvak, Sergiy Ivanov, Anna Kolesnyk, Denis Kolesnikov, Nadiya Korinna, Rostislav Popovich, Igor Protsenko, Yaroslav Romanenko.

In total, the Public Control Board comprised of 15 legal professionals. Advocate Maxim Boldin, elected as Head of SBI Public Control Board, Rostislav Dmitrus became his deputy, and Nadiya Korinna appointed as the Council's secretary.

In addition, the Council elected 3 representatives - Natalia Mamchenko and advocates Oleksandr Volvak and Yaroslav Romanenko to the SBI Disciplinary Commission, with the subsequent filing of the motion by the Director for inclusion in the Commission. In total, Disciplinary Commission consists of 5 persons.

# РАДА ГРОМАДСЬКОГ И КОНТРОЛ

## Nine advocates became members of the SBI Scientific Advisory Board

The Scientific and Advisory Board of the State Bureau of Investigation now includes leading advocates, practitioners and MPs - Oleksiy Baganets, Nana Bakayanova, Nazar Bobechko, Oleksandr Dulsky, Oleg Kuprienko, Natalia Sirolik, Rusal Mykola and Olga Shylo.

In total, the Scientific Advisory Board comprised of 23 legal professionals.

# The advocates became members of the Scientific Advisory Board of the Supreme Court

The Scientific Advisory Board of the new Supreme Court now includes leading advocates, scholars, market leaders. The members of the Scientific Advisory Council include the Chair of the Higher Qualifications and Disciplinary Commission of the Bar Oleksandr Drozdov, and Member of the High Council of Justice, Vadim Belyanevich, elected by the Congress of Advocates.

# UNBA, the Council of Judges of Ukraine and the Council of Prosecutors of Ukraine jointly signed the resolution: Professional Ethics of Justice

On October 1, 2018 President of the Bar Council of Ukraine Lidiya Izovitova, Chair of the Council of Judges Oleg Tkachuk and Chair of the Council of Prosecutors of Ukraine Mykhailo Misyura signed a resolution "Professional ethics of justice".

The document was drafted to promote high standards of justice, vocational training and to enhance the professional ethics of litigation.



The resolution provides for the formation of a Coordination Committee of Justice consisting of 3 persons, one representative from each of the higher self-governing bodies of judges, advocates and prosecutors.

In addition, resolution provides for the introduction, on the basis of the National School of Judges of Ukraine, the National Academy of Prosecution of Ukraine and UNBA Higher School of Advocacy, of periodic joint training of judges, prosecutors and advocates on the protection of human rights and fundamental freedoms, taking into account the provisions of the Convention and Practice of the ECtHR, on professional conduct and the practice of applying the rules of professional conduct, responsibility and securing the authority of the judiciary, as well as other topics of common interest

The parties to the resolution should ensure prompt consideration of the appeals of the Council of Judges of Ukraine, the Bar Council of Ukraine, the Council of Prosecutors of Ukraine regarding the violation of human rights standards and fundamental freedoms as well as professional conduct in the field of justice.

In addition to ethics and training, the Resolution address a block of issues concerning violations of the independence of the judiciary. In particular, cases of influence, pressure, interference with justice, courts and judges, in particular, the influence of law enforcement agencies on judges by way of registering criminal proceedings and continuing non-investigation thereof, including unlawful disciplinary and criminal prosecution of judges for unlawful decisions have been found to violate the guarantees of the independence of the judiciary, jeopardize the rule-of-law in Ukraine, and undermine the foundations of law and order in the State.

## UNBA and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Ukraine have signed a Memorandum of Cooperation.

On №vember 29, 2018, the document was signed by UNBA/BCU President Lidiya Izovitova and MFA Minister Pavlo Klimkin.

From now on, Ukraine's advocates, together with diplomats, will work to promote the image of our country abroad, establish and strengthen business and cultural contacts, and, most importantly, implement coordinated protection of the rights and interests of Ukrainians abroad.

Memorandum envisages active involvement of Ukrainian advocates living in other countries who are willing to help their compatriots.

The document defines such areas of cooperation as the organization and implementation of measures aimed at increasing the interest of foreign states, their legal entities and individuals in interaction with Ukraine, in particular, in making investments in the economy of Ukraine; cooperation (including through the network of offices of Ukrainian National Bar Association) on the presentation of Ukrainian Bar internationally, integration of Ukrainian legal community into the European space, assistance in establishing international relations and exchange of experience between national bar associations of different countries and other

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international human rights and legal organizations. The Parties will make joint efforts to raise awareness of Ukrainian citizens, foreigners and stateless persons both in Ukraine and abroad regarding the legislation of Ukraine and foreign states, course of action in problematic situations.

The memorandum provides for the exchange of information on the possibility of involving foreign or domestic advocates for defense.

## On December 19, 2018 MPs Oleksandr Drozdyk, Oleg Kuprienko, Igor Lapin and Andriy Pomazanov were recognized as 'Prominent Advocates'

On the occasion of Advocacy Day, the award was presented at Verkhovna Rada by UNBA/BCU President Lidiya Izovitova.

Thus, UNBA noted the contribution of the said MPs towards formation of an independent professional Bar and strengthening its authority, dedication to protecting the rights of advocates and upholding the values of the profession.

# SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY OF AD-VOCACY AND COOPERATION WITH THE HUGE SECTOR

# On April 24, 2018, the first meeting of the Coordination Council for Improving activity of Ukrainian Bar and Ensuring Human Rights took place.

Heads of law-enforcement, as well as representatives of the Ministry of Justice of Ukraine, the Security Service of Ukraine and Ukrainian Parliament's Commissioner for Human Rights, participated in the meeting.

The Coordination Council will promote implementation of European standards in activities of public authorities in relations with advocates, as well as ensure further development of Ukrainian legal profession in accordance with European values. The start of the Coordination Council's work laid an appropriate basis for establishing constructive cooperation between public authorities and the advocacy community in resolving issues of common concern to the Bar, state bodies and the State as a whole, and will allow to develop common positions for their settlement, aa the legislative level as well.

#### **Pro bono Legal Services**

Ukrainian National Bar Association has started cooperating with <a href="Prostir Pro Bono">Pro bono</a> legal assistance is already widespread in Ukraine. Within the framework of international cooperation and with the aim of developing the pro bono culture in Ukraine, UNBA creates additional opportunities for socially responsible advocates. To participate, one must:

- publicly declare their willingness to provide legal assistance pro bono and receive appropriate pro bono mark in the personal profile in URAU, which will inform the public accordingly;
- disseminate, through UNBA and Prostir Pro Bono resources information about their pro bono legal cases or legal assistance rendered.

In the framework of this cooperation, the Institution of Regional Pro Bono Coordinator was introduced - a representative of the Bar Council of the respective region, which promotes the development of Pro Bono culture in Ukraine and has special opportunities related to its role, namely:

- Be assigned cases from Prostir Pro Bono cases that need pro bono legal assistance in his area. The Pro Bono Coordinator will be the first to receive information on cases that require legal assistance in their region;
- Referrals of cases received from the Prostir to advocates who

are members of the Bar Council of the region and expressed a desire to provide legal assistance pro bono, indicating this intent accordingly via URAU. The case description will include all the necessary information as to where the advocate that decided to take the case should refer, namely Prostir Pro Bono contacts for further interaction.

At the beginning of 2019, a pilot project was launched, where the legal clinic "Pro bono" of Taras Shevchenko National University of Kyiv University provides free legal services. First of all, it is about providing primary legal aid, and then the possibility of representation of citizens in courts in so-called "insignificant cases".

This is a joint initiative of the Legal Clinic and the Legal Aid Coordination Center, implemented with the support of the Ministry of Justice of Ukraine and Ukrainian National Bar Association.

Ukrainian Legal Aid Foundation joined the cooperation, as well as international partners. The Memorandum of Understanding on the Pilot Project was signed on December 14, 2018.

# Involvement of Advocates in Mentoring within the Legal Aid System

UNBA together with the Legal Aid Coordination Center jointly implement a pilot project <u>"The Mentoring Office"</u>. From December 2017 to June 2018, there were 48 advocacy training events and exchanges of experience in providing FLA and 91 meetings with advocates-mentors for colleagues involved in the FLA system.

The project is aimed at improving the quality of the provision of FLA, developing the mentorship as institution and developing new criteria for monitoring the quality of legal aid in criminal, civil and administrative proceedings. In particular, the project promotes involvement of advocates in the external evaluation of the quality of FLA in order to implement an independent peer review of cases.

Mentors may be advocates with more than 5 years of experience, coaching and methodological skills, authority among colleagues and untarnished professional reputation. №minations are solicited upon the proposal of advocates' self-government by the directors of the FLA Regional Centers upon consent of the Coordinator.

Kyiv, Rivne and Vinnytsia were selected as pilot regions for the implementation of this project.



# UNBA and All-Ukrainian Trade Union of Advocates <u>signed</u> Memorandum of Cooperation

The main purpose of the trade union activity is to represent and protect the professional, labor, socio-economic rights and interests of its members in relations with employers, which in particular concerns the protection of the right of every member of advocates' trade union to increase the freedom of profession based on fair wages etc.

The document was signed by UNBA/BCU President Lidiya Izovitova and Trade Union Chair Nadiya Korinna during a meeting of the BCU in Zakarpattia region. The parties assumed that the interaction of the two organizations is important for the development of Ukraine's advocates and the Bar as a whole, for the protection of advocates' rights, including social and cultural rights, for the rule-of-law, both locally and internationally.

The areas of cooperation are defined to promote the legal culture of advocates; research of international experience and development of international cooperation in the field of advocacy; analysis of current legislation of both Ukraine and other states in the fields of advocacy and law enforcement; training events and more.

On October 26, 2018, UNBA signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the Legal Aid Coordination Center, Ukrainian Legal Aid Foundation, Ukrainian Helsinki Human Rights Union, Kharkiv Human Rights Protection Group on Enhancing Expertise in the area of access to justice of vulnerable population in criminal proceedings.

The document was signed by UNBA/BCU President Lidiya Izovitova, Coordinator of the Center Oleksiy Bonyuk, Director of Ukrainian Legal Aid Foundation Mykola Sioma, Executive Director of Ukrainian Helsinki Human Rights Union Oleksandr

# Pavlichenko, Director of the Kharkiv Human Rights Protection Group Yevhen Zakharov.

The Memorandum was concluded with the aim of facilitating interaction of the Parties on enhancing the expert capacity in the area of access to criminal justice for vulnerable groups of people.

The memorandum provides for the formation of <u>Expert Commissions- for Legal Analysis</u>, which will develop mechanisms to ensure the quality of free secondary legal aid in criminal proceedings.

# Third National Football Tournament "UNBA Cup 2018"

In April 2018, the Third National Football <u>"UNBA-2018 Cup took</u> place in Kyiv"

22 teams participated in the tournament, representing 21 regions of Ukraine and the city of Kyiv.

On April 2, KRBA TEAM became the champions of the Third National Football Tournament "UNBA Cup 2018". They are a team of advocates of the Kyiv region. EVRIS-Kyivshchyna Team of Kyiv Region became won the silver award and joint the Rivne-Zhytomyr Team got the bronze in the championship.

Concluding the tournament, UNBA/BCU President Lidiya Izovitova thanked all the teams for the game and presented the awards to the winners.

Winners in various individual nominations were also commended:

 "Top scorer" - Roman Gaftunyak, player of Cherkasy-Mykolaiv team,





- "Best defender" Andriy Belov, player of EVRIS-Kyivshchyna,
- "Best goalkeeper" Andriy Buzynny, KRBA TEAM player,
- "Best player" Vladimir Mikhailov, player of Rivne-Zhytomyr team.

### In October 2018, the Futsal Advocate Cup held in Kyiv

Football Tournament organized with help of Ukrainian National Bar Association and the Corporate Sport Organization. The Futsal Association of Ukraine also took part in the organization of the tournament.

Participants of the competition were the teams of advocates from Belarus, Azerbaijan, Georgia, regional teams of advocates, a team of notaries of the central regions of Ukraine. The Futsal Advocate Cup, which took place in Kyiv on October 24-28, went to the Team of Azerbaijan advocates. The team Advocates of Kyiv City took second place, the KRBA Team won the third place. The awards ceremony took place on October 2, 2018. The Champions were congratulated by the secretary of the Bar Council of Ukraine Pavlo Grechkivsky.

The Georgia Bar Team has received the Fair Play Cup from the Corporate Sport Organization, which has been holding continental and world championships among lawyers, namely Mundiavocat and Eurolawyers championships since 1983. The tournament also identified the best player, best goalkeeper, best defender and striker. The best in defense was Andriy Kusherets from the team of notaries of Ukraine, the best goalkeeper - Artem Andrushkiv (team of advocates of Kyiv city), the best scorer - Ulvi Aliyev (team of Azerbaijan). The best player of the tournament was Vadim Petrakov (Belarus team).







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# COOPERATION WITH LEGAL BUSINESS

# Barristers Law firm has become a UNBA partner for 2018



Partnership Agreement signed and UNBA/BCU President Lidiya Izovitova and Barristers LF Vice-Chair Denis Ponomarenko.

UNBA grants the Partner exclusive privileges in accordance with UNBA PARTNER 2018 Program.

Regulation on UNBA Partner Program envisages granting of a diploma of the Partner, the placement of information about the partner (Logo, brief information and hyperlink to the website) on the homepage at UNBA website, in the "UNBA Bulletin" and in the annual activity report of the Association. Partner receives discounts for participation of its employees in paid UNBA events, the opportunity for one employee to study at the Higher School of Advocacy for free, discounts on advertising space in the Bulletin, the opportunity to comment on his company activity at UNBA information resources and the right to use the symbol of the Association for marketing purposes.

According to UNBA Partner Program, the Partner's charitable contribution is 11200 UAH per month.

Barristers LF was founded on December 15, 2017. Their main area of activity is provision of a full range of legal services in the framework of criminal law and process, including in the International Criminal Court, the European Court of Human Rights, as well as at all instances of courts of foreign countries. In addition, advocates of Barristers LF specialize in litigating civil, labor and commercial law matters, as well as representing clients before state government, local self-government and private institutions.

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# On November 30, 2018, First Tax Digital Forum

Brought together government, IT and telecommunications stakeholders, experts and tax advisors for a professional discussion on tax issues in the digital economy.

The event was organized by the International Fiscal Association Ukraine, the Chamber of Tax Advisers, Legal High School, Ukrainian National Bar Association and the Tax Advisers Association with the support of Arzinger, Asters, Yuridicheskaya Praktika, American Chamber of Commerce in Ukraine, European Business Association, IT Ukraine Association, Sudebno-Yuridicheskaya Gazeta, Dilovyi Club, Taxlink.

The central theme of the forum was promotion of development of the digital economy and the issues of its international taxation - BEPS measures and their introduction worldwide; digital economy challenges for tax authorities and taxpayers; VAT and repatriation tax for online services; cloud technology - tax issues and more.

UNBA/BCU Vice-President **Valentyn Gvozdiy** suggested advocates within UNBA committees to come together to develop national legislation that would adapt the international recommendations of the BEPS plan. This activity of UNBA is planned to be carried out jointly with specialists of International Fiscal Association Ukraine.





# INTEGRATION OF YOUNG AD-VOCATES INTO PROFESSIONAL COMMUNITY

UNBA NextGen is an open project that brings together a community of young advocates for the purpose of achieving professional development goals and enhancing the impact of the next generation on advocacy as a whole

This UNBA Committee overseeing development of the professional community of young advocates, was formed in May 2018. The committee consists of 12 advocates under the age of 35.

A large-scale informal event for young advocates - Young Lawyers Summer Gathering, took place in Kyiv on the occasion of the launch of UNBA NextGen Committee in June 2018.







# DEVELOPMENT OF ADVOCATES' SELF-GOVERNMENT

# Coordination meetings with representatives of the regional advocates' self-government

In February <u>there was a joint meeting</u> members of the Bar Council of Ukraine, Chairs of the Bar Councils of the Regions and Chairs of the regional QDCBs.

In this format, a common position of the BCU and regional advocacy was prepared prior to the roundtable initiated by the Council for Judicial Reform (CJR) dedicated to the Bar reform. The main topic of the joint discussion was the draft amendments to the Law "On the Bar and Practice of Law".

Representatives of regional self-government and members of the BCU emphasized that cardinal reorganization of self-government by liquidation of existing bodies was not properly substantiated by the Working Group of the RSP. The Law "On the Bar and Practice of Law", adopted in 2012, fully complies with the Venice Commission Joint Opinion. In fact, the Working Group insists on revising or retreating from the European standards introduced to Ukrainian Bar

The resolution of the joint meeting stated that ill-considered changes to the system of Bar self-government could become a fatal mistake for the entire reform of the Bar.

# On February 9, 2018, UNBA leadership and the Chairs of the Bar Councils of the Regions participated in the Roundtable "Advocates' Self-Government: ways to improve"

The event was a joint initiative of the Council on Judicial Reform under the President of Ukraine and the Council of Europe project "Support to the Implementation of Judicial Reform in Ukraine". The centerpiece of the round table was the draft amending the law

"On the Bar and Practice of Law", developed by the Working Group of the Council for Judicial Reform.

UNBA representatives insisted that the reform of the Bar of self-government should be based on a model created in accordance with the current law On the Bar and Practice of Law. Instead, the draft of the Working Group of the Judicial Reform Council breaks down the balance of powers between the national and regional levels of self-government and eliminates clear division of functions between different bodies of self-government of the same level.

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In May 2018 in Lviv <u>there was a meeting</u> with the Chairs of the self-governing bodies of the western region presided by UNBA/BCU President Lidiya Izovitova.

The meeting was attended by the Chairs of the Bar Councils of Khmelnytskyi, Rivne, Ternopil, Zakarpattia, Volyn and Lviv regions, Chairs of Qualification and Disciplinary Commissions of the Bar of the western regions.

In her speech, UNBA President outlined the key issues facing the Bar. The first issue of the meeting was the crisis in the budget of the free legal aid system. In all regions of the country, there was a debt to advocates for the services they provided on the basis of assignments from the FLA centers.

# On November 16, 2018, on the occasion of the 6th anniversary of UNBA, a meeting of UNBA leadership with the chairs of the Bar Councils of the Regions took place

The meeting was convened to discuss strategic issues for the development of the Bar, in particular, the prospects for reforming core legislation and planning for the Congress of Advocates of Ukraine.

UNBA/BCU President Lidiya Izovitova reported that public pressure from the Bar and criticism of the draft 9055 "On the Bar and Practice of Law" submitted by the President as urgent was quite effective. However, further efforts should be made to ensure that the draft is not adopted as it threatens to destroy the system of protection of citizens' rights.

The discussion was also devoted to the results of UNBA's activities, the development of educational and scientific projects supported by UNBA, the Higher School of Advocacy and the Center for Advocacy and Legal Studies.

UNBA Vice-President Valentyn Gvozdiy presented a new online service developed on the basis of the Unified Register of Advocates of Ukraine, the Advocate's Cabinet.



# POSITIVE FEEDBACK AND TRUST OF THE LEGAL COMMUNITY

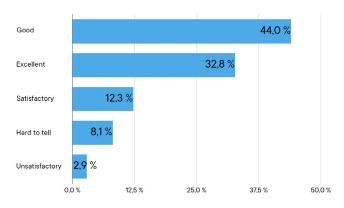
In August 2018, upon request of Ukrainian Legal Aid Foundation, the Center for Applied Research conducted a survey of advocates with a title "The institutional functioning of the Bar in Ukraine". 1000 advocates were interviewed in all regions of Ukraine using a telephone interview method. The general sample size was 40,000 advocates

The results of the study showed that majority of advocates are satisfied with UNBA's activities and benefit from their membership. Self-governing bodies have a high level of confidence within the professional environment, with regional councils and QDCBs receiving higher marks. As a rule, high levels of trust at the regional level are explained by the personal experience of ongoing interaction and communication of advocates with regional advocacy bodies.

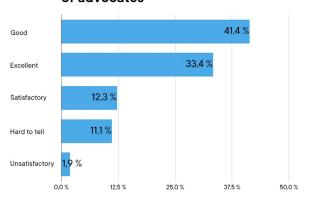
More than 70% of the polled have positively evaluated the current system of self-government. Approximately 80% responded positively to the work of Ukrainian National Bar Association (UNBA). Protection of advocates' rights by UNBA was rated by 44% as 'good' and by 33% as 'excellent'. Promotion of professional development of advocates was rated as 'good' by 41% as 'excellent' by 33%.

76% positively evaluated maintenance of the Unified Register of Advocates of Ukraine by the Bar Council of Ukraine, 1.5% of the respondents were dissatisfied with this work.o

# UNBA activity score: Protecting advocates



#### UNBA promoting professional development of advocates



What is your score for the work of advocate's self-government?

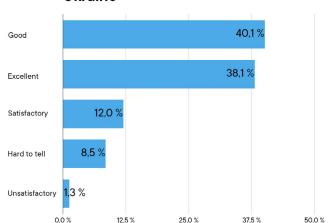
3 %
5 %
18 %
42 %

• Excellent
• Hard to tell
• Unsatisfactory

52% of respondents rated the work of the Bar Council of respective region as 'excellent', 37% rated it 'good'. The work of the Bar Council of Ukraine was rated 54% as "good", 29% as "excellent".

The Higher Qualification and Disciplinary Commission of the Bar is the following: rated 49% "good", 33% "excellent", QDCBs in the regions are rated 43% "good" and 40% "excellent".

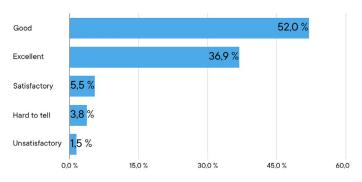
#### UNBA Services: Maintenance of Unified Register of Advocates of Ukraine



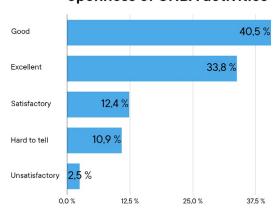
74% of the respondents said that UNBA is open and transparent, and approximately 80% said that they lacked information on the activities of the self-government bodies.

The survey was presented at the press center of the Ukrinform news agency and widely reported in the media.

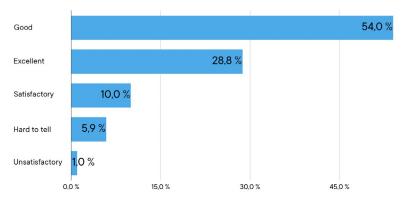
# How do you score the work of your regional Bar Council?



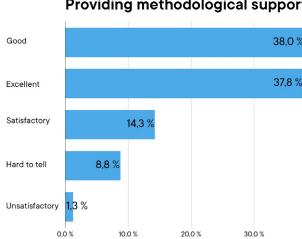
#### UNBA activity score. Ensuring transparency and openness of UNBA activities



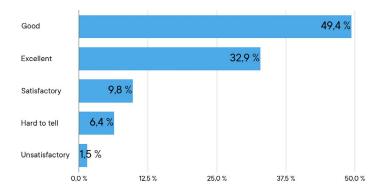
# What is your score for the work of Bar Council of Ukraine?



UNBA Services.
Providing methodological support



What is your score for the work of Higher Qualification and Disciplinary Commission of the Bar (HDCB)?



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# **UNBA Financial performance of balance sheet items for 2018**

Revenues	2016	2017	2018
Revenues from the transfer from the BCR of 30% of annual fees to support the implementation of advocacy in Ukraine	896 251	1 316 979	1 293 488
Advocates' annual fees to the implementation of the statutory tasks of self-governing bodies	903 3451	16537143	19 061 209
Others, including passive income *	350 112	501 005	817 109
Redistribution of funds for the needs of BCU UNBA	0	0	1 400 000
Warrant books	1 911	518	1 277
Charity	48 000	0	44 800
Financial Aid	1000000	190 540	300 000
Organizational and technical support for the work of the Expert Council	48 000	124 800	492 190
Internship	-	0	8 622 087
Providing copies of documents	-	4 173	o
Subletting the premises	-	403 371	1 836 238
Consideration of the complaint	-	0	1762
Participation in the event	_	0	194 739
Total:	11 329 726 €	19 078 529 €	34 064 899 €

<sup>\*</sup> Passive Income - Income received in the form of interest, dividends, insurance payments and indemnities, as well as royalties (Tax Code of Ukraine, 02.12.2010. №2755-VI)

Costs	2016	2017	2018
General payroll for full-time employees:	1867650	3 333 763	5 032 522
Compulsory deductions (taxes and fees):	1 490 317	2 076 854	2 942 549
Office maintenance costs (rental of premises, security, household needs, internet, communication, stationery, car maintenance and rental, courier and postal services, maintenance *	1 989 567	4 343 114	8 449 157
Organizational and technical support of conferences of advocates, meetings of the Bar Council of Ukraine, conferences, meetings, round tables, etc.	1 584 995	2 454 685	4 495 645
Organization of measures to improve the qualifications of Ukrainian advocates	408 103	2 015 880	2 696 296
Expenses for production of official certificates to heads of bodies of advocate self-government; advocates' certificates, diplomas, etc.	52 723	586 665	528 229
Maintaining the Official Website; print of UNBA newsletter	817 441	2 040 590	3 356 850
Costs for accounting, legal and notary services	350149	786263	4 239 824
Acquisition of fixed assets and intangible assets	204 389	922 676	1 037 519
Financial Aid	-	200000	100000
Allocation of annual fees to the needs of HQDCB	449 982	-	_
Total:	11 329 726 €	18 760 490 €	32 878 591 €

<sup>\*</sup>Office expenses included the cost of office supplies used to organize advocates 'events and seminars and the cost of fuel and lubricants used to organize advocates' events and seminars.

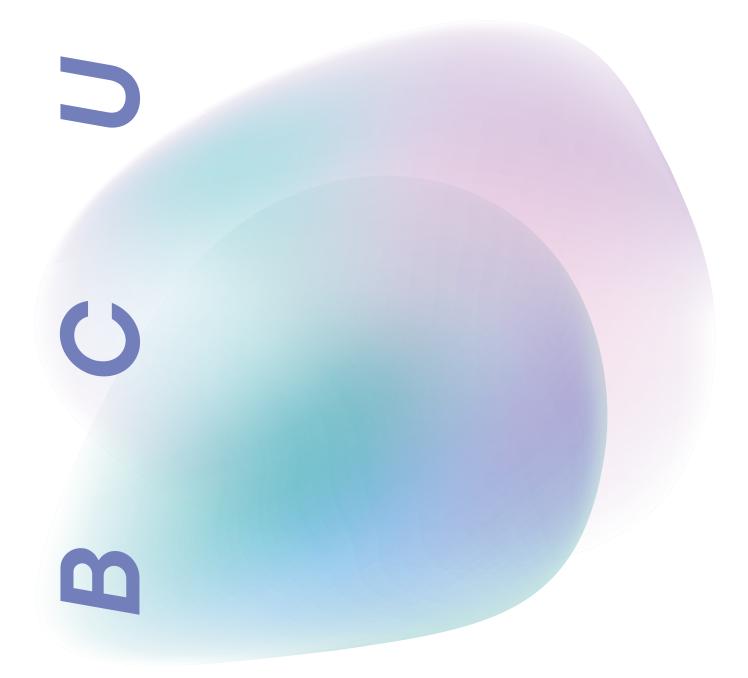


# **BAR** COUNCIL OF UKRAINE

- I. Bar Council of Ukraine: status, composition, powers, start of operations.
- II. The results of the implementation of the statutory powers 2012–2018:

#### **Meeting of the Bar Council of Ukraine 2018:**

- Number of meetings of the Bar Council of Ukraine convened and held
- · Analytics of decisions adopted by the Bar Council of Ukraine
- · Key decisions of the Bar Council of Ukraine



# I. Bar Council of Ukraine: status, composition, powers, getting started

Law of Ukraine "On the Bar and Practice of Law", approved by Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine on July 5, 2012 (№. 5076-VI), introduced the system of bodies of Ukrainian National Bar Association- the single professional nationwide organization of advocates established to ensure the realization of the tasks of advocates' self-government.

The Bar Council of Ukraine in the system of bodies of Ukrainian National Bar Association - is the national body of advocate's self-government, which is vested by the State with public representation of a non-governmental self-governing institution, which ensures defense, representation and legal assistance on a professional basis of the Bar of Ukraine. BCU acts as per above in the period between the Congresses of Advocates of Ukraine. With a view to defining and detailing the statutory powers of the Bar Council of Ukraine, the procedure for its formation and regulate its activity, on №vember 17, 2012 the Constituent Congress of Advocates of Ukraine, implementing the prescriptions of Articles 54, 55, as well as the Transitional Provisions of the Law of Ukraine "On the Bar and Practice of Law", approved the Regulation on the Bar Council of Ukraine (amended on April 26–27, 2014, and on June 09, 2017).

The Bar Council of Ukraine has no legal personality.

The Bar Council of Ukraine is composed of its members, delegated by regional conferences of advocates of to represent the interests of advocates of a region/city at the national level: one representative from each region of Ukraine with at least five years' experience as an advocate, as well as the Chair and two Vice-Chairs, elected by vote at the Congress of Advocates of Ukraine, and the Secretary of the Bar Council of Ukraine, elected by the Bar Council of Ukraine from the membership of the Bar Council of Ukraine.

# The current membership of the Bar Council of Ukraine are:

President - Lidiya Izovitova

Vice-Chair - Valentyn Gvozdiy

Vice-Chair - Oleksiy Kukhar

Secretary of the BCU, Representative of advocates of the

Kyiv region - Pavlo Grechkivsky

Representative of advocates from AR Crimea -

Olga Shevchenko

Representative of advocates of Vinnytsia region -

Yurii Zazhyrko

The representative of the advocates of Volyn region –

Oksana Komarnitska

Representative of advocates of Lugansk region – **Igor Kolesnikov** 

Representative of advocates of Dnipropetrovsk region -

Anton Kryvoshapka

Representative of advocates of Donetsk region -

Sergiy Osyka

Representative of advocates of Zhytomyr region -

**Oleksiy Slivinsky** 

Representative of advocates of Zakarpattia region -

Vasyl Koshel

Representative of advocates of Zaporizhya region -

Yaroslav Grishin

Representative of advocates in Ivano-Frankivsk region -

Irina Mnyshenko

Representative of advocates from Kyiv City - Ihor Cherezov

Representative of advocates of Kirovograd region -

Natalia Sumska

Representative of advocates of Lviv region -

Barbara Kalyuzhna

The representative of advocates of the Mykolayiv area -

Pavlo Repeshko

Representative of advocates of Odesa region -

Olga Golovchenko

Representative of advocates of Poltava region -

**Anatoly Pleskach** 

Representative of advocates of Rivne region -

Mykola Blashin

Representative of advocates of Sumy region -

**Roman Afanasiev** 

Representative of advocates of Ternopil region -

Yuri Gordeyev

Representative of advocates of Kharkiv region -

Larisa Velichko

The representative of advocates of the Kherson area –

Lyubov Goroschenko

Representative of advocates of Khmelnytsky region –

Oksana Kadenko

Representative of advocates of Cherkasy region -

**Vladimir Yudin** 

Representative of advocates of Chernihiv region -

Lyudmila Gryn

Representative of advocates of Chernivtsi region -

Valery Bozhik

# The Bar Council of Ukraine, in accordance with its tasks, has the following powers as defined by the Law of Ukraine "On the Bar and Practice of Law" and the Regulation on the Council of Advocates Ukraine:

- Draws up the agenda, ensures the convening and holding of the Congress of Advocates of Ukraine;
- Determines the quota of representation, the procedure for nomination and election of delegates of a Conference of Advocates of the Regions, the Congress of Advocates of Ukraine:
- Ensures implementation of the decisions of the Congress of Advocates of Ukraine:
- Carries out organizational, methodical, informational maintenance of the Unified Register of Advocates of Ukraine, supervises and coordinates the activity of the Bar Councils of the Region in respect of entering information and providing extracts from the Unified Register of Advocates of Ukraine, approves the form of extract from the Unified Register of Advocates of Ukraine and Procedure for Maintaining of the Unified Register of Advocates of Ukraine;
- Approves the regulations of the Conference of Advocates of the Region; the provisions on the Bar Council of the region, the regulations on the Qualification and Disciplinary Commissions of the Bar, the provisions on the Regional Audit Commission of the Bar, the provisions on the Commission for Assessing the Quality, Completeness and Timeliness of Providing Legal Aid;
- Establishes the amount and procedure of payment of the advocates' annual fees for the implementation of the advocates' self-government, ensures their distribution and use;
- Determines the amount of deductions of the Qualification and Disciplinary Commissions of the Bar for the support of the activities of the Higher Qualification and Disciplinary Commission of the Bar, the amount of deductions of the Bar Council of the Region for the support of the activity of the Bar Council of Ukraine and other deductions;
- Decides on behalf of Ukrainian National Bar Association to establish the Bar Councils of the Regions, Qualification and Disciplinary Commissions of the Bar of the Autonomous Republic of Crimea, regions, the City of Kyiv, the City of Sevastopol, to register changes to their constituent documents and changes to the information contained in the State Register of Legal Entities and Individual Entrepreneurs;
- Approves the Regulation on the Bar Councils of the Region, the Qualification and Disciplinary Commissions of the Bar of the Autonomous Republic of Crimea, the Region, the City of Kyiv, the City of Sevastopol, the Regional Audit Commissions of the Bar,

- Higher Qualifications and Disciplinary Commission of the Bar, as well as the Regulation on the Regional Audit Commission of the Bar.
- Coordinates and supervises the activities of the Bar Councils of the Regions, facilitates their activities and provides them with the necessary methodological assistance;
- Promotes guarantees of advocacy, protection of professional, social and other rights of advocates;
- Decides on the disposal of the funds and property of Ukrainian National Bar Association in accordance with the assignments of funds and property determined by the statute of Ukrainian National Bar Association and decisions of the Congress of Advocates of Ukraine;
- Approves the procedure for promulgation of the annual financial statements of Ukrainian National Bar Association:
- Considers complaints against decisions, actions, inaction of regional Bar councils, with the right of cancellation of their illegal decisions;
- Designates the printed body of Ukrainian National Bar Association;
- Ensures the maintenance and functioning of the official website of Ukrainian National Bar Association;
- Approves the list of documents that are attached to the application of an advocate of a foreign state about the inclusion in the Unified Register of advocates of Ukraine;
- Approves the samples of the certificate on passing the qualification examination, the certificate of the right to practice law, the ID card of advocate of Ukraine, the ID card of the President, the Vice-President, the Secretary, the member of the Bar Council of Ukraine, the ID card of the Chair, the Vice-Chair, the Secretary, member of the Higher Qualifications and Disciplinary Commission of the Bar, ID card of the Chair, member of the Higher Audit Commission of the Bar;
- Approves the procedure of passing the qualifying examinations, the program of qualifying examinations and the method of their assessment, other documents stipulated by the Law of Ukraine "On the Bar and Practice of Law";
- Approves traineeship procedure, traineeship program and methodology;
- Approves the typical form of the advocate's warrant, the Regulation on the advocate's warrant and the procedure for keeping a register of warrants;
- Approves the procedure for drawing up a report of an administrative offense and the form of the report by the Regional Bar Council;
- Develops, on behalf of the Congress of Advocates of Ukraine, state bodies and upon its own initiative, draft laws and other legal acts that regulate the activity of the Bar, including on social

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protection of advocates, professional rights and guarantees of advocacy, as well as other draft legal acts in the field of state policy on legal aid, protection and representation;

- Develops proposals for improvement of the current legislation and submits them in due course to the subjects of legislative initiative;
- Performs legal examination of draft laws, other acts of legislation submitted for consideration by the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine, and drafts of laws submitted for consideration by Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine to other subjects of the right of legislative initiative, normative-legal acts of Verkhovna Rada of the Autonomous Republic of Crimea in the sphere public policy on legal aid, protection and representation;
- Prepares comments and proposals for draft laws on state aid on legal aid, defense and representation submitted to Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine:
- Take, in accordance with the legislation, measures to eliminate state and local self-government bodies, other subjects of violations of professional rights and guarantees of advocacy; make proposals for elimination of detected violations and deficiencies and hold officials responsible for the violations committed:
- Organizes work on the preparation of the annual plan of activities for the activities of Ukrainian National Bar Association, carries out scientific and expert, analytical, information and methodological support and monitoring of its implementation;
- Officially publishes the decisions of the Congress of Advocates of Ukraine, the Ukrainian National Bar Association, the Bar Council of Ukraine:
- Serves as the founder of mass media on behalf of Ukrainian National Bar Association;
- Defines the procedure and forms of training for advocates, provides methodological guidance and organizes the training of advocates;
- Participates in the organization of work on training, retraining and advanced training of specialists in the specialty "Jurispudence" in educational institutions, regardless of ownership and subordination, provides proposals for training in legal specialties;
- Assists state authorities and local self-government bodies, other entities in the development of providing legal assistance in order to realize the rights, freedoms and legal interests of citizens and legal entities;
- Assists in coordinating the activity of the central bodies of state power in the implementation of state policy in the sphere of providing free legal aid, cooperates with the central bodies of state power on the implementation of the Law of Ukraine "On Free Legal Aid";
- Participates in the development and dissemination of educational programs in the field of protection of rights,

freedoms and legitimate interests of citizens;

- Provides clarifications on issues related to advocacy;
- Exercise other powers based on and in line with the Constitution and laws of Ukraine, acts of the President of Ukraine, acts of the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine;
- Performs other functions in accordance with the Law of Ukraine
   "On the Bar and Practice of Law" and the decisions of the Congress of Advocates of Ukraine, the Regulation.

The form of work of the Bar Council of Ukraine is a meeting convened by the President of the Bar Council of Ukraine and, in her absence, by one of the Vice-Presidents at least once every two months. A meeting of the Bar Council of Ukraine may also be convened upon the proposal of at least one fifth of the total membership of the Bar.

The Bar Council of Ukraine began its work by holding its first meeting on December 17, 2012.

# II. The results of carrying out legally assigned powers in 2017-2018:

# 1. Meetings of the Bar Council of Ukraine in 2017–2018:

Number of meetings of the Bar Council of Ukraine convened and held

#### 2018 - 14 meetings

Number of decisions adopted by the Bar Council of Ukraine

#### 2018 - 234 decisions

- · approving clarifications on issues related to advocacy;
- · approving internal regulatory acts (amending them);

- on issues related to the organization of activity of the bodies of advocate self-government;
- approving the procedures for nominating and electing delegates to regional Conferences of Advocates, Regulation for Conferences of Advocates and setting quotas for representation;
- on approval of the Regulation on the Self-governing Bodies (Amendments);
- on consideration of appeals against decisions, actions or inaction of Bar Councils of the Region, their Chairs; on cancellation of decisions of Bar Council of the Region;
- on the establishment of UNBA Representative Offices abroad, committees, working groups, temporary commissions, other structures:
- · various.

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**Decision №. 1** of 15.01.2018 "On Approval of the Open Appeal on the Draft Law" On Amendments to the Law of Ukraine "On the Bar and Practice of Law" (new version) and other related legislative acts of Ukraine"

**Decision №. 6** of 08.02.2018 "On Approval of the Sample, Form and Description of the Excerpt from the Unified Register of Advocates of Ukraine"

**Decision Ns. 7** of February 8, 2018 "On consideration of the appeals of I. Rafalska to the Bar Council of Ukraine from December 22, 2017 to the Supreme Court of Ukraine, the High Council of Justice, Law Enforcement Agencies and Courts of Kyiv and other bodies, organizations, institutions"

**Decision №.15** of February 8, 2018 "On Amendments and additions to the Regulation on Organization and Procedure of Traineeships for Obtaining a Certificate of right to practice Law"

**DecisionN₂. 19** of 08/02/2018 "On the Remuneration of Members of the Higher Audit commission of the Bar in 2018"

**Decision №. 23** of 30.03.2018 "On Consideration of the Letter Signed by Advocate Pokotilo I.M. as the Chair of QDCB of Kyiv City, and Igor Kovalenko's application for admission of the latter to passing the qualification exam".

**Decision No. 29** of March 30, 2018 "On Amendment and Approval of additions to the Regulation on Organization and Procedure of Traineeships for Obtaining a Certificate of right to to practice law".

Decision №. 31 of 30.03.2018 "On the results of consideration



of the application of the managing partner of LF ANTARES Ponomarenko V.V. on clarification of some issues related to advocacy in the context of the provisions of the Law of Ukraine "On the Bar and Practice of Law" and the Rules of Professional Conduct"

**Decision №. 32** of 30.03.2018 "On the results of consideration of the application of the managing partner of LF ANTARES Ponomarenko V.V."

**Decision №. 33** of 30.03.2018 "On approval of clarification regarding representing different parties in the same economic case by an advocate and his assistant".

**Decision №. 38** of 30.03.2018 "On Amending and Approving Changes to the Procedure for Personal Data Processing in Personal Data Databases"

Decision N₂. 39 of 30.03.2018 "On the results of the



consideration of the letter of the Chair of the High Council of Justice Benedysyuk I.M. on expressing its position on the state of independence of judges in Ukraine in the context of the Annual Report on Ensuring the Independence of Judges in Ukraine"

**Decision №. 41** of 30.03.2018 "On the Establishment of an IT Law Committee of Ukrainian National Bar Association"

**Decision №. 44** of 30.03.3018 "Issue of payment of annual fee for the ensuring advocate self-government by advocates of certain categories".

**Decision №. 45** of 30.03.3018 "On Introducing and Approving Amendments to the Regulation on Organization and Procedure of Traineeships for Obtaining a Certificate of right to practice Law".

**Decision №. 47** dated March 30, 2018 "On the results of the consideration of the appeal by advocate of LF" GoroLegal" O.O. Horoshinsky, and the advocate of AVER LEX LF about protection of professional rights and guarantees of legal practice".

**Decision №. 50** of 30.03.2018 "On Approval of UNBA Partnership Program for 2018".

**Decision №. 51** of March 30, 2018 "On the establishment of a representative office of Ukrainian National Bar Association in the French Republic, Marseilles".

**Decision №. 62** of 01.06.2018 "On the support of the proposal of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe on the drafting of the European convention on the profession of lawyer"

**Decision №. 64** of 01.06.2018 "On the results of consideration of the appeal by advocate from AVER LEX LF Serdyuk V.A. on the interpretation of certain provisions of the Rules of Professional Conduct".

**Decision Ns. 65** of 01.06.2018 "On the results of consideration of the advocates' appeals V.P. Koloshin, V.I. Volynskaya, I.P. Kostina on clarification of issues related to representation by an advocate of Ukraine of interests of clients whose rights are violated on temporarily occupied territories and other related issues "Decision Ns. 66 of 01.06.2018"

On amendments to the Regulation on the procedure for adoption and the handling of complaints about the misconduct of an advocate that may result in his disciplinary responsibility, and the Instruction on recordkeeping in regional self-government bodies"

**Decision №. 69** dated 01.06.2018 "On the Establishment of "UNBA Professional Qualification Development Committee"

**Decision №. 70** dated 01.06.2018 "On the Establishment of UNBA Committee on Anti-Corruption Policy and Compliance".

**Decision №. 72** dated 01.06.2018 "On the results of consideration of the letter of V. Prokopchuk, Chair of the Bar Council of

Zhytomyr region on the production and issuance of warrants for legal assistance"

Decision  $N_2$  73 of 01.06.2018 "On the results of the consideration of the letter of the General Director of "NC IT-PROJECT LLC" Khovanets A.G. on modern video capture systems and their use in the practice of an advocate"

Decision №. 75 of 01.06.2018 "On the results of consideration of the statement of advocate Klimenko O.K. on groundless refusal to conclude a contract with the Regional Center for the provision of free secondary legal aid in Lviv region"

Decision  $N_2$ . 78 of 01.06.2018 "On Approval of the new edition of the Statute of UNBA Higher School of Advocacy"

Decision №. 79 of 01.06.2018 "On Establishment of a Representative Office of Ukrainian National Bar Association in the Swiss Confederation Buchs City)"



**Decision №. 80** dated 01.06.2018 "On Amending and Approving the Regulation on Organization and Procedure of Traineeships for Obtaining a Certificate of right to practice Law".

**Decision №. 81** dated 01.06.2018 "On Amendments to the Regulation on Assistant Advocate".

**Decision № 82** dated 01.06.2018 "On submission and approval of amendments to the Procedure of developing professional qualification of advocates of Ukraine".

**Decision №. 83** of 01.06.2018 "On Approval of the new edition of the Regulation on UNBA International Relations Committee".

**Decision №. 86** of 02.06.2018 "On Amendments to the Regulation of the Higher Qualification and Disciplinary Commission of the Bar, the Regulation on the Qualification and





Disciplinary Commission of the Bar, Procedure for admission to the qualification exam, Procedure for passing the qualification exam and the method of evaluation of the results of the qualification exam for obtaining certificate of right to practice law"

**Decision №. 87** of 02.06.2018 "On the Prevention of the Breach of the Independence of the Bar by the Courts of Ukraine, Guarantees of Advocacy, as Enshrined in the Constitution of Ukraine and the Law of Ukraine" On the Bar and Practice of Law ", During the Hearing of Disputes against Decisions of QDCB in a Disciplinary Case.

**Decision №. 88** dated 02.06.2018 "On the results of consideration of the petition of the Bar Council of Lviv region on the issue of drafting/refusal to draw up reports on administrative offenses under Article 212–3 of the Code of Administrative offences of Ukraine".

**Decision №. 89** of June 2, 2018 "On the Provision of Recommendations on Issuance of Materials on Administrative Violations, Pursuant to Article 212–3 of the Code of Administrative offenses of Ukraine".

**Decision Ns. 90** dated 02.06.2018 "On approval and of an open statement on inadmissibility of pressure on advocates, interference with advocacy activities and violation of the rights guaranteed by the Constitution of Ukraine and professional rights and guarantees of advocates".

**Decision №. 91** of June 2, 2018 "On appealing to authorized persons and competent bodies on the issue of prevention of violation of the professional rights of advocates and guarantees of advocacy"

**Decision №. 93** of June 2, 2018 "On Amending and Approving Changes to the Procedure for Maintaining the Unified Register of Advocates".

**Decision №. 94** of 02.06.2018 "On Establishment of UNBA Youth Committee - "UNBA NextGen".

**Decision №. 95** of 06/02/2018 "On Amendments to UNBA Partnership Program for 2018"

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**Decision №. 97** of 02.06.2018 "On Approval of the Concept of Development of the Mentoring Institution".

**Decision №. 100** of 02.06.2018 "On payment by advocates of the single contribution to compulsory state social insurance"

Decision №. 100 of 02.06.2018 "On the Establishment of the

Advocate Committee at Ukrainian National Bar Association"

Decision No. 109 dated 25.07.2018 "On Amendments and
Approvals of the Regulation on Assistant Advocate and
Procedure for Maintaining the Unified Register of Advocates"

Decision Ne. 110 of 25.07.2018 "On approval of the new version of the Regulation on UNBA Youth Committee -" UNBA NextGen "

Decision №. 111 of 25.07.2018 "On Approval in the New Revision of the Statute of the Higher School of Advocacy of Ukrainian National Bar Association."

Decision №. 112 dated 25.07.2018 "On Approval of the Regulation on the Council of Elders of Ukrainian National Bar Association"



Decision  $N_2$ . 118 dated 09/09/2018 "On the results of the work of the Working group on the analysis of the Draft Law # 9055 of 06/09/2018".

**Decision №. 124** dated 07.09.2018 "On the results of consideration of the appeal of the advocate Syvyi R.B. with a request to clarify some issues related to the advocate's professional activity within a law firm".

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**Resolution Ns. 125** dated 07/09/2018 "On the results of consideration of letters of the Chair of QDCB of Kyiv Region Polishchuk V.A. requesting clarification of the procedure for revocation of the decision of QDCB of the region about issuing certificate of passing qualifying examination".

**Decision №. 127** of September 7, 2018 "On Disciplinary Responsibility of Advocates of AR Crimea and Sevastopol" Decision # 129 of 09/09/2018 "On the Peer Review Concept in the FLA System".

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**Decision №. 175** of 13.10.2018 "On Amendments to the Procedure for the Advancement of Advocates' Qualifications Approved by the Decision of the Bar Council of Ukraine №. 85 of February 16, 2013, as amended"

**Decision №. 175** of 13.10.2018 "On Amendments and Additions to some decisions of the Bar Council of Ukraine".

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**Decision №. 199** of December 13, 2018 "On Setting the Delegation quota to the Congress of Advocates of Ukraine in 2019".

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**Decision №. 217** of 13.12.2018 "On providing clarification on the trainee's adaptation course to the profession at the Bar Association of Ukrainian National Bar Association".

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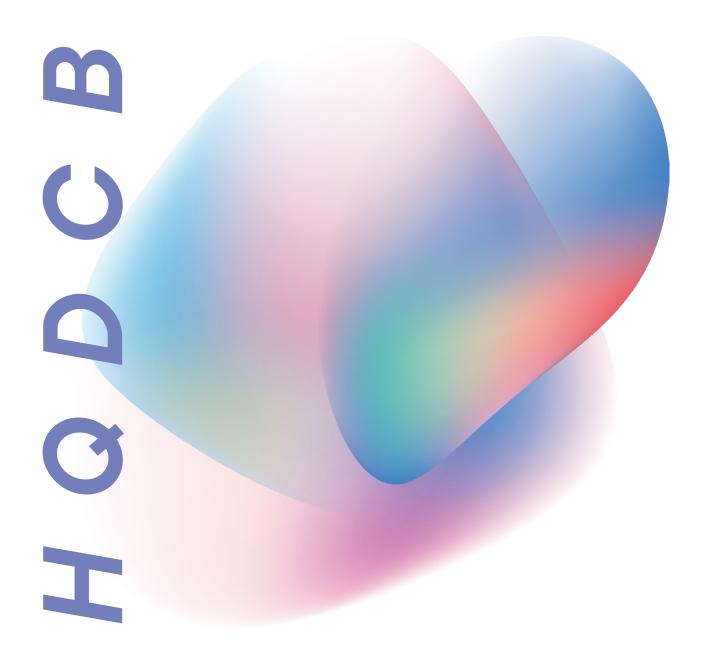
#### **Legal Department**

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HIGHER QUALIFICATIONS AND DISCIPLINARY COMMISSION OF THE BAR



# Activities of the Higher Advocate Qualifications and Disciplinary Commission for 2017 - 2018



#### I. General Information. Powers of HQDCB

BHigher 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 №. 5076-VI (hereinafter - the Law).

According to Article 52 (10) of the Law, the Statute of the Higher Qualification and Disciplinary Commission of the Bar is a constituent document of the Higher Qualification and Disciplinary Commission of the Bar, which is approved by the Congress of Advocates of Ukraine.

Pursuant to Article 7, paragraph 2, of the Regulation on the Higher Qualification and Disciplinary Commission of the Bar (hereinafter - the Regulation on HQDCB), the Regulation of the High Qualification and Disciplinary Commission of the Bar is approved by the Bar Council of Ukraine.

The Higher Qualification and Disciplinary Commission of the Bar is a collegiate body whose task is to review appeals against the decision, action or inaction of the Bar and Committees of the Bar (Article 52 (1) of the Law).

Sections 4 and 5 of Article 52 of the Law and Article 6 of the provisions of HQDCB refer to the powers of HQDCB as a collegiate body:

- 1) consideration of appeals against decisions, actions or omissions of QDCBs; 2) generalization of disciplinary practice of QDCBs;
- 2) performing other functions in accordance with this Law.

The Higher Qualification and Disciplinary Commission of the Bar, after the results of consideration of the appeal against the decision, actions or inaction of the Qualification and Disciplinary Commission of the Bar, shall have the right to:

- 1) leave the complaint without satisfaction, and the decision of the Qualification and Disciplinary Commission of the Bar is unchanged; 2) change the decision of the Bar Association's Qualification and Disciplinary Commission;
- 3) annul the decision of the Qualification and Disciplinary Commission of the Bar and adopt a new decision; 4) refer the case for a new review to the respective QDCB and to oblige QDCB to take certain actions.

Pursuant to Clause 9 of the Procedure, approved by the joint decision of the CU Ns. 85 dated 16.02.2013 (as amended), HQDCB and QDCBs organizes and holds continuing legal education events; carries out, on the instructions of UNBA, BCU, UNBA Higher School of Advocacy, the Bar' Councils of the region, other activities related to the organization and conduct of professional training of advocates. Similar powers to promote the organization and implementation of measures to improve legal education,

the development of the legal profession and the advocates' qualification, the Commission is vested in accordance with paragraph 1.3.3. of The Regulation on HQDCB.

In addition, in accordance with Article 2, paragraph 3, of HQDCB Regulation and paragraphs 1.3.4. and 1.3.5. HQDCB Rules of Procedure, the Commission also performs the following functions: interacts with national and foreign non-governmental organizations and international non-governmental organizations; generalizes the practice of examining appeals against decisions, actions or omissions of Qualification and Disciplinary Commissions of the Bar on the admission of persons to qualifying examinations, as well as the passing of such examinations.

#### II. Ensuring the work of the Commission. HQDCB Secretariat

Pursuant to Article 5, paragraph 3, of HQDCB Regulation and paragraph 2.8. of HQDCB RoP, Secretariat is established to ensure the organization of ongoing activities of HQDCB.

The Secretariat is led by the Head of the Secretariat, who performs the functions as assigned by the Chair of HQDCB.

The Head of the Secretariat and the staff of Secretariat shall be appointed and dismissed by decision of the Chair of HQDCB, to whom they shall be accountable and subordinate in the performance of their activities.

During the Reporting and Election Congress of Advocates of Ukraine in 2017, held on 09.06.2017, new Vice-Chairs of HQDCB were elected - Krupnova L.V. and on Misiats A.P.

#### III. Work of the Commission

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#### Main activities of the HQDCB

During the reporting period, the HQDCB performed the functions assigned to it by Article 52 of the Law - as a body of advocate self-government whose task is to review appeals against decisions, actions and omissions of regional QDCBs.

In addition to the main functions of HQDCB, considerable attention was paid to the training of both advocates and members of the Bar self-government. The Commission directed the activities of the Secretariat to systematize the Commission's handling of complaints about decisions, actions and omissions of regional QDCBs. HQDCB, together with UNBA (BCU), is working towards establishing international relations, exchanging experience with developed European countries, and towards active implementation of international law.

In 2017–2018, the Commission continued its practice of interacting with regional QDCBs. In order to improve the level of disciplinary proceedings and to make legitimate and well-grounded decisions by regional QDCBs, representatives of regional QDCBs were invited to attend meetings of the HQDCB as spectators. In addition, since August 2017, the practice of upgrading the skills of members of the regional QDCBs has been initiated in relation to the qualification of disciplinary misconduct of advocates and the

conduct of disciplinary proceedings.

During the reporting period, the generalization of the disciplinary practice of regional QDCBs was continued, and the indicators of the work of QDCB of the regions were evaluated.

Pursuant to Article 52, paragraph 4, paragraph 4, of Law, HQDCB, in March 2018, issued the generalizations of the disciplinary practice concerning imposition of disciplinary punishment by QDCBs in the form of suspension of the right to practice law.

HQDCB also issued Conclusions and Positions that could be used by QDCBs as a benchmark for deciding whether a person pass or did not pass the qualifying examination, to refuse to issue a certificate of passing qualification examination, on admission issues. The relevant decision of HQDCB "On the Practice of Consideration of Appeals against the Decision, Actions or Inaction of the Qualification and Disciplinary Commissions of the Bar on the Admission of Persons to Qualifying Exams and Passing of Such Exams" was approved at the meeting on March 1, 2018.

Within the reporting period, as well as in the past, HQDCB, with the aim of unifying and strengthening the advocacy community and ensuring guarantees of professional activity, continued its fruitful cooperation with UNBA (BCU) on the improvement of the legal framework in the field of activity of the bodies of Bar self-government.

03/06/2017 The Chair of HQDCB presented Ukrainian National Bar Association during a round table on constitutional reform: "Will Ukrainians Receive a Politically Independent and Effective Constitutional Court?"

08.04.2017 the head of the body took an active part in discussing the issues regarding the proposed amendments to the procedural codes of Ukraine and the Rules of Professional Conduct, which was held during a round table in the premises of the National University Odesa Law Academy.

In June 2017, the Chair of HQDCB became a participant of the VI All-Ukrainian Forum of the AAU, as the largest event of Ukraine in discussing urgent public-legal issues.

Also, on September 11, 2017, he participated in a roundtable to discuss the problematic issues of presenting №tice of Suspicion to specific categories of alleged offenders, and then, together with UNBA leaders, met with the Council of Europe delegation to prepare the Needs Assessment Report for UNBA (UNBA Needs Assessment Report), during which he described the basic principles of work of the disciplinary bodies of advocate self-government, the distribution of fees, the work of the Qualification Chambers and peculiarities of access to the legal profession.

On 10 №vember 2017, the Chair of HQDCB spoke at a joint conference of UNBA and the Council of Bars and Law Societies of Europe (CCBE) on the rights and responsibilities of an advocate during investigative actions and covered the topic: "Covert investigative actions against an advocate."

The Chair of the Commission took an active part in the international conference "DCFTA as an Instrument of Legal Reforms in Ukraine", held on October 23, 2017, dedicated to current legal issues of implementation of the DCFTA between Ukraine and the EU and, at the end of December 2017, at "UNBA International Conference: 5 years of success".

In March 2018, the USAID New Justice Program involved Oleksandr Drozdov, Chair of HQDCB, in the development of a model training course "Professional Liability of the Advocate".

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On April 24, 2018, HQDCB Chair participated in an international conference on the quality of legal education, university autonomy and academic freedom in the context of training professionals for the 21st century legal profession.

#### **HQDCB** meetings

During the years 2017–2018, HQDCB directed its efforts to fulfill the tasks assigned to it by Article 52 of the Law of Ukraine "On the Bar and Practice of Law". In order to exercise its powers, it held 24 meetings.

The overwhelming number of meetings were two-day, most of them took place in the city of Kyiv, but some of them took place elsewhere.

During 2017, 12 meetings of the commission were held according to the following schedule: 26–27.01.2017, 23–24.02.2017,

29-30.03.2017, 20-21.04.2017, 30-31.05.2017, 22-23.06.2017, 13-14.07.2017, 30-31.08.2017, 27-28.09.2017, 30-31.10.2017, 30.11.2017 and 01.12.2017.

Ten meetings held in 2017 were two days long, most of them were held in the city of Kyiv, only meetings were away. So, in April 2017, the commission worked in Kharkiv, in February 2017 - in Rivne.

In 2018, 12 commission meetings were also held, 11 of which were two-day. Four meetings were held outside Kyiv: in May - in Lviv, in June - in Zatoka of Odesa region, in August - in Svityaz village, Shatsky district, Lviv region, in September - in the City of Mukachevo, Zakarpattia region.

The schedule of the HQDCB meetings in 2018 was as follows: 30–31.01.2018, 28.02 –01.03.2018, 29–30.03.2018, 26–27.04.2018, 18–19.05.2018,

26-27.06.2018, 13.07.2018, 16-17.08.2018, 27-28.09.2018, 25-26.10.2018, 29.11.2018 and 20-21.12.2018.

In each of the 2017–2018 meetings, HQDCB had quorum, which was confirmed by the attendance of the vast majority of its members.

During this period, the function of the secretary of the HQDCB was fulfilled and is currently performed by Kotelevska K.V., a representative from the Zaporizhzhya region within the HQDCB.

During the 24 meetings that took place during the reporting period, the commission based on the complaints review of decisions, actions and omissions of regional QDCBs adopted 246 decisions in 2017 and 224 decisions in 2018, which is an indicator of the high-performance work of its members.

At the same time, in 124 complaints parties and representatives of parties in disciplinary cases used their right to participate personally and to provide explanations during the meetings of the Higher Qualification and Disciplinary Commission of the Bar. The above demonstrates the transparency of the work of the Commission.

#### Number of complaints considered. The decisions of HQDCB

In accordance with the regulations governing the activities of the HQDCB in the performance of its functions as a collegiate appeal body within the system of Bar self-government, empowered to review appeals against decisions, actions and omissions of regional QDCBs, the Commission may make the following types of decisions (in order Article 52, paragraph 5 of the Law):

1. leaving the complaint without satisfaction, and the decision of the Qualification and Disciplinary Commission of the Bar without changes;

2. to change the decision of the Qualification and Disciplinary Commission of the Bar;

3. on cancellation of the decision of Qualification and Disciplinary Commission of the Bar and the adoption of a new decision;

4. on referral of the case for new consideration to the relevant QDCB and the obligating QDCB to take certain actions.

Paragraph 3.45. The HQDCB Regulation provides for the right of HQDCB to make a separate type of decision - a decision to reject a complaint, that is, its rejection, which are made in the absence of a majority vote (16 and more) by the vote.

In case of appeal of the same decision of the Qualification and Disciplinary Commission of the Bar to HQDCB and to the court, HQDCB issues a decision on closing the proceedings based on the principle of legal certainty established by the Law of Ukraine "On the Bar and Practice of Law" (paragraph 3.49. of the HQDCB ROP). The decision of HQDCB to fix a typographic error in the original decision may also be in the form of ruling

According to official statistics, in 2017 the commission held 12 meetings, the results of which were adopted. 246 decisions among which, in addition to Article 52 (5) of the Law, 8 decrees, 15 decisions on complaints about the actions and omissions of regional QDCBs, 3 decisions on the cancellation and return of cases to QDCBs of the regions and 1 decision of QDCB was reversed.

From 219 decisions, adopted in accordance with the provisions of paragraph 5 of Article 52 of the Law of Ukraine "On the Bar and Practice of Law":

149 decisions (68.04%) - leave the complaint without satisfaction, and the decision of the Qualification and Disciplinary Commission of the Bar unchanged;

2 decisions (0.91%) - to change the decision of the Bar Association's Qualification and Disciplinary Commission;

33 decisions (15.07%) - annul the decision of the Bar Association's Qualification and Disciplinary Commission and adopt a new decision:

35 decisions (15.98%) - to refer the case for a new review to the relevant Bar Association and to oblige the Bar Association to take certain actions.

In 2018, the commission held 12 meetings, the result of which was adopted 224 decisions, among which, in addition to Article 52, paragraph 5 of the Law, 14 decisions on complaints about actions and omissions of regional QDCBs, 5 resolutions, 2 protocol decisions and 2 decisions on cancellation and return cases to QDCB of the regions.

From 201 decisions, adopted in accordance with the provisions of paragraph 5 of Article 52 of the Law of Ukraine "On the Bar and Practice of Law":

123 decisions (61.19%) - leave the complaint without satisfaction, and the decision of the Qualification and Disciplinary Commission of the Bar unchanged;

28 decisions (13.93%) - annul the decision of the Bar Association's Qualification and Disciplinary Commission and adopt a new decision:

50 decisions (24.88%) - to refer the case for a new review to the relevant Bar Association and to oblige the Bar Association to take certain actions.

The results of the calculations confirm the high quality of work of QDCB of the regions, since most of the decisions taken by the regional QDCB remain unchanged.

The decisions of the Commission are personalized and made public on the official web site of HQDCB so that the Qualification and Disciplinary Commissions of the Bar are able to take steps to prevent certain mistakes in the course of disciplinary proceedings.

The HQDCB also evaluated the quantitative ratio of territorially contested decisions of QDCB and the results of their review by HQDCB - the types of decisions taken by the commission, defined by Article 52, paragraph 5 of the Law of Ukraine "On the Bar and Practice of Law".

Vinnytsia region Volyn region	1	HQDCB decis			QDCB's
Vinnytsia region Volyn region		2	•		
Volyn region			3	4	actions/inaction
	-	-	-	1	-
During and a state of the	6	-	-	1	-
Dnipropetrovsk region	15	-	-	-	2
Donetsk region	4	-	3	-	-
Zhytomyr region	8	-	3	1	-
Zakarpattia region	-	-	-	-	3
Zaporizhia region	5	1	1	4	-
Ivano-Frankivsk region	7	-	-	-	1
Kyiv region	24	1	9	8	3
Kirovograd region	5	-	1	-	1
Lugansk region	-	-	-	-	1
Lviv region	10	-	2	1	1
Mykolaiv region	4	-	1	2	-
Odesa region	16	-	2	2	-
Poltava region	9	-	2	2	1
Rivne region	2	-	-	-	-
Sumy region	2	-	1	1	-
Ternopil region	-	-	-	2	-
Kharkiv region	8	-	-	2	2
Kherson	5	-	4	-	-
Khmelnytskyi region	9	-	2	2	-
Cherkasy region	5	-	1	3	-
Chernivtsi region	2	-	1	-	-
Chernihiv region	3	-	-	3	-
Kyiv	-	-	-	-	-
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#### \*Decision of HQDCB:

- 1) to leave the complaint without satisfaction, and the decision of the Qualification and Disciplinary Commission of the Bar unchanged;
- 2) change the decision of the Qualification and Disciplinary Commission of the Bar
- 3) revoke the decision of the Qualification and Disciplinary Commission of the Bar and adopt a new decision;
- 4) refer the matter for a new review to the appropriate QDCB and oblige the Qualification and Disciplinary Commission of the Bar to take certain actions.

Thus, in the reporting year 2017, the largest number of complaints received by the HQDCB concerned the decisions of QDCB of Kyiv, Odesa, Dnipropetrovsk and Lviv regions.

The least complaints were received against the decision of QDCB of Ternopil, Vinnytsia, Lugansk and Zakarpattia regions.

Regional QDCB		HQDCB deci	sions in 2018		QDCB's	
	1	2	3	4	actions/inaction	
Vinnytsia region	2	-	-	4	-	
Volyn region	4	-	-	1	-	
Dnipropetrovsk region	11	-	-	2	-	
Donetsk region	4	-	2	4	-	
Zhytomyr region	2	-	3	3	1	
Zakarpattia region	3	-	1	-	5	
Zaporizhia region	5	-	2	3	2	
Ivano-Frankivsk region	2	-	2	-	-	
Kyiv region	17	-	3	5	2	
Kirovograd region	1	-	-	3	-	
Lugansk region	1	-	-	-	-	
Lviv region	4	-	2	4	3	
Mykolaiv region	4	-	2	1	-	
Odesa region	10	-	1	1	-	
Poltava region	2	-	1	1	-	
Rivne region	2	-	2	1	-	
Sumy region	3	-	-	1	-	
Ternopil region	-	-	-	-	-	
Kharkiv region	5	-	3	3		
Kherson	13	-	-	2	-	
Khmelnytskyi region	5	-	3	4	-	
Cherkasy region	9	-	1	3	-	
Chernivtsi region	1	-	-	-	-	
Chernihiv region	5	-	-	-	-	
Kyiv	7	-	-	4	1	
Total	123	-	28	50	14	

In 2018, the largest number of complaints received by HQDCB concerned the decisions of QDCB of the Kyiv, Kherson, Dnipropetrovsk, Odesa and Cherkasy regions.

The least complaints were received against the decision of QDCB of Ternopil, Chernivtsi, Ivano-Frankivsk regions.

One-third of the complaints received at the commission are referred to HQDCB by belonging to the regional Qualification and Disciplinary Commissions of the Bar, whose powers under Article 33 of the Law are to be considered.

Regarding the types of complaints against the decisions of the regional QDCBs - as always, more than half the decisions of the regional QDCBs rendered with alleged inappropriate, according

to the complainants, advocate's undue performance of his or her duties in the course of his or her legal practice.

Conditionally, complaints about the behavior of advocates, most of which referred to the disciplinary bodies of advocate self-government, can be classified by the following criteria:

- the complainants are dissatisfied with the decisions made by QDCB regarding alleged unethical behavior of an advocate (presence of signs of conflict of interest during the practice of law, disclosure of privileged information, unethical behavior of the advocate on the Internet, advocate providing FLA forcing clients to enter into contract and pay money);
- . complaints related to the dissatisfaction by their opponents in

the case with advocate's actions in criminal, civil, commercial and administrative proceedings;

- on the return of the honorarium paid to an advocate;
- complaints about disciplinary measures against an advocate for non-payment of annual fees etc.

With the adoption of amendments and additions to the Constitution of Ukraine in the part of the advocate's monopoly, the number of complaints against the decisions of the regional QDCB regarding the actions of advocates in connection with the provision of the professional legal assistance before judicial bodies and during pre-trial investigation in criminal proceedings has increased significantly.

In this case, the complainants are both the the clients of an advocate, as well as judges, prosecutors, NABU, police at the opposing side of the proceedings.

With the entry into force of the decision of the BCU №. 203 of September 23, 2017 "On establishing a fee for organizational and technical support of consideration of applications (complaints) filed to QDCBs and HQDCB" (as amended) significantly reduced the number of baseless complaints filed and used by opposing advocates as a means of pressure on advocates in the process.

A large number of complaints concerns the unjustified absence of an advocate in court.

The form of such complaints varies, ranging from rulings to ordinary statements (complaints) or decisions of general meetings of judges. However, according to Article 10 of the Regulation on the Procedure for Acceptance and Consideration of Complaints concerning the Misconduct of an advocate, which may result in his disciplinary liability", approved by the decision of the Bar Council of Ukraine №. 120 of 30.08.2014, the forms of statements of judges concerning the advocate's behavior may be separate court rulings, court decisions.

With the rapid development of the requirements of the present and the Internet, the number of complaints about the behavior of advocates on social networks has increased - dissemination of information that is untrue or degrades the honor and dignity of others, providing legal advice through the Internet, improper advertising of legal services, etc.

The updated Rules of Professional Conduct, approved on 09.06.2017, regulate these relations and established the standards of conduct for advocates on social networks and on the Internet, in connection therewith, a set of precise criteria of differentiation between allowed behavior and disciplinary misconduct is set.

In 2018, the number of appeals against the decisions on the results of taking the qualification examination has increased significantly, while reviewing such complaints sometimes result in cancellation of decisions of QDCBs and the obligation of QDCB to hold a requalification examination in the nearest time.

Thus, in 2017, the commission reviewed 33 decisions of the regional QDCBs on the qualification examinations, of which 18 were canceled and in 15 cases the complaints were left unsatisfied as unsubstantiated.

In 2018, the number of appeals against decisions about passing qualification exam increased to 116. Of these, 59 complaints were left without satisfaction, and in 57 cases appeals against decisions in the qualification case were satisfied.

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#### Record keeping

The total number of incoming correspondences processed (statements, complaints, appeals, letters) received by the HQDCB during the reporting period is: by 2017 - 1870, by 2018 - 1751.

The Secretariat of the HQDCB handles incoming correspondence, prepares and replies, including on complaints and requests, requests for disciplinary and qualification cases, and prepares for meetings of HQDCB.

#### Litigation

The Commission may be a plaintiff and a defendant in court, in accordance with Article 7, Part 7, of the HQDCB Regulation.

Thus, pursuant to Article 52 (7) of the Law, a decision of the Higher Qualification and Disciplinary Commission of a Bar may be appealed to the court within thirty days of its adoption.

During the whole reporting period, HQDCB takes part in litigation as a defendant (89.9% of disputes) on the appeal of the decisions, actions and omissions of HQDCB, and 10.1% of litigation - as 3 persons.

Part 3 of Article 39 of the Law provides for the procedure for appealing against a decision to initiate a disciplinary case or to refuse to institute a disciplinary case before the Higher Qualification and Disciplinary Commission of the Bar or to court.

Part 1 of Article 42 of the Law also provides for the possibility of appealing against a decision in a disciplinary case - an advocate or a person who has initiated a question on disciplinary responsibility of an advocate has the right to appeal against a decision in a disciplinary case within thirty days from the day of its adoption to the Higher Qualification and Disciplinary Commission to court.

About 81% of court cases concern appealing against decisions of HQDCB, made on the basis of consideration of appeals against decisions, actions and inaction of the disciplinary chamber of QDCB of the region, another 7% of cases opened on claims against actions and inaction of HQDCB, 12% (in particular

- where HQDCB is a 3rd party).

The statistics of the HQDCB in terms of litigation are as follows.

If we look at the results of consideration of cases that have entered into force, in 2017, more than 70.4% of court decisions were made in favor of the HQDCB, while 29.6% - in favor of other entities. In 2018, 78% of court decisions were made in favor of the HQDCB, while 22% - in favor of other entities.

In 2017, there were 85 cases in court proceedings and 101 cases in 2018.

#### Other activities. Promoting reform

Pursuant to Article 2 (2) of HQDCB Regulation, for accomplishing its purpose, the Higher Qualification and Disciplinary Commission of the Bar facilitates the formation of the rule-of-law in Ukraine; contributes to the reform of Ukrainian legislation using the experience of developed democratic countries; promotes the protection of legal rights and interests and strengthens the existing

legal norms regarding the protection of rights and guarantees of advocates, etc.

In the reporting year of 2017, the working group that included HQDCB representatives has updated and supplemented Rules of Professional Conduct based on proposals of the Chair of the Commission, the Chairs of UNBA committees and regular advocates.

The Rules of Professional Conduct contain the latest provisions that regulate the behavior of advocates on social networks and the Internet, enhance the protection of professional privilege and regulate the activity of advocates involved in providing free legal aid.

The HQDCB was also involved in developing and discussing draft quality standards for the provision of free secondary legal aid in civil and administrative matters.

The Reporting and Election Congress of Advocates of Ukraine, held on 9–10.06.2017, approved the amendments to the Regulation on the Higher Qualification and Disciplinary Commission of the Bar, the report of the Higher Qualification and Disciplinary Commission of the Bar (2012–2017), the conclusion of the Higher Audit Commission of the Bar, as a result of the verification of the activity of HQDCB, a report on the implementation of the HQDCB Budget and the new Budget of the Higher Qualification and Disciplinary Commission of the Bar.

During 2017–2018, HQDCB Regulation was amended, to which the Bar Council of Ukraine introduced the following amendments, in particular:

- by the decision of the Bar Council of Ukraine dated February O4, 2017 №. 22 "On the possibility of transferring the materials to another member of the HQDCB by the Chair of HQDCB; referral of a complaint by the Chair of the Commission to QDCB of another region in the absence of a quorum in the original QDCB; the procedure for renewal by the Commission of the term for filing a complaint; settlement of the issue of postponement of consideration of the complaint; the use by members of the Commission of information from the Unified State Register of Judgments; the procedure for combining complaints filed within the same disciplinary proceedings; the procedure for amending the decision of HQDCB;
- by the decision of the Bar Council of Ukraine dated 07 April 2017 №. 57 on setting a time limit (ten calendar days from the date of receipt of the letter of HQDCB) for sending the requested materials to the Qualification and Disciplinary Commission of the Bar;
- by the decision of the Bar Council of Ukraine dated September 22, 2017 №. 199 regarding the submission of a complaint by the Chair of the Committee to QDCB of another region in the absence of a quorum in the QDBC;
- by the decision of the Bar Council of Ukraine dated September 22, 2017 №. 200 for referral to QDCB of complaints against persons identified under Article 66 of the Rules of Professional Conduct, and if a regional QDCB has not been formed, or in the absence of a quorum at meetings of QDCB (Chamber) of the region for any reason:
- BCU's decision of October 12, 2018 №. 164 on receipt of documents, information and other data required for HQDCB to verify matters by way of HQDCB member making a request to QDCB of the region;
- BCU's decision dated June 02, 2018  $N_2$ . 86) on "conference room privilege".

At the same time, in the reporting year 2017, the Decision of the Bar Council of Ukraine №. 203 of September 23, 2017 (in the wording of the decision of the Bar Council of Ukraine of №vember 16, 2017 №. 257) established a fee for the organizational and technical support of the consideration of the applications (complaints) to the Bar Association's Qualification and Disciplinary Commission and the Higher Qualification and Disciplinary Commission of the Bar, submitted by HQDCB.

During 2017–2018, the Chair of the HQDCB, in collaboration with his colleagues, continued the practice of writing and publishing in professional journals for advocates (UNBA Bulletin) a number of articles of a scientific and practical nature, including translations of ECtHR judgments and specific application of the case law of the European Court of Justice.

30.03.2018 HQDCB Chair Oleksandr Drozdov, as a highly qualified specialist in the field of law, was included in the Scientific Advisory Board of the Supreme Court (SAB).

21.09.2018 The Chair of HQDCB participated as an expert in a joint meeting of the CJU, BCU and the Council of Prosecutors of Ukraine discussing development of professional ethics of justice.

#### IV. Training activities

Over the course of the reporting period, more than 60 professional development activities were conducted with the participation of the Chair of HQDCB, as a speaker and moderator, as well as his deputies and members of the commission, most of which were organized by Ukrainian National Bar Association.

In 2017, the Commission also commenced, and continued in 2018, the practice of conducting in-house training for advocates and members of the Bar, including trainings, seminars and roundtables where leadership and members of HQDCB and other legal professionals have been invited and certified as speakers and moderators.

In 2017, 9 of the following UNBA-certified events took place as follows:

- 30.08.2017 Seminar-training for advanced training of the members of QDCBs regional Bar Councils and Chernihiv advocates;
- 09.09.2017 Advocates Training Seminar Kyiv;
- 10.04.2017 Professional Development Event in Kyiv, with the participation of the Chair of the Board of Elders of UNBA, advocate Kovbasinska G.V.;
- 27.10.2017 Advocacy Training Event in Kyiv Kharkiv;
- 29.09.2017 professional development event for advocates of Zakarpattia region;
- 25.10.2017 Kharkiv Advocates Training Seminar;
- 28.10.2017 Seminar on professional development of advocates of Zhytomyr region;
- 14.12.2017 an advocate training event in Kharkiv;
- 16.12.2017 Seminar on training of advocates of Rivne region.

During the course of 2018, there were 11 training events organized by HQDCB or QDCBs in cooperation with the United States

Agency for International Development (USAID) "New Justice", Yaroslav Mudryi National Law University, the UN Refugee Agency, Union of Ukrainian advocates, Vilnius University (Lithuania) and Taras Shevchenko National University of Kyiv, including:

- 05-07.03.2018 Spring Law and Digital School in Kharkiv;
- 04/18/2018 Training for lawyers and Advocates of FLA Centers in Kyiv;
- 17-20.04.2018 Advocacy Training Event Spring Law School in Kyiv;
- 06/29/2018 Roundtable with the participation of the Heads of the Qualification and Disciplinary Commissions of the Bar of the Regions, members of HQDCB and members of the CDAC of the Regions on the topic: "Generalization of Disciplinary and Qualification Practices of Qualification and Disciplinary Committees of the Bar" in the village. Gulf of Odesa region;
- 05-07 July 2018 Advocacy Training Event Migration School "Legal Protection of Refugees, Asylum Seekers and Stateless Persons" in Kyiv;
- 09/17/2018 Training on "Legal protection of stateless persons" in Kharkiv;
- 09/20/2018 Training for Secondary Legal Aid Centers' Advocates Kharkiv and Kharkiv region;
- 25-28.09.2018 II Kharkiv International Law Forum in Kharkiv held with the assistance of the HQDCB in several discussion panels;
- 24-25.10.2018 training for advocates of the centers of providing secondary secondary legal aid in the city of Kyiv;
- 10/26/2018 Scientific and Practical Seminar "Pre-trial Investigation: urgent problems and solutions "in Kharkiv;
- 11/23/2018 a training course for advocates in Rivne region and other regions in Rivne.

Issues of the right to defense in the context of ECtHR practice and the application of such practice in advocacy, the rules of advocate ethics, and the issue of litigation in disputes involving disciplinary bodies of advocate self-government were raised during the training activities.

In the reporting period, in addition to performing the basic functions provided for by the Law, HQDCB is actively and fruitfully working towards improving the skills of both advocates and members of the self-governing bodies.

#### V. International activity, cooperation

HQDCB, with the assistance of Ukrainian National Bar Association, actively studies and adopts the best practices and practices of the Bar associations of developed European countries.

Thus, on March 24, 2017, HQDCB Chair took an active part in the international conference "The Right to Freedom and Personal Inviolability in Ukraine: transition to the rule-of-law", during which he made a presentation on: "Topical issues of exercising the powers of the defender in the procedure of restriction of the right to liberty and privacy".

08.05.2017 while in the Latvian Republic, the Chair of HQDCB held a number of working meetings with the Chair of the Latvian Bar Council, Y. Rosenbergs and other Latvian colleagues, during which he discussed topical issues related to the activity of the Bars of Ukraine and Latvia.

Also, on December 1, 2017, with the participation of the Chair of HQDCB, the 5th International Scientific and Practical Conference "Judicial Administration as a Component of Justice Reformation" was held to mark the 15th anniversary of the establishment of the State Judicial Administration of Ukraine.

At the beginning of December 2017, HQDCB Chair Oleksandr Drozdov represented Ukrainian National Bar Association in the 3rd Kazakhstan Bar Forum, held on December 8, 2017 in the city of Almaty, where he acted as an expert together with leading advocates and advocates of the United Kingdom, Turkey, Belarus, Ukraine, Russia and other countries.

18.05.2018 The HQDCB leadership together with UNBA representatives participated in a meeting with a delegation of the Ministry of Justice of China, during which cooperation between the advocates of both countries was organized, in particular, in the format of the international initiative "One Belt – One Road".

19.10.2018 Oleksandr Drozdov participated in the international conference "Advocate monopoly, mandatory participation of an advocate in the process, specialized advocacy - legal regulation and practice in Germany, Russia, Ukraine and Belarus", held in Minsk with the support of the German Legal Foundation cooperation (IRZ).

O2/11/2018 The Head of HQDCB, as part of UNBA delegation, represented Ukrainian Bar at the international conference "Advocacy and the State: ways of interaction", which took place in Minsk with the participation of advocates of Belarus, Latvia, Russia, Moldova, Azerbaijan, Georgia, Kyrgyzstan. This exchange of experience helps to resolve problematic issues and improve legislation in each country.

That is, the Commission's guidance on the implementation of the prescriptions of Article 2 (3) of the HQDCB Regulation and paragraph 1.3.4. of HQDCB RoP actively works in the field of cooperation with foreign non-governmental organizations and international non-governmental organizations, actively examines and adopts the best experience and practice of associations of advocates of developed European countries and, with its consideration, improves the work of the Commission.

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#### **HQDCB** | Financial performance; balance sheet items for 2018

Revenues	2016	2017	2018
20% of the annual fee from QDCBs to support the realization of the advocate's self-government in Ukraine	3 902 026	112 094	146 102
Proceeds from exams from future advocates	-	6 615 510	10 648 618
Passive income *	-	0	459 858
Grants and subsidies	-	0	o
Other income:	_	0	270 332
- a charitable contribution	-	0	15 000
- organizational and technical support of complaints handling to HQDCB	_	0	255 332
Total:	3 902 026 €	6 727 604 €	11 524 910 €

<sup>\*</sup> Passive income - income received in the form of interest, dividends, insurance payments and indemnities, as well as royalties (Tax Code of Ukraine dated 02.12.2010. №2755-VI)
\*\*\* Other receipts - receipts defined by Art. 58 of the Law of Ukraine "On the Bar and Practice
of Law", the Statute of the Ukrainian National Bar Association (voluntary contributions of advocates, law firms, law firms, voluntary contributions of individuals and legal entities other sources prohibited by law).

Costs	2016	2017	2018
General payroll for full-time employees:	677 793	1 006 920	1 929 234
Compulsory deductions (taxes and fees):	366 769	521 069	1 021 492
Office maintenance costs (rental of premises, security, household needs, internet, communication, stationery, car maintenance and rental, courier and postal services, maintenance *	135 372	346 395	1 182 946
Organizational and technical support of the meetings of HQDCB	275 388		523 629
Other expenses: including:	226 860	497 269	1 874 345
- Accounting, banking and notary services	88 472	281 166	182 530
- Postage and shipping	39 010	41 864	46 462
- Other organizational expenses (business trip, production of certificates, accommodation, food, scanning, etc.)	99 378	174 239	202 640
- Acquisition of fixed assets and intangible assets	_	0	1 442 713
Redistribution of funds for the needs of BCU UNBA	-	-	1 400 000
Financial Aid	1 090 000	-	_
Total:	2 772 182	2 653 179 €	6 531 646 €

<sup>\*</sup> Other expenses - expenses, according to directions determined by the Bar Council of Ukraine, or special projects / programs of UNBA, which do not contradict the Law of Ukraine "On the Bar and Practice of Law"

#### **HQDCB** statistical reporting for 2018

Number of meetings held

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Number of complaints addressed against QDCB's decisions, actions or omissions Ш

Number of advocates' training activities carried out

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Number of methodological recommendations developed, or clarifications provided on the activities of the HODCB

									HQDCB		
2016	2017	2018	2016	2017	2018	2016	2017	2018	2016	2017	2018
number	of meeting	ıs held	no satisf	of complair faction, and ons unchan	QDCB		1			0	
12	12	12	171	149	123	34	29	11	3	0	2
			numbe	r of change decisions							
			4	2	0						
			QDCB	umber of ca decisions a sisions rend	nd new						
			28	33	28						
			decision new rev QDCB	r of reverse ons and refe view to the with obliga e certain ac	errals for relevant ation to						
			34	35	50						
			nu	mber of rul	ings						
			10	8	5						



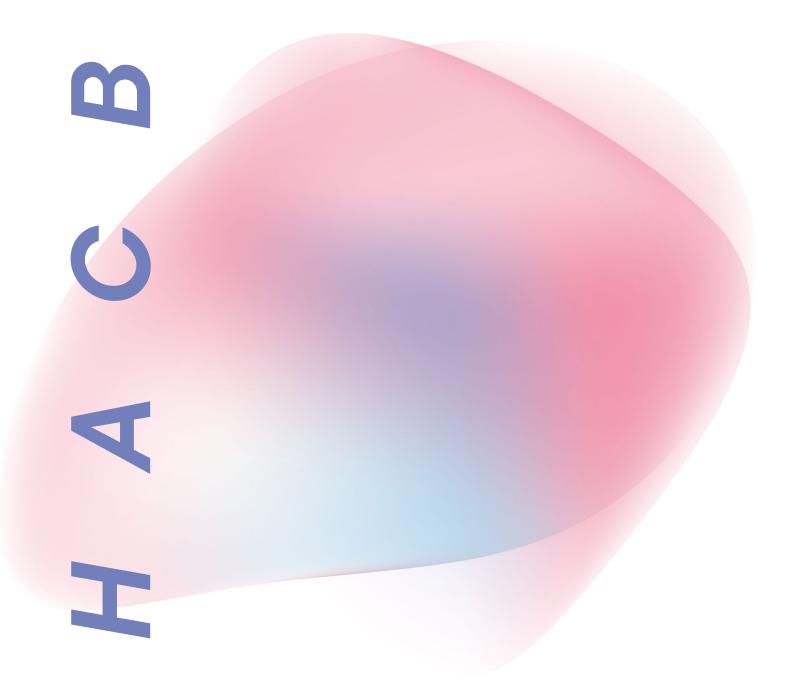


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#### Report of the Higher Audit Commission of the Bar for 2018

- 1. The number of audits of financial and economic activity of higher and regional self-government bodies is 20.
- 2. Number of regular (extraordinary) meetings of the HACB 8:
- · 26.01.2018:
- · 23.03.2018;
- · 30.05.2018;
- · 01.06.2018;
- · 07.09.2018;
- · 18.10.2018;
- · 21.11.2018;
- · 13.12.2018.
- 3. Number of on-site inspections BY HACB:
- · BC of Poltava region
- · QDCB of Poltava region
- · BC of Ivano-Frankivsk region
- · QDCB of Ivano-Frankivsk region
- · BC of Ternopil region
- · QDCB of Ternopil region
- · BC of Rivne region
- · QDCB of Rivne region
- · BC of Donetsk region
- · QDCB of Donetsk Region
- · BC of Lugansk region
- · QDCB of Lugansk region
- · BC of Kyiv region
- · QDCB of Kyiv region
- · BC of Odesa region
- · QDCB of Odesa region
- · BC of Kyiv
- · QDCB of Kyiv City
- UNBA
- · HQDCB

IN TOTAL HACE MEMBERS MADE 20 ON-SITE INSPECTIONS

## 4. The number of HACB Approved Conclusions in 2018 for bodies of Bar self-government is 15.

#	Region	Territorial body	Responsible members of the HACB	Inspection start date	Date of approval of the Conclusion
1	Poltava	ВС	Nadyon R.A. Tsuvin A.I. Ishanyan A.R.	20.02.2018	31.05.2018 (decision #14)
2	region	QDCB	Nadyon R.A. Tsuvin A.I. Ishanyan A.R.	20.02.2018	31.05.2018 (decision #15)
3	Ivano-Frankivsk	ВС	Rayko V.V. Svetlichny O.Y. Prindota U.G.	26.02.2018	23.03.2018 (decision #6)
4	region	QDCB	Rayko V.V. Svetlichny O.Y. Prindota U.G.	26.02.2018	23.03.2018 (decision #6.1)
5	Rivne region	QDCB	Rayko V.V. Vdovtsova L.K. Yash P.K.	14.03.2018	30.05.2018 (decision #11)
6	Ternopil	ВС	Rayko V.V. Prindota U.G. Yash P.K.	26.04.2018	31.05.2018 (decision #16)
7	region	QDCB	Yash P.K. Rayko V.V. Svetlichny O.Y.	26.04.2018	31.05.2018 (decision#17)
8	Donetsk	BC	Tsuvin A.I. Ishanyan A.R. Svetlichny O.Y.	03.04.2018	18.10.2018 (decision #34)
9	region	QDCB	Ishanyan A.R. Tsuvin A.I. Svetlichny O.Y.	03.05.2018	01.06.2018 (decision #22)
10	Lugansk	ВС	Boldin M.Ya. Єгоров Б.С. Svetlichny O.Y.	19.04.2018	31.05.2018 (decision #19)
11	region	QDCB	Ishanyan A.R. Tsuvin A.I.	14.05.2018	01.06.2018 (decision #20)
12	Kyiv	ВС	Boldin M.Ya. Tsuvin A.I. Vdovtsova L.K.	30.05.2018	14.12.2018 (decision #46)
13	region	QDCB	Nadyon R.A. Ishanyan A.R. Egorov B.S.	30.05.2018	21.11.2018 (decision #40)
14	Odesa	ВС	Rayko V.V. Svetlichny O.Y. Us V.E.	06.09.2018	18.10.2018 (decision #35)
15	region	QDCB	Tsuvin A.I. Vdovtsova L.K. Yash P.K.	06.09.2018	18.10.2018 (decision #36)

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5. During the whole period of the work of the HACB, there were no complaints against the decisions, conclusions, actions or omissions of the RACB, its Members and Chairs.

6. There were no initiatives on early termination of powers of the members of the RACB, termination of employment or civil relations, contracts concluded by the RACB.

# 7. The following systematic recommendations were provided to the audit entities during the HACB inspections:

- Re-register the code of economic activity.
- Keep a checkbook.
- To place funds in the deposit accounts of state-owned banks.
- Place on UNBA symbols on its stamps.
- Change the legal form of management.
- Payout wages to credit card accounts.

#### 8. 8. HACB reporting.

Information on the work of the HACB can be found on UNBA (Self-Government/HACB) website. On this page, everyone can read the HACB Regulation, the HACB Meetings Rules of Procedure, announcements, general recommendations, and the HACB meeting agenda.

The approved conclusions are immediately transmitted to UNBA Secretariat and posted at the HACB website.

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

The findings of the 2018 audits were submitted to Ukrainian Bar Association on February 14–15, 2019 and approved.

#### 10. Monitoring the implementation of the HACB recommendations.

During audits of the self-governing bodies of the HACB, it provides recommendations on the elimination of identified shortcomings and violations. The monitoring of the implementation of the recommendations is conducted by sending a request for clarification on the implementation of the previously issued recommendations. An analysis of the HACB's explanations is reflected in the following conclusions.

#### 11. HACB staff.

#### Elected №vember 20, 2014 by the Third Congress:

Rayko V.V.

Nagyon R.A.

Sachaeva I.O.

Selivanov V.I.

Mokin I.S.

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Boldin M.Ya.

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Tsuvin A.I.

Us V.E.

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Svetlichny O.Yu.

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	Meeting Attendance Table for 2018 (Part 1)												
	Boldin M.Y.	Vdovtsova L.K.	Egorov B.S.	Gemelya V.I.	Ishkhanian A.I.	Mokin I.S.	Nadyon R.A.	Prindota U.G.					
26.01.2018	+	+	+	-	+	-	+	+					
23.03.2018	+	+	+	-	+	-	+	+					
30.05.2018	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+					
30.05.2018	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+					
01.06.2018	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+					

	Boldin M.Y.	Vdovtsova L.K.	Egorov B.S.	Gemelya V.I.	Ishkhanian A.I.	Mokin I.S.	Nadyon R.A.	Prindota U.G.
07.09.2018	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	+
18.10.2018	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-
19.10.2018	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-
21.11.2018	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-
23.11.2018	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	-
13.12.2018	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-
14.12.2018	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-
ВСЬОГО:	12	12	11	10	12	6	11	6

		Meeting	Attendance	Table for 2018	3 (Part 2)		
	Rayko V.V.	Sachaeva I.O.	Svetlichny O.Y.	Selivanov V.I.	Us V.E.	Tsuvin A.I.	Yash P.K.
26.01.2018	-	+	+	+	-	+	+
23.03.2018	+	-	+	-	-	+	+
30.05.2018	+	-	+	+	+	+	+
30.05.2018	+	-	+	+	+	+	+
01.06.2018	+	-	+	+	-	+	+
07.09.2018	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
18.10.2018	-	+	+	+	+	+	+
19.10.2018	-	+	+	+	+	+	+
21.11.2018	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
23.11.2018	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
13.12.2018	+	+	+	+	-	+	+
14.12.2018	+	+	+	+	-	+	+
Total:	9	8	12	11	7	12	12

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# ACTIVITY OF UNBA'S COMMITEES

# COMMITTEES

# Report of the Committee on Protection of Advocates' Professional Rights and Guarantees for 2018



Chair of the Committee

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At the beginning of 2018, UNBA Committee on Protection of Advocates' Professional Rights and Guarantees planned a number of key areas of activity, which included an international direction aimed at enhancing cooperation with international legal organizations in the area of defense of advocacy guarantees, in particular the signing of Memorandum between UNBA and the International Commission of Jurists (ICJ). Organization-wise

establishment of the work of the Committee was the first thing to do, and the second - educational component

- aimed at holding public events dedicated to the protection of advocate's rights and related issues of law enforcement.

On January 18, 2018, a meeting of the Committee was held to address these issues. The Rules of Procedure of the Information Section and the Regulation on the Committee's Analytical Section were approved. In pursuance of the agreements reached, Committee Chair Anna Boryak was commissioned to develop a draft Memorandum of Understanding between UNBA and the International Commission of Jurists, which was initiated in 2017. In addition, it is planned to hold a scientific and practical discussion with the involvement of law enforcement officials and scientists.

In early February, advocates O. Goroshynskyi and O. Prosyanyuk, addressed the Committee with a report about breach of the defense counsel's professional guarantees in one of the high-profile criminal cases, one of the direct violators of the advocate's professional guarantees was another advocate Ivan Angelin, working within FLA System. In his address O. Goroshynskyi pointed to a grave violation of his and advocate'a O. Prosyanyuk professional rights and guarantees by another advocate from FLA System and a judge of the Pechersk District Court of Kyiv, that obliged law enforcement officers to expel him by force from the courtroom.

Considering the scandalous situation and the high public resonance around the situation, the Committee, in conjunction with the FLA Committee, convened an emergency meeting on February 09, 2018, inviting all parties to the conflict.

Having heard the explanations of advocates Oleksandr Goroshynskyi and Olga Prosyanyuk regarding denial of admission to the trial by the decision of a judge given the involvement of FLA Center advocate Ivan Angelin, as well as the explanation of Ivan Angelin, on his awareness of about case and his lack of client relationship, it was concluded by the two committees that actions of judge, prosecution and an advocate Ivan Angelina bore signs of violations of the professional guarantees of contract advocates, and therefore the decision was made to recommend to the Bar Council of Ukraine to contact the Prosecutor General's Office and other law enforcement agencies, about violation of the rights of advocates O. Goroshynskyi and O. Prosyanyuk.

On February 21, 2018, a roundtable on "Advocates' Professional Rights and Guarantees in the Context of Judicial Reform" was held at the conference hall of the Kyiv Regional Center of the NALS of Ukraine. The event was initiated by the Committee. The roundtable was attended by representatives of the National Police, the National Academy of Internal Affairs of Ukraine, the National Academy of Security Service of Ukraine.

During the round table the application of Article 400–1 of the Criminal Code of Ukraine was discussed, which provides for criminal liability for deliberately misinforming the court about the authority to represent another person, as well as deliberately not entering information into advocate's warrant on the limitations of powers established by the legal aid contract. According to the advocates, the mentioned novelty in the Criminal Code of Ukraine was introduced as an instrument of pressure on defense.



Moreover, even the representatives of the National Police noted the absence of such a sign of a crime as a public danger in the envisaged disposition of Article 400-1 of the Criminal Code of Ukraine.

Also, during the event they discussed the rights of advocates and the guarantees of advocacy in the context of procedural time limits when considering motions. Anna Boryak, Chair of the Committee, analyzed this issue. The Chair of the Committee noted that State and law enforcement agencies are interfering with the activities of the advocate in every possible way and trying to control those things that do not fall within their powers.

During the roundtable, the participants agreed on the need to adhere to the terms of consideration of the motion under the Criminal Procedure Code and stated the need for proper state control.

Following the results of the roundtable, a compilation of the



speaker's written materials was published and distributed free of charge to representatives of the legal community, the judiciary and law enforcement agencies.

The scandalous situation surrounding advocate O. started in February. Goroshynskyi and advocate of the FLA system I. Angelin also had its sequel in March 2018. UNBA received a request from the chairman of Verkhovna Rada Committee on Legal Policy, Ruslan Knyazevich, to consider the facts of undue pressure on FLA advocate Ivan Angelin, which was reported by a Parliamentary committee to one of the MPs. At the same time, it became known that the Prosecutor General's Office of Ukraine opened criminal proceedings on the obstruction of the professional activity of advocate Ivan Angelin.

In order to verify this information, the Committee, together with the Parliamentary Committee, re-convened on March 7 and invited the parties to the conflict, as well representatives of the Prosecutor General's Office of Ukraine and the MPs.

During the meeting, the majority of the participants came to the conclusion that there were no signs of obstruction against advocate I. Angelin and reiterated the misconduct on the law enforcement agencies against Olga Prosyanyuk and Oleksandr Goroshynsky, in particular, the identification of an advocate with a client, interference with an advocate's activity. At the same time, the Prosecutor General's Office opened criminal proceedings against the advocates as means of pressure. As it turned out, the applicant in the said criminal proceedings was MP Mustafa Nayem, from whom advocate I. Angelin sought help. Present at meeting MP Nayem objected to the allegations regarding the use of power to exert pressure on advocates Goroshynskyi and O. Prosyanyuk, noting that he acted solely within the limits of his authority and did not intend to support either side of the conflict.

In view of this situation, the Committee addressed international structures and law enforcement agencies with another report on the violation of the rights of advocates Goroshynskyi and O. Prosyanyuk.

On April 24, 2018, at the regular meeting of the Committee, the procedure for consideration of appeals of advocates to the Committee was approved, according to which it was established that in case of violations of the advocate's rights and guarantees, the applicant should first address the Bar Council of Region (at the place where the advocate was assigned to or where the violations took place), and only in the case of an inappropriate reaction by the Bar Council of the Region, the applicant has the right to initiate the consideration of an appeal before the Committee. However, in order to be able to take measures to protect the advocate's rights,

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the applicant must provide confirmation of the filing an appeal to the Bar Council of the Region and its inaction.

In addition, for the purpose of prompt notification to the Committee about relevant violations, an online form was introduced at UNBA's official web site, providing for the applicant to fill the relevant information and submit electronic copies of documents. Submission of such a statement has a priority over paper appeals, which are considered in accordance with the Law of Ukraine "On Citizens Requests".

On June 15, 2018 in Odesa, the Committee, jointly with the Committee on the Protection of Advocates' Rights of the Bar Council of the Odesa region held a meeting at which in particular discussed the issue of improper informing by law enforcement agencies of the Bar Council of the region about the proceedings. Thus, the meeting noted the positive experience of the Committee of the Bar Council of the Odesa region on the introduction of a single telephone number to inform the representatives of the Bar



Council of the region about the investigation against an advocate.

On June 26, in the format of international cooperation, UNBA delegation consisting of the Head of UNBA Secretariat Vadym Krasnyk, the Chair of the Committee Advocate Anna Boryak, the Secretary of the Committee Yuriy Grigorenko, members of the Committee Oleg Garnyk and Yaroslav Romanenko, Chair of QDCB of Kyiv City. Igor Orlov, Vice-Chair of UNBA International Relations Committee Vitalii Vlasiuk, and Advocate Olga Prosyanuk, visited Geneva, where they met with representatives of the International Commission of Jurists (ICJ). In addition, during the 38th session of the UN Human Rights Council, which was held at that time, a special meeting was held concerning the situation of the rights of advocates in Ukraine, Kazakhstan and Azerbaijan. At the invitation of the co-organizers of the event, namely International Bar Association and the International Commission of Jurists, UNBA representatives were given the opportunity to speak at a meeting on the situation of the rights of advocates in Ukraine. Advocates Yuriy Grigorenko, Olga Prosyanyuk and Oleg Garnyk spoke about the difficult situation with respect for the rights of advocates in Ukraine and cited numerous negative examples: the murder of colleagues for their activities, pressure, intimidation, violence and other gross violations of not only the professional rights of the advocate, but also of fundamental human rights. The participants of the event strongly condemned such cases and agreed on further cooperation, including the sending of a monitoring mission

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to Ukraine.

If we talk about the professional rights of advocates in Ukraine, it should be immediately noted that in most cases national law does not work, and therefore, the legal mechanisms are in the sense of Art. 13 of ECHR are not effective ways of protecting them. The authorities unceremoniously interfere with the legal profession, by all possible methods, including the legislative, destroys the independence of the profession.

On July 06, 2018, during the next Committee meeting following the visit to Geneva has decided to develop an algorithm for filing a violation of advocates' rights with the International Commission of Advocates as an organization that has an impact on international political arena including the political establishment of the State of Ukraine.

On July 16, 2018, a meeting of UNBA representatives with the leadership of the Latvian Bar Association took place. The representatives of UNBA were the secretary of the Committee for the Protection of the Rights of Advocates and Guarantees



of Advocacy at UNBA, Yuriy Grigorenko, and the member of the Committee for the Protection of the Rights of the Advocates and the Guarantees of the Advocates at UNBA, and the member of the Higher Audit Commission of the Bar Bogdan Yegorov. During the meeting, they discussed the common problems of the Barristers of the two states, the challenges posed by the independence of the Bar association. The meeting was organized jointly by the Committee on the Protection of the Rights of Advocates and Guarantees of Advocates and the Committee on International Relations with UNBA with the assistance of UNBA/BCU President Lidiya Izovitova. Ukrainian side reported the cases of the killings of advocates, the destruction of their property, and the impact on their legal position through criminal prosecution, which is related to their professional activity. In addition, there were mentioned attempts to change the legislation of Ukraine governing the advocacy without involving the advocacy community in their discussions. Representatives of the Latvian Bar expressed their unconditional support for Ukrainian Bar Association for the protection of professional rights and guarantees in international institutions such as the PACE, the European Parliament and the UN.

On July 30, the Committee held an emergency meeting concerning assault against advocate Valentyn Rybin in the courtroom while he exercised his rights as criminal defense counsel. The attack was carried out by representatives of the 'C14' public association, which positions itself as a right-wing

- radical movement. Immediately during the meeting at the premises of UNBA Secretariat, which hosted the Committee, a group of about twenty people rushed in and, unrolled paper banners, began chanting slogans into the loudspeaker, expressing insults and threats against advocates present, including Valentyn Rybin The young men explained their actions by the fact that advocate V. Rybin protects the 'wrong' clients who are the "enemies of Ukraine", and since the Committee protects V. Rybin, they are also "enemies" and "separatists". National police officers who arrived at the scene, as reported by the Committee, were inactive and in no way hindered the hooligan actions. As a result, the work of the Committee was temporarily suspended. On the aforementioned fact of unlawful actions, the Committee appealed to the law enforcement authorities with a №tice on criminal offense.

At the end of July, however, calls for forceful interference with the work of Committee began to spread over the Internet, namely the seizure of the premises of UNBA Secretariat, the Bar Council, BC and QDCB of Kyiv City Such appeals were initiated by Member of Parliament Igor Mosiychuk and were motivated by the need to "support" several advocates against whom disciplinary proceedings had been initiated.

August 02, 2018 during the work of QDCB of Kyiv City Disciplinary Chamber which took place a tUNBA Secretariat building, a group of so-called public activists led by advocate A. Mamaliga, with the participation of MPs Yevgeny Deidey and Stepan Khmara, representatives of volunteer battalions, radical organizations, and even persons disguised as priests, rushed into UNBA's premises.

These individuals began calling for UNBA leadership to be dismissed, insulting advocates present, threatening them with 'punishment', and in the end of their actions, they essentially taken hostage several members of QDCB of Kyiv City, who were illegally kept restricted to the premises, not even ambulance medics were allowed in and those individuals kept demanding "originals of protocols" to be provided.

Police representatives that were present present in no way responded to the unauthorized actions of these persons that hid behind the presence of MPs and their assistants, speculated on the participation of Heavenly Hundreds' relatives and ATO veterans.

The inaction of the police is explained by the fact that MPs from the People's Front Party Y. Deidey, belong to the same political



force, as the Minister of Internal Affairs of Ukraine.

After the seizure of the premises of UNBA Secretariat and the



intervention into the work of the self-governing bodies, UNBA addressed the President of Ukraine, the Prime Minister, the Chair of Verkhovna Rada, the Prosecutor General, the Head of the Security Service of Ukraine, the Minister of Internal Affairs, the Secretary of the National Security and Defense Council, the Human Rights Ombudsman, as well as the Heads of international organizations located in Ukraine, the Council of Europe's office, ambassadors of the G-7 countries, and the European Union.

Criminal proceedings initiated on the basis of the above facts by the National Police did not have any consequences in the form of bringing to justice the perpetrators and carrying out an objective pre-trial investigation.

Over the next six months, "civic activists", in particular from the C14 organization, have not stopped their unlawful actions and have made a number of attacks on the advocate Oleg Povalyayev, Iryna Kuzina, Andriy Hozhy, Oleksandr Shadrin. All these cases of violence against the defenders were due to the fact that these advocates protected the "criminals" and "enemies of Ukraine".

On July 10, 2018, at the initiative of the Committee, a press conference called "Attacking the Bar in Ukraine - a Sign of State Policy for Violation of the Law and Guarantees of the Bar" was convened. Participants of the press conference declared unprecedented cases of physical violence, psychological pressure and intimidation of advocates who act as advocates in resonant cases in connection with their professional activity by the so-called "public activists", "pseudo-patriots", and law enforcement agencies.

On the same day, a meeting was held at which amendments to the Committee's Regulation were elaborated. These changes were necessitated by the necessity of increasing the efficiency of the Committee's work, eliminating unnecessary bureaucracy and optimizing the interaction between its Sectors.

On August 30, 2018, at the invitation of UNBA representatives, Stefano Sensi, Plenipotentiary Representative of the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR), that arrived in Ukraine to participate in a conference "Advocacy as an Institution for Democracy and Human Rights in Ukraine". This event, with the participation of the United Nations representative, Ukrainian advocates from different regions, officials of the justice institutions, Members of Verkhovna Rada, was a continuation of the systematic efforts of UNBA to consolidate international support for the protection of the rights of advocates and their professional guarantees in Ukraine.

"Today, there is an attack on the fundamental principle that gives every citizen the right to receive legal aid; and the offense aiming to hinder advocates from pursuing his or her professional activity. Advocacy in a democratic society is an important human rights institution, on which the level of human rights protection depends," said UNBA President Lidiya Izovitova during the event. She emphasized that all facts of advocates' rights violations were recorded and systematized in UNBA report, which would be transmitted to the international partners with the necessary documents

The event was also attended by UN Human Rights Monitoring Mission in Ukraine Specialist Eva Schmidt, who noted that the next UN Human Rights Monitoring Mission in Ukraine would also include an overview of the issues addressed by the conference. The UN Monitoring Mission also forwarded information to the experts of the UN, noting that UNBA is highly important for the Mission in Ukraine as partner in assessing the observance of advocates' rights.

Differences in the application of the rules of criminal procedural law affect the essence of the professional rights of advocates. Therefore, there was a need for discussion and consolidation of opinions between representatives of the judicial, law enforcement and advocacy circles.

To this end, on September 25, 2018, at the initiative of the Committee, a scientific and practical conference "Procedural Ntices and Procedural Decisions" was organized and held. "Practical problems". The event was attended by representatives of the National Police, the Prosecutor's Office, Tax Police operational units, scientists of Taras Shevchenko National University of Kyiv, National Academy of Internal Affairs of Ukraine, Academy of Advocates of Ukraine, National Academy of Prosecution of Ukraine. The program of the event included the following questions:

The validity of the suspicion and the admissibility of evidence in



the selection of a measure of pre-trial detention. Ukrainian reality.

Issues of procedural calls and communications. What does 'properly informing defense party' means?

Appeal of suspicion - problems of application of Art. 303 of the CPC of Ukraine.

The event was held in a professional discussion mode.

As a result of event, a resolution was adopted, and arrangements were made for further joint scientific activities that positively affect the common understanding of the law between different parties to criminal proceedings.

In early September 2018, Ukrainian Bar faced another challenge to its independence and self-governance. This time, the occasion

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was the legislative initiative of the President of Ukraine - the draft Law of Ukraine "On the Bar and Practice of Law" Ns. 9055, which was submitted for consideration by Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine as a matter of urgency. The draft law contained a number of provisions that threatened the continued existence of the Bar as an independent institute, contained corruption risks and destroyed the established forms of advocate self-government, to the agreement of a small group of interested persons who voiced the draft law.

Draft №. 9055 has provoked a backlash among prominent advocates as negative and harmful initiative. Most members of legal profession strongly criticized this legislative initiative.

On September 14, in connection with the introduction of Draft N $_{2}$ .9055, the Committee convened an emergency meeting at which the Draft law was unanimously recognized as an open attack on the independence of the advocate, urging MPs to refrain from its adoption.

The draft was also sharply criticized by the majority of Chairs of the Bar Councils of the region, representatives of public associations of advocates, the All-Ukrainian Trade Union of Advocates, scientists and some MPs.

Yuriy Grigorenko, Secretary of the Committee, launched a public initiative "STOP #9055" and introduced a flash mob with open video appeals of advocates on Facebook urging not to support the draft Law of Ukraine "On the Bar and Practice of Law" №. 9055.

On September 27, a joint meeting of the Committee, FLA Committee, Committee on the Protection of Advocates' Rights of the Bar Council of the Odesa region was held dedicated to the issue of violation of advocate's rights concerning defenders of advocate O. Chibirdin committed by the panel of judges of Suvorov District Court of Odesa City during the selection of preventive measure. So, the panel of judges by removing the defenders acting on the basis of contract and replacing them with an advocate from the Odesa Free Legal Aid center Stepska L.M., held to impose preventive measure of two months detention against advocate O. Chibridin. At the same time, the election of a preventive measure was done without proper notification to the defense, contrary to the refusal of the defendant O. Chibirdin to use the legal aid from the FLA advocate Stepska L.M., the inability of the latter to familiarize herself with the materials of the criminal case over the course of an hour and a half, phone messages to the defenders themselves, demanding that they stop providing further legal assistance to O. Chibirdin given the availability of contract advocates. The said situation was reminiscent of a case of an FLA advocate I. Angelin, that occurred earlier this year. In essence, FLA advocate Stepska acted as 'dummy' thus legalizing further

imprisonment of O. Chibirdin, thus causing significant harm to his interests, and with her actions contributed to the violation of the advocates' rights of defenders. The meeting was also attended by the representative of the FLA Coordination Center Svetlana Malinovska S.V. and Averlex Lawfirm. In view of the fact that in this situation there were indeed circumstances which required advocate Stepska L.M. to leave the courtroom, the decision was made to create a working group of Committee members, members of Committee on the Protection of Advocates' Rights of the Bar Council of the Odesa region and representatives of Coordination Center for Providing Secondary Legal Aid in order to uncover any signs of violations of advocate's rights and Rules of Professional Conduct on the part of Advocate Stepska.

On October 2, 2018, an emergency meeting was held due increase in the number of attacks on advocates, including the armed ones. In addition to representatives of the advocates' self-government bodies, the meeting was attended by the Deputy Chief of the Main Investigation Division of Main Department of National Police in Kyiv City Olexandr Kopylov. The participants drew attention to the recent rising tide of physical assault against advocates, in particular armed ones. Crimes against members of the legal profession are becoming more blatant. In this case, law enforcement authorities self-refrain from investigating such crimes properly and do not take any preventative measures against them. As an example, there was an armed attack on advocate Andriy Bush, which occurred on September 30, 2018, and an attack perpetrated by radicals from the "C14" group on Advocate Andrew Hozhiy in the courtroom in the Korolivsk District Court of Zhytomyr on 28.09.2018. For their part, police representatives agreed that crimes against advocates are a threat to the existence of the justice system.

On October 19, 2018, the text of the memorandum of cooperation between UNBA and the International Commission of Jurists (ICJ) was approved at the Committee meeting. This agreement aimed at strengthening measures protecting the professional guarantees of Ukrainian advocates, by securing the influence of a prominent international structure.

Also, on №vember 2, 2018, a scientific discussion was scheduled



on the topic of "Draft №. 9055. Pros and cons". Since the draft law provoked a rather mixed reaction within the legal community, it was necessary to discuss it with the participation of both proponents of this draft and its opponents, with the involvement of scientific scholars in the field of law and independent experts. Thus, the Committee despite its position against the draft №. 9055 has taken the initiative to give an opportunity to its supporters to mount some arguments 'in favor' thereof, in a professional moderated



discussion. The Committee has repeatedly urged developers of the draft and its supporters to formally invite them to participate in the event, however oddly enough, despite their declared "mass support" of the draft Law of Ukraine "On the Bar and Practice of Law" № 9055, none its developers and active promoters have ever been able to come forward with their arguments and take part in the event. Therefore, the organizers of the debate, represented by the Committee, were forced to cover the position of supporters of the draft by demonstrating public statements made earlier and made available on the Internet.

Also, members of the Committee, as opposed to supporters of Draft 9055, have repeatedly participated in deliberations about it at the meetings of the committees of Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine and other public events without avoiding open discussion and reasonably proving their position at any discussion platforms.

In №vember, 22, 2018, Committee Representatives, represented by Committee Secretary Yuri Grigorenko, and Committee Member Bohdan Yegorov, visited the Istanbul Bar Association. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss attacks on the independence of the legal profession occurring in both countries, as well as attempts to make advocates dependent on public authorities by adopting appropriate amendments to the legislation. Yuriy Grigorenko described the situation in Ukraine where, under the pretext of reforming the Bar and using pro-European slogans, an attempt was made to return the Bar under state control. The parties agreed that the advocates of both countries face the same challenges that require similar tactics in their solution.

In №vember 23, 2018, during its regular meeting, the Committee approved Regulation on a Single Telephone Number for reporting investigative actions against advocates and submitted its draft for approval o the Bar Council of Ukraine. Ukrainian delegation reported on the threat of the Parliament adopting the draft "On



the Bar and Practice of Law" №. 9055 despite the fact that the BP Anti-Corruption Committee found it corrupt. At the same time, contrary to international standards, UNBA, as the only professional organization of the Bar, was excluded from the process of designing the Bar reform.

On December 07, 2018 in Dnipro City an attack was carried out against regional conference of advocates. Unidentified persons blocked advocates' access to the venue where the conference was scheduled and threw smoke grenades into the building. Thus, the conference of advocates of Dnipropetrovsk region was thwarted. To find out the circumstances of the event, on December 12 Chair of Committee Anna Boryak arrived in Dnipro. As a result of a series of meetings with representatives of the regional self-government bodies and the authorities, it was found that the conference was disrupted with the direct participation and intervention of the Dnipropetrovsk Regional State Administration, and officials of the authorities did not even deny the fact of such an intervention. In conversation with A. Boryak Deputy Head of the Regional Administration stated that interference with the activity of an



independent body was caused by the fact that "the Bar badly behaves". In view of this situation, the Committee addressed the OSCE.

On December 14, 2018, during the regular meeting of the Committee, a report was received regarding the violation of professional rights and guarantees of advocate Olena Drozdova during her participation in the search. According to the information, police officers not only attacked the advocate, but also recruited the help of persons similar to the so-called "titushki", who physically blocked the entrance to the premises, preventing members of the Bar Council of the Region from entering the premises.

Members of the Committee responded to an emergency and went out to help their colleague. In addition, the Committee immediately appealed to the Prosecutor General of Ukraine, the Minister of Internal Affairs of Ukraine, the leadership of the National Police and the Prosecutor's Office of Kyiv and the region with a request to take immediate measures aimed at ending the unlawful actions of law enforcement officers and bringing those responsible to justice. Due to the publicity and considerable support of colleagues, the unlawful acts were stopped.

Over time, the State Bureau of Investigation informed the Committee that, upon the said fact, information about the criminal offense had been filed with the URPI and a pre-trial investigation had been initiated.

On December 24, 2018, another crime was committed against advocate Considering the increased attacks on advocates on the

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court premises, the Committee addressed a letter to the State Judicial Administration of Ukraine asking for enhanced security measures for court visitors. The Committee's appeal had positive effects. Thus, in response to the Committee's request, the State Judicial Administration of Ukraine addressed a letter to the Heads of territorial divisions of the SJAU demanding that measures be taken to strengthen the protection of the courts and to prevent encroachment on the lives and health of advocates.

On №vember 29 in Geneva, UNBA and the International Commission of Jurists signed a memorandum of cooperation. On behalf of UNBA, the signing of the memorandum was entrusted to Anna Boryak, Chair of the Committee. In addition, a meeting was held with the ICJ Commissioner General to discuss the systematic disregard for the professional rights of advocates in Ukraine. Particular attention was paid to the Presidential Draft

№. 9055. An agreement was reached to analyze the situation with Ukrainian Bar and to send the ICJ Commissioners' Monitoring Mission to Ukraine. Cooperation roadmaps have been developed and a number of measures to protect the profession of advocates with the assistance of this legal structure. Vice-Chair of the Committee Volodymyr Klochkov, Committee Secretary Yuriy Grigorenko and Committee members Oleg Garnik and Bohdan Yegorov also took part in the working visit.

Valentyn Rybin. Unknown persons set personal car of an advocate on fire. These and other cases of unprecedented pressure on advocates became the subject of consideration at an emergency meeting of the Committee on 27 December. Advocate V. Rybin

of a search of the premises of an advocate, 6 cases of physical violence against advocates, 4 cases of silent investigative actions, 14 cases of criminal offenses were recorded. prosecution, 33 cases of interference and obstruction of the legal activity of the defense counsel, 2 cases of attempted interrogation of an advocate as a witness, 2 cases of destruction of property, 1 case of attempted murder.







present at the meeting noted that criminal proceedings have been commenced on the fact of destruction of his vehicle under s.2 art. 194 of the Criminal Code (intentional destruction or damage to other's property), although in this case, given that there are circumstances that give reason to believe that the crime was committed precisely in connection with advocate's activity V. Rybin; legal qualification should be under Art. 399 of the Criminal Code of Ukraine (intentional destruction or damage property belonging to the defender or the person's representative).

As a result of discussing this and other cases, a decision was made to convene a press conference to cover the dire situation in the country and to appeal again to international legal institutions to intervene in order to solve the problem at national level. is not possible, given that the violation of the guarantees of advocacy is a sanctioned policy in the State of Ukraine.

Thus, in 2018, the Committee received 77 complaints concerning violations of professional rights and guarantees, of which 15 cases

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# Report of UNBA International Relations Committee for 2018



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# On November 30, 2018, UNBA and the International Commission of Jurists signed a Memorandum of Cooperation in the field of international protection of advocates' rights

UNBA and the International Commission of Jurists (ICJ) have signed a Memorandum of Cooperation in the area of the international protection of the rights of advocates and the implementation of guarantees of legal practice.

The document was signed during a visit of UNBA delegation to Geneva, where the Chair of the Committee on Protection of Advocates' Professional Rights and Guarantees, Anna Boryak, and the Secretary General of the ICJ Saman Zia-Zarifi.

UNBA delegation also included Vice-Chair of the Committee Volodymyr Klochkov, Committee Secretary Yuri Grigorenko, Committee members Oleg Garnik and Bogdan Yegorov.

From now on, Ukraine's advocates will work together with a reputable international organization to protect the rights of advocates, to assert the independence of the legal profession, and to strengthen the guarantees of the independence of the legal profession.

In accordance with the Memorandum, the parties will monitor, analyze and, where necessary, intervene in cases of violations of the legal rights of advocates in Ukraine, and will take measures against attacks on advocates in Ukraine; undertake joint activities to raise awareness among advocates and other interested parties about the protection of advocates' rights and guarantees, as well as the use of international legal mechanisms to protect the professional rights of advocates.

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# On November 29, 2018, UNBA and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Ukraine signed a Memorandum of Cooperation

The document was signed by UNBA/BCU President Lidiya Izovitova and Foreign Minister Pavel Klimkin. From now on, Ukraine's advocates, together with diplomats, will work to promote our country abroad, establish and strengthen business and cultural contacts, and, most importantly, implement coordinated protection of the rights and interests of Ukrainians abroad.

Memorandum envisages active involvement of Ukrainian advocates living in other countries who are willing to help their compatriots.

The document defines such areas of cooperation as the organization and implementation of measures aimed at increasing the interest of foreign states, their legal entities and individuals in interaction with Ukraine, in particular, making investments in the economy of Ukraine; cooperation (including through the network of representations of Ukrainian National Bar Association) on the presentation at the international arena of Ukrainian Bar, integration of Ukrainian legal community into the European space, assistance in establishing international relations and exchange of experience between national Bar associations. countries and other international human rights and legal organizations. The Parties will make joint efforts to raise awareness of Ukrainian citizens, foreigners, stateless persons in Ukraine and abroad regarding the legislation of Ukraine and foreign countries, actions in problematic situations.



<u>Memorandum</u> provides for the exchange of information on the possibility of involving foreign or domestic advocates in the field of defense.

Citizens who plan to visit other countries can now count not only on diplomatic institutions of Ukraine but also on domestic advocates in case of problems.

# On November 23, 2018, a delegation of UNBA participated in the celebration of the 100th anniversary of the Polish Bar

UNBA President Lidiya Izovitova and UNBA Vice-President Valentyn Gvozdiy took part in the celebrations to mark the 100th anniversary of the Polish Bar.

During the events in Warsaw, UNBA leadership also held meetings with representatives of the Council of Bar and Law Law Societies of Europe (CCBE), leaders of national Bars of various European countries, discussing attempts of certain forces to push Parliament into adoption of draft law "On the Bar and Practice of Law"

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### On 23 November 2018, the Forum on Criminal Defense was held

The German Foundation for International Legal Cooperation (IRZ), the German Federal Bar (Bundesrechtsanwaltskammer - BRAK) and Ukrainian National Bar Association held an informative discussion event "Forum on Criminal Defense" in Lviv on №vember 26–27.

The welcome address was delivered by the President of Ukrainian National Bar Association Lidiya Izovitova and the Director of International Cooperation of the Federal Bar Association of Germany Veronika Horrer.

UNBA delegation, consisting of the secretary of the Committee on Protection of Advocates' Professional Rights and Guarantees, Yuriy Grigorenko, and a member of the Committee, a member of the Higher Audit Commission of the Bar, Bohdan Yegorov, visited the Istanbul Bar Association. The Istanbul Bar Association is a representative body that brings together more than 45,000 advocates and is a leading member of the Union of Turkish Bar Associations.

During the event the topics concerning Ukrainian Bar were discussed and the experience of the German Federal Bar was



presented, in particular:

- novels of the Criminal Procedure Code of Ukraine in 2018;
- theses on defense in the criminal proceedings prepared by the German Federal Bar;
- the course of the pre-trial investigation;
- peculiarities of the activity of an advocate in criminal proceedings at the stage of determining the strategy of working with evidence;
- criminal proceedings;
- the defense counsel's participation in criminal proceedings is related to international cooperation;
- execution of sentences;
- peculiarities of protection in the context of unfair procedural activity of the investigator and the prosecutor;
- means of appeal, case review.

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The purpose of the meeting was to discuss attacks on the independence of the legal profession occurring in both countries, as well as to try to make the Bar dependent on public authorities by adopting corresponding amendments to the legislation.

In Turkey, there is a group of politicians who are trying to make drastic changes in the law regarding Bar self-government and to make the legal profession dependent on the State. These amendments to the law also aim at reducing the volume of legal rights and guarantees. The reason for such changes to the legislation is officially defined as the fight against terrorism. A statement was recently made by the Council Bars and Law Societies of Europe (CCBE), setting out examples of apprehension, arrests and detention of advocates.

For his part, Yuriy Grigorenko described the situation in Ukraine where, under the pretext of reforming the Bar and using pro-European slogans, an attempt was made to return the Bar under



State control. In addition, the Draft "On the Bar and Practice of Law" No. 9055 introduces liability for an advocate for abuse of procedural rights in criminal proceedings, the scope of guarantees for advocacy is reduced, in particular, the procedure for servicing an advocate the Netice of Suspicion is proposed for simplification.

The Parties agreed that advocates of both countries face the same challenges, which require similar tactics in their solution.

Yuriy Grigorenko invited the President of the Istanbul Bar Association to visit Ukraine.

#### On November 8, 2018, an international conference of Bar associations was held in Georgia

An international conference of Bar associations took place in Tbilisi. Ukrainian Bar was represented at this event by the All-Ukrainian Trade Union of Advocates, Nadiya Korinna. The conference was opened by the Chairman of the Georgian Bar Association David Asatiani, the speaker of the Georgian Parliament Irakli Kobakhidze, representatives of the EU Delegation to Georgia and the EU-UN Joint Project in Georgia.

The experts of the conference were former CCBE President Maria Ślazak, chairman of the Austrian Bar Association Rupert Wolf, and Chairman of the CCBE Working Group on the drafting of the European Convention on the Profession of Lawyer, Laurent Pettiti.

Nadiya Korinna spoke in support of the drafting of the Convention, since a common European document on the protection of the independence of the legal profession will have an impact on the formation of national legislation, which at the moment is at risk of significant narrowing of the rights and guarantees of the advocate activities in Ukraine.



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#### On November 6, 2018, an international conference was held in Belarus to share the experience of reforming CIS Bars

On №vember 2, an international conference "Advocacy and the State: ways of interaction", during which the advocates discussed topical issues of the organization and activity of the Bars of Belarus, Ukraine, Latvia, Russia, Moldova, Azerbaijan, Georgia, Kyrgyzstan. Ukrainian delegation included the Chair of HQDCB, Oleksandr Drozdov, advocates Nana Bakayanova, BCU member Olga Golovchenko and Olena Dzhaburiya.

The interaction of advocates from different countries is a prerequisite for the development of the Bar, as the exchange of experience helps to resolve issues and improve the legislation in each country.

Oleksandr Drozdov, Chair of the Higher Qualification and Disciplinary Commission of the Bar, outlined topical issues of development of the Bar of Ukraine, spoke about the content of the amendments to the Constitution of Ukraine and their importance in law enforcement practice, noted some problems of Ukrainian Bar, in particular, about

the "success fee", unreasonable responses to advocate's inquiries, indicated the importance of applying the case law of the European Court of Human Rights in legal practice.

Olena Dzhaburiya, a member of the Odesa Bar Council, outlined the tasks and directions of reforming the Bar in Ukraine. According to the 3 drafts submitted to Verkhovna Rada in 2018, there are different views on the further development of Ukrainian Bar. Olena Dzhaburiya presented a brief analysis of the drafts, outlined the most debated issues being discussed in the legal community. It is important to prevent the adoption of this draft by the status of advocates-civil servants, advocates of local self-government bodies, advocates-members of business associations and employees of enterprises under employment contracts.

Positive extension of the advocates' professional rights under the draft law is positive, however, it is advisable, in the part of guarantees of advocacy, to formulate more precisely certain provisions, the content of which Ukrainian advocate reported to the conference participants.



### On October 29, 2018, the team of Azerbaijan advocates won the Futsal Advocate Cup

Team of Azerbaijan Advocates won The Futsal Advocate Cup, which took place in Kyiv on October 24–28 with the support of UNBA. The Advocates of Kyiv City Team took second place, and the Kyiv Region KRBA Team won the third place. The awards ceremony took place on Sunday, October 2. The Champions were congratulated by the Secretary of the Bar Council of Ukraine Pavlo Grechkivsky.

The Georgian Bar Team has received the Fair Play Cup from Corporate Sport Organization, which has been holding continental and world championships among lawyers - Mundiavocat and Eurolawyers since 1983. The tournament also identified the best player, best goalkeeper, best defender and striker.

The best in defense was Andriy Kusherets from the team of notaries, the best goalkeeper - Artem Andrushkiv (team of advocates of Kyiv), the best scorer - Ulvi Aliyev (team of Azerbaijan). The best player of the tournament was Vadim Petrakov (Belarus team). The football tournament is organized with the assistance of Ukrainian National Bar Association and the Corporate Sport Organization.

The Futsal Association of Ukraine also took part in the organization of the tournament. Participants of the competition were the teams of advocates of Belarus, Azerbaijan, Georgia, regional teams of advocates, the team of №taries of the Central Regions of Ukraine. Also, Ukrainian National Bar Association organizes UNBA Cup competition since 2016. In 2016, Ukrainian Bar for the first time presented a team at the Mundiavocat International Championship in Spain and won bronze award.

In 2018, Ukrainian National Bar Association again held a national tournament, following which the KRBA Team UNBA went to the World Championship and won this tournament.



### October 1, 2018 Valentyn Gvozdiy participated in the opening of the Year of Law in London

On September 30, the Year of Law was opened in London. In the wake of the UK's official withdrawal from the EU, more than 80 leaders of Bar associations and legal communities from around the world attended the event. Ukrainian Bar was represented by UNBA/BCU Vice-President Valentyn Gvozdiy.

Discussions at the event mainly focused on the impact of Brexit on the stability of international law and the international legal services market, of which Ukrainian Bar is a part.

TheCityUK estimates that in 2017, the UK legal services market

has brought £26 bln to the country's economy. "British legal profession, legal community, is powerful not only for its great contribution to the national economy, but also for its respect for the traditions of the profession. For example, for over 50 years, the opening of the Year of Law in London has included a prayer service at Westminster Abbey available to all of the event participants, "said Valentyn Gvozdiy.

The organizer of the Year of Law is the Bar Council of England and Wales.

Photo courtesy of Valentyn Gvozdiy and UK Barrister Christina Blacklaws.



# On May 30, 2018, Ivan Grechkivsky presented a report on regulatory innovation at the IBA Working Group

During the IBA Bar Leaders' Conference, IBA Task Force meeting occurred as well. The organization has set up 6 such working groups, which are formed to work out the current areas of development and challenges for the legal profession: demographic changes and shift of values; the emergence of new types of added value; development of technology and innovation in jurisprudence (Legal Tech); regulatory innovation and gaps; globalization and changing of economic power; skills mismatch and legal education reform.

Chair of the International Relations Committee Ivan Grechkivsky is a member of the regulatory innovation group. During the meeting in Oslo, interim reports were presented about all of the aspects listed above. In the future, IBA will determine the priority of projects that will be implemented under the auspices of the organization in each area.

The IBA Bar Leaders Conference was held in Oslo on May 23–24. Key issues of discussion were the rule-of-law situation in individual countries, trends in legal education, the role of Bar associations in the advancement of legal services, and the legal aspects of Brexit. UNBA was represented at the conference by UNBA/BCU Vice-President Valentyn Gvozdiy and Chair of UNBA International Relations Committee Ivan Grechkivsky.

# On May 25, 2018, a meeting of leaders from the European, American and Asian Bar associations was held in Oslo to address the challenges of the profession.

The meeting was attended by the leaders of the Bars of № way, Sweden, the President of the American Bar Association (ABA) Hillary Bass, representatives of the Bars of Germany, Switzerland, Italy, Great Britain, Argentina, Japan, South Korea and many others. UNBA was represented at this forum by UNBA/BCU Vice-President Valentyn Gvozdiy.



During the meeting, the results of a study conducted by the International Bar Association (IBA) among 6,000 advocates around the world on gender equality, discrimination, sexual harassment and bullying were presented. From the survey data, we know that every second female advocate and every third male face job-related bullying problems.

"The results of a survey of over 6,000 advocates globally are in line with the growing global concern about the spread of misconduct at work.

The law, media, entertainment, and politics have been making loud accusations of harassment and bullying in the past year. While this approach is unacceptable in working relationships, it is particularly striking in the legal profession, which is based on unity and high ethical standards," the presentation reads.

#### On May 24, 2018, UNBA/BCU Vice-President Valentyn Gvozdiy met with the newly elected President of the Law Society of Canada, Sheila M. Macpherson.

The meeting was part of the annual IBA Bar Leaders Conference in Oslo, №way.

The topic of the meeting was cooperation between Ukrainian and Canadian Bar associations, in particular, support to strengthen the institutional capacity of the Bar in Ukraine, exchange of experience between the professional communities of the two countries and expanding the opportunities for professional development of advocates.

The Federation of Law Societies of Canada (FLSC) is the regulator of the legal profession in Canada, which has a coordinating role of national importance for 120,000 advocates.

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### State Bar Independence - Central Topic of the Oslo Bar Leaders Conference (May 23, 2018)

On May 23, the 13th Annual IBA Bar Leaders Conference began its work in Oslo, № way. The conference was organized by the International Bar Association's IBA Bar Issues Commission, with the support of the № wegian Bar Association.

The conference is an important platform for UNBA's communication with the world's legal professions, establishing effective working communication, sharing experience and introducing the best global practices of the advocate's profession.

The conference was opened by IBA President Martin Šolc, Chair of the IBA Bar Association Claudio Visco, President of the № wegian Bar Association Jens Johan Hjort; Chair of the № wegian № bel Committee, Berit Reiss-Andersen. Ukraine at the event was represented by UNBA/BCU Vice-President Valentyn Gvozdiy.

The central theme of the conference was the issue of the independence of the Bar from the State, threats to the rule-of-law that arise in different countries.

From the speeches of the conference participants, the key message was that national advocates are an essential tool in the fight for human rights, the first line of their defense. Advocates should not be dependent on the State in any way, as they protect human rights, including in the event of their violation by the State.

Another important topic of the conference was the issue of continuous professional development, in particular, the training of young advocates and the formation of the future legal profession.



### On May 22, 2018, a meeting with the IBA Delegation for Bar Reform took place

IBA's mission was in Ukraine to work on a report on the status of the legal profession in Ukraine, and in particular to study the activities and needs of Ukrainian National Bar Association.

UNBA meeting was attended by the Chair of the Secretariat Vadym Krasnyk, the Vice-Chair of the Committee on International Relations Vitalii Vlasiuk, the Secretary of the Committee Oleh Klymyuk, the Head of the HQDCB Secretariat Victor Vovnyuk. The IBA delegation also included IBA HRI program advocate Jurate Guzeviciute and Lithuanian practitioner Inga Abramavichute.

The topics of the meeting were such as the need to strengthen the professional rights and guarantees of advocates at the level of practice and legislation, reform of free legal aid to minimize state interference, reform of self-government, the procedure for access to the legal profession.

The IBA report, in particular, contained assessments of the current status of the Bar and the advocate's self-government of Ukraine. The report also included action plan to strengthen the institutional capacity of the self-governing professional organization.

International partners emphasized that the implementation of such a plan would become a joint project of UNBA and IBA and, accordingly, the steps of such a plan would be agreed in a democratic manner.

The report and plan are currently under development. In the near future a reunion will be held between the leadership of UNBA and the mission of the International Bar Association.



# On May 18, 2018, UNBA representatives met the President of the International Association of Young Lawyers (AIJA) in Prague

During his work at the CCBE Plenary session in Prague, a meeting with the President of the International Association of Young Advocates, Wiebe de Vries took place.

UNBA/BCU Vice-President Valentyn Gvozdiy and UNBA International Relations Committee Vice-Chair Vitalii Vlasiuk managed to agree on enhanced cooperation, including the accession of Ukraine to the said association.

In turn, this opens up many new opportunities for communication

with colleagues from more than fifty countries, participating in academic events and exchange programs, and exchanging experience between young advocates from around the world.

The new project of Ukrainian National Bar Association - UNBA NextGen became the practical basis for cooperation.

### On May 16, 2018, UNBA agreed to cooperate with the Portuguese Bar Association

May 16, at the headquarters of the Ordem dos Advogados Portugueses (in Lisbon) the ceremony of signing documents providing basis for collaboration between UNBA and OAP.

On behalf of the of Portugese party, the documents were signed by the President of the Order, Guillermo Figueiredo.

The signed documents on cooperation envisage cooperation between the professional associations of advocates of Ukraine and Portugal, mutual assistance, exchange of experience of professional activity and advocacy of self-government between the advocate communities of both countries.

Director of UNBA Representation Office to Portugal V.Arhipov participated in the signing ceremony, as well as Head of the Consular Section of the Embassy of Ukraine to the Portuguese Republic Kamarchuk V.V.



### On May 12, 2018, UNBA Team Wins the Mundiavocat 2018 World Cup

The winners of the national football tournament UNBA Cup 2018 - KRBA Team UNBA, won the Mundiavocat 2018 World Cup in Spain.

Ukrainian Bar at this large-scale international event had been represented by advocates Denis Agapov, Oleksandr Tkachuk, Taras Samborsky, Dmitry Rzhondkovsky, Konstantin Rybalko, Sergiy Arkhangelsky, Stanislav Klimov, Ruslan Prilepa, Konstantin Kuchevsky, Yuri Mostovenko, Rostislav Sachok and Andriy Buzynny. The coach of the team is Valery Direktorenko.

### Team manager Oleh Klymyuk was included in the short-list of the best team-managers.

Ukrainian team won in a final game with Belgrade's advocates 2–0. In the semifinals, the KRBA Team defeated a tough team - the Brazilian team Espadachim Cafe.

Two Ukrainian teams met in the games of the fourth World Championship - KRBA Team - UNBA and EVRIS-KYIVSHCHYNA, where KRBA won.

The KRBA Team successfully began its participation in the Championship, becoming the leader in the qualifying group games. In the group round, the rivals of Ukrainians were the teams of Canada, Iran and Benin. In the 1/8 KRBA won 6-O against Algeria.

In early April, the KRBA Team won the National Football Tournament "UNBA CUP 2018" in Kyiv. Andriy Buzynny also became the best goalkeeper of national competition. As a result of Ukrainian tournament, UNBA delegated this team to the World Championship. EVRIS-KYIVSHCHYNA also took part in Mundiavocat–2018, and became a silver medalist in the national competition, and Andriy Belov became the best defender.

The Mundiavocat World Cup for Lawyers is an international football tournament that is open to advocates from around the world. It occurs since 1983 every two years. The competition lasts for 10 days, from Friday to Sunday. In 2016, 104 teams from 37 countries took part in the championship. UNBA team then took third place.

# On May 4, 2018 a working meeting of Ukrainian and Spanish advocates took place at UNBA Representation Office in Madrid

The topic of the meeting was discussion of current issues and novelties in Ukrainian and Spanish legislation.

During the work meeting the following issues were discussed:

- reforms, trends, new legislation in Ukraine;
- access to the legal profession, opportunities for law students;
- the problem of colegiación (lack of agreement between Ukraine and Spain);
- some topical aspects of document legalization;
- problems of social protection of Ukrainians in Spain; double taxation and dual citizenship;
- Legal tech and its capabilities.

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# On May 17, 2018, UNBA representatives attended a meeting of the CCBE Committee on Eastern Europe

A regular meeting of the CCBE Committee on Eastern Europe

(PECO Committee of CCBE) was held in Prague.

At the event, Ukrainian National Bar Association was represented by UNBA/BCU Vice-President Valentyn Gvozdiy and the Vice-Chair of UNBA Committee on International Relations Vitalii Vlasiuk.

Advocates from the countries of the region exchanged views on Ukraine's earlier offer of revising the rules of CCBE membership for non-EU countries.



The speakers emphasized on activity of Ukraine, Georgia, Moldova and Bar association of other countries and agreed to continue discussing their deeper integration into the CCBE. In addition, upon Ukraine's initiative, creation of an ad-hoc group within the Committee was proposed and supported for the purpose of further approximation of standpoints in this case.

In his report, Valentyn Gvozdiy outlined the situation with the introduction of amendments to the core Law of Ukraine "On the Bar and Practice of Law", which is regarded as an offensive at independence of the professional Bar. Committee Chair Stanislav Balik assured that the CCBE will provide Ukrainian National Bar Association with appropriate international support.

### A meeting with representatives of the Kyrgyz Bar held at UNBA headquarters

UNBA/BCU President Lidiya Izovitova met with a delegation of the Kyrgyz Bar Council. Chair of the Kyrgyz Bar Council, Bilim Rayimkulov, together with his deputy, member of the Kyrgyz Bar Council, Aizana Niyazaliyev, coordinator of the Law program of the Soros-Kyrgyzstan Foundation Takhmina Ashuraliyeva arrived in Kyiv.

The purpose of the meeting was to exchange the experience of developing advocate's self-government and the participation of an advocate in the development of specialized legislation. In particular, issues such as the interaction of regional and national authorities, the election system and involvement of advocates in self-government, budgeting, other organizational and financial issues of self-government activities were discussed. A separate block of conversation was the access to the profession procedure and training of advocates.

At the meeting parties also discussed the work of advocates in the free legal aid system.

UNBA presented activity reports for 5 years and for 2017 containing complete analytical information, statistical and financial reporting, functioning of the URAU, international activities, as well as books on the history of the Bar, published with the support of the Center for Advocacy and Legal Studies.

### On May 18, Meeting with a delegation of the Ministry of Justice of China

UNBA met with a delegation of the Ministry of Justice of China headed by Deputy Minister of Justice Liu Zhenyu.

One of the delegation members was Director-General of the Bureau of People's Participation and Promotion of Rule of Law Lo Hoju, the Deputy Director-General of Bureau of International Cooperation Zhang Xiaomin, and the Deputy Director-General of the Fujian Province Department of Justice Chen Qiang.

The purpose of the meeting was to establish cooperation between the Bars both of us, in particular, in the format of the "One Belt, One Road" International Initiative.

The topic of the discussion was the activity of the Bar in Ukraine as a self-governing institution and the international activities of UNBA. They discussed in detail the method of formation of bodies of advocate self-government, the procedure of access to the profession and the procedure for bringing to disciplinary responsibility, improving the qualification of advocates.

The HQDCB Chair stressed that UNBA is actively developing cooperation with international partners in order to exchange practical experience and enhance vocational training opportunities.

UNBA was represented by the Chair of HQDCB Oleksandr Drozdov, the Chair of the Committee on International Relations Ivan Grechkivsky, the Secretary of International Relations Committee Oleh Klymyuk, the Chair of the Legislative Initiatives Committee Oleksiy Yushchenko, the Head of UNBA Secretariat Vadym Krasnyk.

# On May 18, 2018, UNBA representatives discuss cooperation with European courts at CCBE session

UNBA/BCU Vice-President Valentyn Gvozdiy and Vice-Chair of the International Relations Committee Vitalii Vlasiuk continued their work at the CCBE plenary session. Among those present were the Chair of the Committee on Legal Affairs of the European Parliament Pavel Svoboda, the Advocate General of the European Court of Justice Michal Bobek, President of the International Bar Association Martin Šolc.

During the plenary session, issues such as the interaction of advocates with the European judicial institutions, new legislation

in the field of combating money laundering and dealing with personal data, and some aspects of migration problems were discussed. In the second part of the session, the updated Code of Conduct (Code of Ethics) for CCBE members was discussed.

Delegates from Ukrainian National Bar Associaton actively participated in discussion of these issues. In addition, UNBA/BCU Vice-President Valentyn Gvozdiy had the honor of giving a short speech in which he informed his European colleagues about the latest achievements and challenges before Ukrainian Bar.



### On April 16, 2018, UNBA agreed to cooperate with the Milan Bar Association



Delegation of Ukrainian Advocates visited Italy to participate in a joint event with the Milan Bar Association (Ordine degli Avvocati di Milano). devoted to the topic of protection of professional rights and guarantees of legal practice.

During the event, the issues of internal and external, as well as deontological guarantees of the advocate's professional activity, his role in the Italian and European constitutional systems were considered.

Representatives of the Bar of Ukraine, in particular, Serhiy Moroz and Taras Savchenko raised the issue of mass violations of professional rights and guarantees of advocacy in Ukraine.

Following the event, a cooperation agreement was signed between UNBA and the Milan Bar Association (Ordine degli Avvocati di Milano). The Framework Document provides for the development

of cooperation for the purpose of mutual exchange of information on profile legislation and harmonization of professional and ethical standards of advocacy.

UNBA Representative Office, headed by advocate Natalia Kravchuk, operates in Milan.

# On April 5, 2018, a delegation of UNBA participated in the conference uniting leaders of the Bars of Germany, Russia, Belarus and Ukraine in Berlin



UNBA/BCU President Lidiya Izovitova, UNBA/BCU Vice-President Valentyn Gvozdiy and Chair of UNBA International Relations Committee Ivan Grechkivsky participated in the Meeting of the leaders of the Bars of Germany, Russia, Belarus and Ukraine in Berlin.

The event was organized by the German Federal Bar (BRAK) to discuss topical issues related to the organization of legal practice and legal profession regulation. The following Issues were included in the agenda of the conference: organizational and legal forms of legal practice; taxation of legal practice; advocate's monopoly and its scope; relations between advocate and authorities; cybersecurity, cyber law and cyber legal practice. BRAK Vice President Ulrich Wessels spoke about the forms of legal practice used by advocates in Germany.

Also, on April 5 Lidiya Izovitova and Valentyn Gvozdiy met with the leadership of the Embassy of Ukraine in Germany. The talk was devoted to activity of Ukrainian Bar, the contribution of the Bar to establishment of the rule-of-law, formation of a democratic state. It was also about the history of Ukrainian Bar, which at sometimes significantly contributed to the European history of the profession.

UNBA leaders briefed Ukrainian diplomats on the work of UNBA Representation Office in Germany. In this context, the parties discussed preliminary plans for cooperation in organizing events for German businesses, as well as working with citizens of Ukraine and Germany in need, of legal assistance.

#### March 22, 2018. English Law Day in Kyiv

This event brings together leaders of the legal services market in UK and Ukraine, under the auspices of national professional organizations, which directly contribute to further strengthening of relations between the two nations and facilitate integration of legal communities.

The forum was organized by the Law Society of England and Wales, the British Embassy in Ukraine, the British-Ukrainian Law Association and Ukrainian National Bar Association.

Opening the forum, Ambassador Judith Gough emphasized that support for reform in Ukraine remains an unchanged priority for UK foreign policy. In order to facilitate investment in Ukrainian economy, it is important to respect the rule-of-law, the existence of trusted courts and legislation that contains the best international standards.

UNBA/BCU President Lidiya Izovitova noted that last year there were fundamental changes to the national procedural legislation and substantive law. Thus, advocates need to strike a balance between new responsibilities and risks and discuss this openly with their UK counterparts.

"We have to be candid and honest: regardless of political aspirations, advocates should be clear about one thing. We are opponents when we represent clients and act in court, but we are friends when we discuss the legislative problems and when we assess the risks," said Lidiya Izovitova.

UNBA Chair emphasized that Ukrainian market is open to the foreign legal professionals.

Within the framework of the event, a meeting was held with the participation of Sergiy Ostrovsky and Katharina Kirschberger,

Europe and CIS Policy Advisor at Law Society of England and Wales, Head of UNBA Secretariat Vadym Krasnyk and the Vice-Chair of the Committee on International Relations Vitalii Vlasiuk. The topics of the meeting were forms of cooperation with the Law Society of England and Wales, such as the exchange of experience and joint training courses, the acquisition of British experience in conducting exams in the form of online testing. The meeting also discussed the reform of Ukrainian legal profession and the violation of the rights of advocates, two topics that require consolidated support from foreign partners.



### February 28, 2018 Vitalii Vlasiuk participated in the international meeting on pro bono legal services

Vice-Chair of UNBA International Relations Committee Vitalii Vlasiuk participated in the event

V4 and EU Eastern partners' exchange on Pro bono & Advocacy, dedicated to sharing experience in Pro bono legal aid.

The meeting was held at the Pro Bono Polish Center (Warsaw) with the participation of colleagues from Belarus, Moldova and Georgia.

The discussion concerned the implementation and development of modern approaches to Pro bono legal services in Ukraine, including the ability of an advocate to declare his/her willingness to provide Pro bono legal assistance in a personal profile contained in the Unified Register of Advocates of Ukraine.

Pro bono activities were also seen as an important component of protecting and ensuring human rights. Forum participants also spoke about the development of a system of non-governmental organizations to enhance pro bono assistance.

As we known, the new URAU functionality provides for the possibility to indicate that an advocate provides pro bono services.

# On February 9, 2018, the 46th European Bar Presidents' Conference dedicated to Independence of Self-Government



UNBA/BCU Vice-President Valentyn Gvozdiy and HACB Chair Maxim Boldin participated in the 46th Annual Bar Presidents' Conference in Vienna. This year, more than 200 leaders of national Bar associations, heads of advocacy bodies and representatives of the largest professional organizations of the CCBE and IBA participated.

The topic of the 46th Conference was the independence of the legal profession from the State. Discussions of conference participants proved that, regardless of the level of development of the country, every Bar has some kind troubles with its specific State. Representatives of France spoke about this; instead, Poland is concerned about the systemic problems that have arisen as a result of the lack of a single strong organization that can represent all advocates. Many delegations spoke about a threatening tendency of increasing violations of the rights of the self-governing bodies, which threatens the rule-of-law.

"Our undisputed right to have independent professional organizations is the only guarantee of our strong influence on the rule-of-law. Otherwise, we will not be able to protect human rights," said Maria Ślązak, a former Vice-President of the CCBE, in a keynote address at the Conference.



For the first time in the history of the Bar Presidents' Conference, Ukrainian delegation was granted the right to speak.

Valentyn Gvozdiy reported on the success of Ukrainian BAR in building a self-government system. The 2012 core Law, that Ukrainian Bar abides by today as well, is one of the newest in

Europe. Within a short five-year period, it has been possible to create, from scratch, a European self-governing body that fully complies with Council of Europe standards, capable of protecting the rights of advocates and expressing a single the position of the legal community. At the same time, forcing the reform of the Bar self-government system is a concern, since the change is based on a non-suitable decentralized model. As a result, the unity of the national Bar institution may be destroyed, posing a risk to the unitary country.

The Vice-Chair of UNBA informed that proposals from UNBA and regional bodies were received to reform through the improvement of the existing model. The Venice Commission in its opinion confirmed its compliance with European standards both in terms of structure and division of powers. At the same time, the draft presented

by the Working Group manipulates the assessments of the Council of Europe, and even contradicts them.

A number of meetings of Ukrainian delegation with the President of the Law Society of England and Wales took place on the sidelines of the conference to prepare a joint event for advocates. A number of meetings were also held with representatives of the German Bar and other European countries.

There was also a meeting with the President of Kazakhstan Bar Association, who is interested in studying Ukraine's experience of building an advocate's self-government and upholding the independence of the profession.

# On February 8, 2018, UNBA informed the CCBE about the risks of elimination of advocate's self-government in Ukraine

UNBA informed the CCBE of the risks of the destruction of advocacy as a result of the adoption of amendments to the Law On

the Bar and Practice of Law, which was developed by the Judicial Reform Working Group.

On February 8, the Vice-President of UNBA, BCU Valentyn Gvozdiy, the Chair of the HACB Maxim Boldin met with the third Vice-President of the CCBE Dr. Margarete Gräfin von Galen.

Ukrainian delegation reported on the progress of preparation of amendments to the current law and numerous risks for elimination of the independent system of advocate self-government. Although an effective system of national and regional bodies has been established since the 2012 law was enacted, a package of unjustifiable destructive changes is already proposed.

Valentyn Gvozdiy said that, alternatively, UNBA had submitted to the Council for Judicial Reform a version of the draft law agreed within the legal community. The document provides for evolutionary changes in advocacy self-government that will enhance the institutional capacity of a single national professional organization. UNBA Vice-President stressed that without a strong self-governing organization, advocates' rights would be deprived of effective defense tools and declaratory in nature.

In turn, the third Vice-President of the CCBE, Mrs. von Galen, assured that UNBA would continue to have systemic institutional support from the largest professional organization of advocates in Europe. CCBE understands the need for such support in the current circumstances and will in no way approve of changes to national legislation that weaken the status of the Bar as a self-governing and self-regulating institution.

The CCBE is ready to conduct its own assessment of such legislative initiatives in the event of such a UNBA request. The CCBE is also ready to inform Verkhovna Rada of the inadmissibility of their adoption if such drafts are submitted to Parliament.

The third CCBE Vice-President assured that the process of drafting amendments to the Law on the bar is under the scrutiny of the European legal community, and that each stage of the reform will be properly assessed by European colleagues.

During the meeting it was said that since the adoption of the Current law, Ukrainian Bar became a 'success story' in the implementation of European principles for the organization of the legal profession.

It was emphasized that the 2012 core law fully complies with Council of Europe standards and employs a democratic approach to the formation and activities of self-government, provides for a balance of powers between the center and the regions and a stable system of checks and balances.

On February 9, in Vienna, Valentyn Gvozdiy presented the situation in Ukrainian Bar during a speech at the 46th Bar Presidents' Conference, held with the participation of the heads of European Bars.

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### On February 1, 2018, UNBA Representative Office opened in Portugal

On January 24, Ambassador of Ukraine Inna Ognivets met with the Director of the Representation Office of the Ukrainian National Bar Association in Portugal Viktor Arkhipov at the Embassy of Ukraine in Portugal.

During the meeting, the issues of cooperation between UNBA Delegation and the Portuguese Bar were discussed. Another point of discussion was the opening of UNBA Office in Lisbon, which will start operating on February 1, 2018 at: Portugal 1900–221 Lisboa R. Barão Sabrosa 160C; +351 920 315 411, facebook page facebook. com/naaupt/.

Information for citizens of Ukraine with contacts UNBA Office in Portugal is available at the Consular Section of the Embassy of Ukraine in Portugal.

In addition, with the assistance in establishing contacts and organizing cooperation with the Order of the Portuguese Advocates and Ukrainian National Bar Association, Ambassador of Ukraine to Portugal Ms. Inna Vasilivna Ognivets and the Head of the Consular Section of the Embassy of Mr. Kamarchuk Volodymyr were commended with UNBA Gratitude Awards.

# Report on the activities of UNBA Committee on Advocates' Professional Conduct for 2018



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The Committee's work in 2018 was conducted via electronic communication format as agreed with all members of the Committee. The format for handling appeals remained the same. During the discussion of the appeals received by the Committee, maximum participation of all interested persons, openness of discussion and expression of the parties' positions, approval of draft decisions adopted by the Committee were ensured.

The composition of the Committee was updated in 2018: Advocate Anna Nadtochiyeva joined the work as a representative of the Bar Council of Mykolaiv Region; advocate Igor Pokotilo was expelled from the Committee. Advocate Diana Nazarenko, Roman Grishankov, continue to actively cooperate with the Committee.

The Committee continues to liaise with other UNBA committees to consider appropriate proposals for amendments to the Code of Professional Conduct and to develop a common position on these issues.

In total, in 2018, the Committee received 5 requests, of which 100% were considered. Of these, 4 - for violation of the Rules of Professional Conduct; 1 - for clarification of the Rules of Professional Conduct.

Given the certain confidentiality of the work of the Committee, the Chair considered that there was no reason for a detailed report on the Committee's activities, since such a list could adversely affect the Committee's image and business reputation. The information given in the appeals is also not disclosed in the report because it is confidential.

The Committee cooperates with other UNBA Committees, holds meetings and consultations with advocates who address the Committee both verbally and in writing, and provides advice to assist advocates in resolving issues.

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# Report on the results of the work of UNBA Committee on Legislative Initiatives on the Bar for 2018



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During 2018, the main challenge for the Committee, as well as for Ukrainian National Bar Association in general, was to preserve the existing self-government system in Ukraine and to prevent the destruction of the self-governing bodies by adopting the Draft "On the Bar and Practice of Law" No. 9055.

In this regard, the main efforts of the leadership of the Committee and its members were aimed at returning the reform of the Bar into a constructive channel and ensuring full participation of the professional organization of advocates of Ukraine in the process of drafting changes to the relevant legislation.

In particular, meetings were held with representatives of the deputy corps in order to report key threats and risks of the draft law.

The members of the Committee actively participated in the consideration of the aforementioned issue in the parliamentary committees: The Committee on Legal Policy and Justice, the Committee on the Prevention and Countering of Corruption, and its Subcommittee on Interaction with Civil Society.

Also, following the Committee's decision of September 28, 2018, maximum measures were taken to cover information on the unacceptability of the above-mentioned draft law in the media, in particular through participation in thematic webinars, conferences, interviews with the media, flash mobs and other activities on social networks.

In 2018, three Committee meetings were held, one of which was held on 21 March dedicated to the legislative regulation of forensic expertise in Ukraine in the context of judicial reform. MPs of Ukraine and representatives of expert institutions and organizations took part in the event. The proposals formulated at the meeting and submitted to the Committee members are reflected in the Draft Law on Judicial Expertise and Self-Government of Forensic Experts (register no. №. 8223 of 03/04/2018).

The members of the Committee were actively involved in the process of elaborating comprehensive changes to the Criminal Procedure Code of Ukraine within the working subgroups of the Committee on Legislative Support of Law Enforcement.

On the initiative of the Chair of the Legislative Initiative Committee, on April 24, 2018, the first meeting of the Coordination Council on improving the advocacy of Ukraine and ensuring respect for human rights took place. The meeting was attended by the heads of the bodies of advocate self-government, as well as representatives of the Ministry of Justice of Ukraine, the Security Service of Ukraine and Human Rights Ombudsman of Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine.

Coordination Council members also supported the initiative of the Chair of the Committee to create sections in its composition and assign them some of the main activities of the Coordination Council. The joint decision created four sections, namely: on disciplinary proceedings; on compliance with European human rights standards; on the reform of legislation; on advocates' rights and guarantees.







# Report of UNBA Committee on Protection of Human Rights for 2018



The Committee for the Protection of Human Rights is a permanent advisory collegiate body of Ukrainian National Bar Association, which has been operating since March 2015. The purpose of the Committee's activity is to analyze the practice in the field of protection of human rights and fundamental freedoms, to study and apply the methods of human rights protection in democratic states, to apply the ECHR, the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, the UN Universal Declaration of Human Rights.

During 2018, the Committee held 11 meetings. The Committee's activities focused on three main areas: protection of children's rights, protection of human rights in criminal proceedings and protection of the rights of inmates.

Protection of the rights of the child became the area of responsibility of Tatiana Gnatyuk, who implemented the project "Protect Your Rights" during the year. The Committee cooperated fruitfully with the Commissioner of President of Ukraine on the Rights of the Child, with his assistance a number of interactive seminars for children and adolescents on the implementation of the "I have a right!" Projects were held and "Protect Your Rights" interactive trainings were held to clarify basic human rights and the mechanism for their protection for adolescents. Appropriate measures were intended to convey to the younger generation some basic principles for the protection of their rights and interests.

Before the International Day for the Protection of the Rights of the Child, the Committee together with the Commissioner of President of Ukraine on the Rights of the Child and partners in the public sector held the First All-Ukrainian Forum of the National Children's Council "Hear and Support the Child". At the forum, the Chair of UNBA Human Rights Committee Anna Kolesnyk and the Vice-Chair of the Committee Tatiana Hnatyuk presented the project "Protect Your Rights". The presentation focused on the following issues:

- · rights and responsibilities: when do they occur?
- the right to life and health, peculiarities of receiving medical treatment for a child;
- the housing rights of children orphans, children deprived of parental care, and persons among them;
- how to resolve the conflict that has arisen between high school students?
- what one does when one is a victim of a crime?
- and many others.



The Forum has garnered genuine interest of young people and children in their legal rights and freedoms, and therefore the Committee, on the initiative of a Member of the Committee Sergiy Starenkiy, he decided to expand his line of business and to implement the project "Advocate for Child" in 2019.

In addition to seminars and roundtables, the Committee also worked on pro bono on legal aid. The committee members provided individual counseling to the children after the interactive seminars.

In 2018, the Committee was approached by children with disabilities who were held hostage by the desire of some influential people to earn money. It is about Svyatoshinsky Orphanage for Boys with Deep Mental Retardation, which is located in Svyatoshinsky District of Kyiv City at 51 M. Kotelnikova street, on the territory of more than 3 hectares. In response to this situation, members of the Committee drew the media's attention to the problems of orphaned children and addressed appeals to the State and local authorities for the protection of the children's institution.

The Head of the Committee, Anna Kolesnyk, involved in human rights protection in criminal proceedings.

In February 2018, the Committee, in conjunction with the Bar Council of Vinnytsia Region, held a seminar for advocates in Vinnytsia on: "Breach of Advocate's Guarantees from the moment of Detention of a Person." The main issues covered during the seminar were:

- Detention of a person. Breach of the guarantees of legal practice during the detention of an advocate.
- Holding a person in Isolator for Temporary Holding: access to legal assistance, particularities of detention, legal grounds for detaining a person in ITH.
- Provision of legal assistance in conditions of pre-trial detention. Detention this is not a restriction on the right to defense.



 Sentencing and access to legal assistance in civil, administrative and criminal proceedings.

The Committee organized a roundtable "Pre-trial Report in the Litigation", which was attended by advocates, judges, prosecutors, police, the Ministry of Justice, and others. The discussion covered the following issues:

- The value of the pre-trial report for the accused, its purpose;
- Socio-psychological characteristics in the pre-trial report;
- Taking into account the pre-trial report when sentencing;
- Impact of the Pre-Trial Report on Punishment.

In 2018, a roundtable was held on "Excessive powers of police officers and unlawful detention". The roundtable dealt with the issue of abuse of power by police officers, where the nature of the officer's actions in the event of exceeding power or authority is expressed in the fact that the officer commits a particular act on a service that is not within his competence or intends to use the powers conferred on it for its own benefit. They also discussed the problematic aspects of police training, in particular, the acquisition of knowledge about human rights.

During the year, a series of Committee meetings were held on the topic of electronic evidence. In particular, the problem of using electronic evidence was considered: video from surveillance cameras; electronic documents; personal data contained on social networks; electronic correspondence; data carriers; information from publicly accessible and closed databases.

The direction of the Committee's work on the protection of the rights of prisoners was headed by Oleg Povalyaev.

Throughout the year, Committee members participated in events organized under the NORLAU project, implemented jointly in Ukraine by the Ministry of Justice of Ukraine and the Ministry of Justice and Public Safety of the Kingdom of № way to support the introduction of the Probation in Ukraine. The project aims at reducing the number of repeat offenders, facilitating the reintegration of offenders into society, reducing the number of prisoners and improving the level of security of the community as a whole.

In March 2018, the next meeting of the Human Rights Ombudsman Committee was held. During the meeting the Committee discussed the request for legal assistance from the NGO "Alliance of Ukrainian Unity". The appeal was about repeated mass hunger strike announcements in the Zamkova Correctional Facility #58 (Khmelnytskyi Region). In this way, the prisoners tried to draw attention to the numerous cases of arbitrariness, lawlessness and mass violations of constitutionally guaranteed human rights and freedoms.

Representatives of the non-governmental organization were involved in the consideration of this issue, explaining the problems of treatment, the misconduct of the colony's employees and the inappropriateness of actions of the State bodies to resolve the situation in this penitentiary. It was decided to send inquiries to the Ombudsman, the Prosecutor General's Office of Ukraine and Zamkova Correctional Facility #58

In 2018, the Committee launched the project "Legal Aid to Prisoners". The pilot institutions for its implementation were the Buchansk and Bila Tserkva correctional facilities. Within the project, more than 120 prisoners received legal advice from members of the Committee on Family, Inheritance and Labor Law, the procedure for obtaining a passport, obtaining a pension, the possibility of exercising real estate rights, and so on.

At the initiative of the Committee, the SICS (Special Information and Communication System) system now provides prisoners with free access to the Unified Register of Advocates of Ukraine, which contains the advocate's contact details and provides for the possibility of finding an advocate by region.

Committee members Oleg Povaliayev and Serhiy Starenkiy participated actively in the Working Group for Penitentiary Reform, Execution of Punishments and Probation of Verkhovna Rada Committee on Legislative Support of Law Enforcement.

The chairman of the Committee, Kolesnik Anna, is included in the Working Group on the drafting of the Judicial Reform and Judiciary Reform Strategy and other related legal institutions. In particular, the group was involved in the drafting of the Draft Law

"On Amendments to Certain Legislative Acts of Ukraine Regarding the Legal Practice"; worked in formats of meetings and roundtables on the topic of reforming the core legislation of the Bar, the Public Prosecutor's Office and Free Legal Aid.

During the year, members of the Human Rights Committee at UNBA participated in drafting and analytical work on amendments to the land legislation, improvement of the procedure of representation in civil and administrative process, and citizens' realization of the constitutional right to professional legal assistance.



# Report on the work of UNBA Committee on Medical and Pharmaceutical Law and Bioethics



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- 2. Scientific-practical seminar "Clinical and legal aspects in the

practice of obstetrician-gynecologist" (21–25.02.2018, speakers – Anna Garo and Oleksandr Kornag).

- Second specialized training for medical law advocates (with assistance from Ukrainian Legal Aid Foundation) (March-April 2018, Kyiv (co-organized by - Committee of Medical and Pharmaceutical Law and Bioethics - UNBA).
- **4.** Workshop on the Rights of Healthcare Professionals: modern realities and perspectives "(06.04.2018, Odesa, organizers -



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- **5.** First International Congress on Reproductive Law (20–21.04.2018, Kyiv (co-organized by UNBA Committee on Medical and Pharmaceutical Law and Bioethics).
- Brain Ring among Law Students at Law Reproductive Law International Congress (04/21/2018, Kyiv, co-organizer - UNBA Committee on Medical and Pharmaceutical Law and Bioethics)).
- 7. Round table with panel discussions on the topic "Medical Law of Ukraine: separate issues of law enforcement and enforcement "(20.04.2018, Lviv, co-organizer UNBA Medical and Pharmaceutical Law and Bioethics Committee).
- 8. Lecture on "Briefly about Medical Reform" (15.05.2018, Lviv).
- 9. In the framework of the cooperation of the Medical and Pharmaceutical Committe of UNBA Law and Bioethics with ProBono Medical Law Coordination Center with the Legal Aid Coordination Center.
- 10. Medical Law Roundtable on Medical Law: problems of justice and enforcement "(21.05.2018, Kyiv (co-organized by UNBA Committee on Medical and Pharmaceutical Law and Bioethics).
- **11.** Training for Inspectors on the Observance of Human Rights in Temporary Detention Centers in Sarny and Kropyvnytskyi (22–24.05.2018, Dnipro, speaker Irina Senyuta).
- 12. Practical Seminar on "Practical Aspects of Criminal Liability of Doctors and What You Need to Know to Prevent It" (24.05.2018, Exactly (Lecturer - Oleksandr Kornag).
- 13. Roundtable on "Medical Law of Ukraine: separate issues of implementation and enforcement "(25.05.2018, Zaporizhia, co-organizers members of the Committee of Medical and Pharmaceutical Law and Bioethics of UNBA).
- **14.** Author's Seminar "Private Medical Practice" (02.06.2018, Odesa, coach Oleg Yudin).
- 15. Master Class "Legal Risks for Women in the Use of DRT" within

- the First National Women's Forum (09.06.2018, Kyiv, coach Oksana Kashintseva))
- **16.** Presentation at the meeting of the Ministry of Youth and Sports of Ukraine on the topic "Some aspects of the legal regulation of sports medicine" (29.11.2018, Kyiv (Speaker Maria Ostapyuk))
- Round Table on the Problems and Prospects of Surrogate Motherhood for Foreigners in Ukraine (October 23, 2018, Kyiv (organizer - Sergiy Antonov).

# III. Preparation of analytical materials (conclusions, comments, draft regulations, methodological recommendations, etc.)

- Legal Opinion of the Chair of the Pharmaceutical Law Section
  of the Committee on Medical and Pharmaceutical Law and
  Bioethics, Oksana Kashintseva, on the Draft Law of Ukraine "On
  Amendments to Some Legislative Acts of Ukraine on Improving
  Legal Protection of Inventions and Utility Models";
- Legal Opinion of Irina Senyuta, Chair of the Committee on Medical and Pharmaceutical Law and Bioethics proposals for the draft Law of Ukraine "On the Bar and Practice of Law (New Edition) and Other Related Legislative Acts";
- 3. Iryna Senyuta is a member of the working group on the draft law "On Amendments to the Law of Ukraine on Donation of Blood and Its Components";
- Vaccination in Q&A: methodological recommendations (authors

   Irina Senyuta, Christina Tereshko);
- **5.** Legal liability in the field of medical care: methodological recommendations (author Iryna Senjuta).

### IV. Student work (law clinics, research management, traineeships, etc.)

- Iryna Bogomazova, a member of the Committee of Medical and Pharmaceutical Law and Bioethics, together with the students of the medical-law clinic, conducted an on-site consultation at the Lviv State Regional Specialized Radiation Protection Dispensary (18.04.2018, Lviv) and events within the framework of the All-Ukrainian Law Week (10–14.12.2018, Lviv).
- The members of the Committee participated in coordinating the work of the Legal Research Group on Medical Law on Alpha and Omega Health Care Reforms: student view. "Students' articles have been published in the journal Medical Law.

#### Вакцинація у запитаннях і відповідях <sup>Методичні</sup> рекомендації





#### V. All-Ukrainian Law Week

- Training Seminar for Advocates of Kharkiv Region on "Algorithm of Advocate's Work on Medical Matters" (06.12.2018, Kharkiv (organizer - O. Trotenko, speaker - I. Senyuta).
- Meeting with patients on the topic "Help me" (07.12.2018, Kryvyi Rih, speaker - Matova T.V.).
- Practical Seminar on "5 Legal Steps for Starting Your Own Medical Business" (08.12.2018, Odesa, organizers and contractors advocates of V. Wallach and N. Markocheva).
- An interactive lesson for visitors to the children's library (10.12.2018, Lviv, organizer - I. Bogomazov).
- Lecture for police officers of Ternovsky Police Station Kryvyi Rih on the topic "Medical reform in prisons, protection of personal



data and legal use of medical data of detainees" (10.12.2018, Kriyvyi Rig, lecturer - T. Matova).

- Roundtable on "Preventing Trafficking in Human Beings: separate legal aspects" (10.12.2018, Lviv, the organizers - I. Senyuta, I. Bogomazov).
- Seminar "Rights and guarantees of persons and children with disabilities and their legal representatives" (10.12.2018, Nadvirna, speaker - M. Ostapyuk).
- An interactive lesson for the students of the first grade of secondary school (11.12.2018, Lviv, organizer - I. Bogomazov).
- Open lecture on medical law for the teaching staff of TNMU (12.12.2018, Ternopil, lecturer - N. Kalinyuk).
- Speech for students of 111 High School Pokrovsky district Kryvyi Rih on the subject "Rights and responsibilities of small patients" (12.12.2018, Krivoy Rog, lecturer - T. Matova).
- Round Table on Medical and Legal Aspects of Vaccination (13.12.2018, Odesa, organizers and executors advocates V. Wallach and N. Markocheva).
- Lecture for students of Kharkiv Specialized School I-III degrees
   №134 on the topic: "Medical Law. Changes in the health care system" (13.12.2018, Kharkiv, lecturer O. It is very expensive).
- Lecture to the students of Rivne Economic and Humanities and Engineering College on the topic "Patients' rights and responsibilities" (13.12.2018, Exactly, the lecturer - T. Vodopyan).
- Seminar on Topical Organizational and Legal Aspects of Medical Practice (14.12.2018, Uzhgorod, speaker - Antonov S.V.).
- · Seminar on the topic for medical professionals of Vinnitsa

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- Central District Hospital (14.12.2018, Vinnytsia, speaker O. Kornaga).
- Practical seminar for advocates and physicians "Issues of legal support of medical business" (15.12.2018, Odesa, organizers and executors advocates V. Wallach and N. Markocheva).
- More than 10 seminars for health professionals were conducted by a member of the Committee O. Judin.
- Roundtable on "Bioethical Aspects of Legal Regulation of Euthanasia and Other Related Phenomena in Ukraine" (18.12.2018, Kyiv, organizer - Ya. Trinova).

#### VI. International cooperation of the Committee

- 1.Membership of the European Medical Law Association (new EMLA members Victoria Valakh, Natalia Kalynyuk).
- 2. Anna Garo's Participation in the Summer School of the Community Law Society and Politics Jean Monnet on "In Search of a Roadmap for the Right to Health: comparative aspects "within the scope of the European Association of Medical Law (EAHL).
- 3. Reporting on the EAMP website about <u>member publications</u> Committee
- 4. Reporting of anniversary information on the EAMP website creature- of the Committee

### VII. Media appearances and participation in television broadcasts

- Oksana Kashintseva's participation on the UA TV channel Theme of the Day: "How to make medicine accessible: on the Government Draft "(06/29/2018) <a href="http://www.1tv.com.ua/video/18600">http://www.1tv.com.ua/video/18600</a>
- Participation of Iryna Senyuta and Sergiy Antonov on Advocates Live on "All about medical reform in Ukraine" (02.07.2018) <a href="http://darwin.lawyer/lawyerslive">http://darwin.lawyer/lawyerslive</a>
- Oksana Kashintseva's participation in the broadcast of Voice of the Capital radio: "On Patent Reform and Access to Treatment" (02/07/2018) https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zuENYy4\_R7c
- Participation of Iryna Senyuta and Sergiy Antonov on Advocates Live on "Medical Reform in Ukraine", the subject of the program is dedicated to protection of personal data in the



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field of protection Health (08/13/2018) http://darwin.advocate/ advocateslive

• Olga Trotenko's Commentary on the Law of Ukraine "On Transplantation of Human Anatomical Materials" https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zYSIJT41VhE&t=21s









# Performance Report of UNBA FLA Committee for 2018. Plan of activities of the FLA Committee for 2019



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During 2018, UNBA Committee on Free Legal Aid worked fruitfully to further develop the free legal aid system.

The development of a free legal aid system in practice not only ensures the practical realization of the right to professional legal assistance, the State-guaranteed opportunity for access to justice, but also ensures the principle of parties' competitiveness in the process and provides full access to all persons for justice.

That is why Ukrainian National Bar Association, in particular through its permanent collegiate advisory body - the Committee on FLA, actively participates in the development and improvement of the system of free legal aid as a necessary element in the development of a social, legal state.

During 2018, the FLA Committee collected, summarized and analyzed information on legal aid, participated in seminars, trainings, conferences and other activities aimed at developing the FLA system, and cooperated fruitfully with regional advocatel self-government, non-governmental organizations and institutions whose activities are related to free legal aid.

In the course of the cooperation, meetings of the FLA Committee were regularly attended by representatives of:

- Other committees at UNBA;
- Regional advocates' self-government bodies;
- Higher Qualification and Disciplinary Commission of the Bar;
- Ministry of Justice of Ukraine;
- Legal Aid Coordination Center;
- Regional Center for the Provision of Secondary Free Legal Aid in Kyiv;
- All-Ukrainian Charitable Organization "Ukrainian Legal Aid Foundation";





 — All-Ukrainian №n-Governmental Organization of Disabled Persons "Human Rights Union of Disabled Persons".

During the year, the FLA Committee held 13 meetings, which included, in particular, more than 30 applications, complaints and complaints.

Implementing the Memorandum of Cooperation between Ukrainian National Bar Association and the Ministry of Justice of Ukraine in providing free legal assistance, approved by the decision of the Bar Council of Ukraine of September 27, 2013

N₂.230 and the Decree of the Ministry of Justice of Ukraine of N₂vember 15, 2013 №. 2424/5, the FLA Committee continued its fruitful cooperation with the Coordination Center on Legal Aid.

Memorandum of Understanding between Ukrainian National Bar Association, the Legal Aid Coordination Center, Ukrainian Legal Aid Foundation, Ukrainian Helsinki Human Rights Union, Kharkiv expert capacity in the area of access to criminal justice for vulnerable groups.

In general, the Chair of the FLA Committee Vilkov S.V. during 2018:

- He regularly attended meetings of the Kyiv City Council.
- He has been a regular speaker at the meetings of the Bar Council of Ukraine.
- He worked as a member of the Working Group on the Study of the Issuance of Contracts by the Advocates with the FLA Centers, established on the basis of the BCU Decision №. 128 of September 7, 2018.
- He worked as a member of the Working Group on the drafting of the Code of Professional Ethics and defining common ethical principles in the field of justice.
- Worked in a working subgroup of a working group within
   Verkhovna Rada Committee on Legislative Support of Law

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Enforcement on the Systematic Changes to the Criminal Procedure Code of Ukraine.

- He has been a speaker at the professional development seminars for advocates in most regions of Ukraine (including: August 11, 2018 - Vinnitsa, September 29, 2018
- Dnipro, October 20, 2018 Kharkiv, №vember 10, 2018 Cherkasy).
- He was a member of the selection board for the selection of advocates involved in the provision of free secondary legal aid.
- He worked in sections of the Coordination Council on improving the Bar and human rights work.
- May 25, 2018 participated in the roundtable on the topic
- "Medical Law of Ukraine: separate issues of law of implementation and enforcement."
- On June 4, 2018, he participated in a roundtable organized by the Ministry of Justice of Ukraine on "Mechanisms for combating abuse of procedural rights in enforcement proceedings".
- On Nevember 8, 2018, on the basis of Verkhovna Rada Law Enforcement Committee, he participated in a roundtable on "Reforming the Law Enforcement System: challenges and prospects."
- On Nevember 12-14, 2018, he participated in a forum in Berlin (Germany) on Pro Bono Legal Aid.
- December 01–02, 2018 participated in the Strategic Planning Session of UNBA for 2019–2022 with the participation of the Chairmen and members of the Committees at UNBA.
- On December 21, 2018, the Ministry of Justice of Ukraine participated in a meeting on the organization of representation of state interests in the courts of Ukraine under the conditions of an advocate's monopoly.

G. Zosimenko, Vice-Chair of the FLA Committee on August 17, 2018, she participated in a meeting of representatives of the Directorate for Human Rights, Access to Justice and Legal Awareness of the Ministry of Justice of Ukraine and the Legal Aid Coordination Center working to develop a cost recovery mechanism for free secondary legal aid.

On 02-03 Nevember 2018, members of the FLA Committee participated in the International Conference on Access to Justice for Vulnerable Populations in Criminal Matters in Kherson, Mykolaiv and Odesa Regions.

On 30 October 2018, the Chair of the Committee and the members of the FLA Committee participated in a working meeting to review the Pro Bono Advocates' Advice.







### Report of the Mediation Committee for 2018



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Throughout the year, the advocate community has aimed at promoting mediation and the practice of peaceful settlement of disputes. The following activities, with the assistance of the Committee, should be highlighted separately.

February 16, 2018 jointly with the Association of Administrative Judges organized a conference on: "The procedure for the settlement of a dispute involving a judge: international and Ukrainian experience". The event brought together justices from almost all court units to discuss problematic issues that arise when applying a dispute resolution procedure involving a judge.

A Memorandum of Cooperation was signed between Ukrainian National Bar Association, the Association of Administrative Judges and the of Tax Advisers Association.

Together with the Association of Administrative Judges, a working group meeting was organized to prepare and submit to the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine relevant proposals for amendments to the legislative acts regulating the competence of the authorities with respect to the application of the reconciliation procedure in the administrative process.



Performing one of the main tasks of the Committee - promotion of mediation, the Committee together with Ukrainian Mediation Academy organized and conducted 21 seminars in almost all regions of Ukraine on the topic: Mediation as a tool for advocates. The seminars were attended by more than 4,000 advocates who received certificates of advanced training.



On №vember 2, 2018, a seminar on "Mediation as a Advocate's Professional Activity" was held at the Higher School of Law.

Prepared and forwarded to UNBA, BCU President Lidiya Izovitova were the "Proposals for amendments to the Regulation on the Procedure for Acceptance and Consideration of Complaints concerning the Misconduct of an Advocate", approved by the BCU Decision №. 120 of 30.08.2014. and the Rules of Professional Conduct approved by the Reporting and Congress of Advocates of Ukraine in 2017 In 09 June 2017 in the context of mediator-mediated dispute settlement.

With the assistance of UNBA Mediation and Leadership Committee, a training program is being conducted at the Higher School of Law "The Art of Mediation for Advocates".



# Report of UNBA Scientific and Methodological Center for Advocacy and Legal Studies for 2018



Chair of Center for Advocacy and Legal Studies. Ph.D., Associate Professor

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#### I. Scientific work:

#### 1) Printed books

- 1. Yesyunin S., Vashchuk D., Glovatsky A. History of the Khmelnytskyi Bar. Series "The Regional History of the Bar". Volume I / Sergiy Yesyunin, Dmitry Vashchuk, Anton Glovatsky. K.: KVIC, 2018. 324 p.:
- 2. Lugova O., Vasilik I. Advocate and public-political activity of Volodymyr Bemko and Mikhail Zapadny / Olena Lugova, Irina Vasylik: monograph. Advocate Biography Series. K.: KVIC, 2018. 200 p.:



#### 2) Publication of popular science products:

1. Issue of the wall illustrated calendar "Advocates - Creators of Unitary Ukraine" (commemorating 100th Anniversary of Act of Union of Ukrainian People's Republic and Western-Ukrainian People's Republic).

#### 3) Scientific development of books:

in the development there are 6 books on the history of the Bar.





- 2. Participation of the Center for Advocacy and Law Studies at UNBA in the International Scientific Conference "Historical Science and Education in Ukraine: Innovations, Challenges, Prospects" and the Solemn Academy for the 25th Anniversary of the Foundation of the History Faculty of Ternopil National Pedagogical University. V. Hnatiuk, May 30–31, 2018, Ternopil.
- 3. Co-organization of the All-Ukrainian Scientific Conference "West-Ukrainian People's Republic: the echo of the century, dedicated to the 100th anniversary of the formation of Western-Ukrainian People's Republic, Berezhany, Ternopil region.
- 4. Organization and holding of a round table "History of the Bar of Bukovina" on the basis of Chernivtsi National University. Yuriy Fedkovich.













#### 5) Published Articles, Scientific Testing:

- 1. Vasylik I. Advocates Anniversary 2017: history figures // UNBA Bulletin, № 4 (42) April 2018. - C. 57-63.
- 2. Vasylik I. Advocate Volodymyr Luchakivskyi: Mayor of Ternopil, writer, translator (to the 180th anniversary) // Bulletin of UNBA, №. 5 (43) May 2018. - C. 63-64.
- 3. Vasilik I., Andrusyak T. Advocate Oleksandr Konys'kyi author of the spiritual hymn of Ukraine // Bulletin of UNBA, № 6 (44) June 2018. - C. 62-64.
- 4. Drevnitsky Y., Vasylik I. Volodymyr Starosolsky advocate for political rights of Ukrainians (to the 140th anniversary of his birth) // UNBA Bulletin, №7–8 (45) August 2018. - C. 93-96.
- 5. Vasilik I., Basara-Telishchak G. Advocate of Bukovyna Mykola Vasylko (to the 150th anniversary of his birth) // Bulletin of UNBA, № 9 (46) September, 2018. - C. 60-64.
- 6. Vasilik I., Basara-Telishchak G. Advocates and Composers Anatoly Kos-Anatolsky and Bogdan Vesolovsky // Bulletin of UNBA, №10 (47) October 2018. - C. 60-62.
- 7. Vasilik I., Zayat O. City Bar of Galicia and West Podillya of XIV-XVIII centuries. // Bulletin of UNBA, №. 11 (48) Nevember 2018. - C. 57-64.
- 8. Vasilyk I.B. History of the Bar of Ukraine: state of scientific research and development prospects // International Scientific Conference "Historical Science and Education in Ukraine: Innovation, Challenges, Prospects", May 30-31, 2018, Ternopil.
- 9. Vasilyk I.B. Kostya Levitsky in the State Construction of Western-Ukrainian People's Republic // Proceedings of the All-Ukrainian Scientific Conference "Western Ukrainian People's Republic: the echo of the century "№vember 6, 2018, Berezhany / Contribution. O. Lugova, B. Lugovyi. Ternopil, Terno graph LLC, 2018. - 148 p. - C. 5-7.
- 10. Vasilyk I.B. Rules of Ethics of Ukraine and the EU: comparative aspect // Advocacy: past, present and future: mater. Eighth International. scientific-pract. conf.: Odesa, №vember 17, 2018) / edit: N.M. Bakayanov (Head) and others. - Odesa: Helvetik Publishing House, 2018. - 822 p. - C. 721-723.
- 11. Vasilyk I.B. The Role of the Bar in the Union of Ukrainian People's Republic and Western-Ukrainian People's Republic// International Conference "COUNCIL OF UKRAINE: LEGAL DIMENSION ", №vember 29, 2018, Kyiv, Kyiv National University. T. Shevchenko.
- 12. Vasilyk I.B. The Role of Ukrainian National Bar Association in the Revival of the Bar History // Abstracts of the International Scientific and Practical Conference "VII Interdisciplinary Humanitarian Readings" 21 №vember 2018, Kyiv, - S. 107-113.











#### II. Methodical work:

### Opening of the Cabinets of History of the Bar and the audience rooms named after the advocates in the higher educational establishments of the regions

(preparation of visual material - stands)

- Opening of the Office of the History of the Advocacy of Ivano-Frankivsk on the basis of the Law Institute of the Prikarpattia National University Vasily Stefanik, June 27, 2018. Ivano-Frankivsk;
- Opening of the Office of the History of the Bar of Berezhanshchina on the basis of the National University of Life and Environmental Sciences of Ukraine of Ukraine "Berezhany Agrotechnical Institute", Berezhany, Ternopil region, № vember 06, 2018;
- 3. Opening of a training audience named after advocates Vladimir Bemko and Mikhail Zakhidny at the Berezhany Gymnasium. B. Lepkogo, Berezhany, Ternopil Region, №vember 06, 2018;
- 4. Opening of a training audience named after the advocate and the first mayor-Ukrainian of the city of Ternopil Volodymyr Luchakovsky at the Ternopil National Pedagogical University. Volodymyr Hnatyuk, Ternopil, №vember 07, 2018;
- 5. Opening of the Office of History of the Bukovina Bar Association at the Law Institute of Chernivtsi National University. Yuriy Fedkovich, №vember 09, 2018, Chernivtsi.

#### III. Educational projects:

- Participation in the Parliamentary Hearings on the State, Problems and Prospects
  of the Protection of Cultural Heritage in Ukraine, held on April 18, 2018, to fulfill
  the Resolution of Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine of February 8, 2018 №. 2290-VIII.
  Preparation of materials for improvement of UNBA National Program "Perpetuation
  of the memory of advocates of Ukraine".
- 2. Development of the project "Advocates at the Prosvita Society (up to the 150th anniversary of the association "Enlightenment").
- Development of the project "Advocates in the memory of the people" (search and description of memorial plaques, tables, museum exhibitions, etc., dedicated to advocates).
- 4. Development of the project and search of materials for scientific research "Advocates' activity in the Scientific Society. T. Shevchenko (to the 145th anniversary of its foundation).
- 5. Publication of articles in the section "History of the Bar of Ukraine" in UNBA Bulletin.
- $\hbox{6. Facebook Page Filling "History of the Bar of Ukraine"}.$
- 7. Development of a project with an online, social-historical, popular science publication "Historical Truth"

### IV. Art projects:

- 1. Solemn Academy of Ternopil Advocates in the History of Ukraine, №vember 06, 2018 in Kyiv Berezhany, Ternopil region.
- 2. Solemn presentation of the book of the Center for Advocacy and Law Studies of UNBA and the Bar Council of the Khmelnytsky region "History of the Bar of Khmelnytsky region" in the Khmelnytsky Regional Philharmonic, Khmelnitsky, December 19, 2018;
- Carrying out a poetry and music event "Literary and Artistic Advocacy" within the solemn presentation of the book of the Center for Advocacy and Law Studies "History of the Advocacy of Khmelnytskyi". Khmelnitsky, December 19, 2018;













#### Partners of the Research and Educational Activities of **UNBA Scientific and Methodological Center for Advocacy** and Legal Studies

- Regional Bar Councils;
- Jagiellonian University, Faculty of Law, Department of History of Law, Poland;
- Witold Baier Advocate Research Center, Editorial Board of the Palestra Magazine of the Supreme Bar Council of Poland;
- National Academy of Legal Sciences of Ukraine;
- Institute of History of NAS of Ukraine;
- · Ivan Krypiakevych Institute of Ukrainian Studies, NAS of Ukraine;
- · Institute of State and Law. V. M. Koretsky NAS of Ukraine;
- Grushevsky Archeography and Source Studies Institute
- Taras Shevchenko National University of Kyiv;
- National University "Kyiv-Mohyla Academy";
- Ivan Franko National University.of Lviv
- Yaroslav Mudryi National Law University (Kharkiv);
- National University "Odesa Law Academy";
- Lviv Polytechnic National University, Institute of Psychology and Law;
- · Yurii Fedkovych Chernivtsi National University
- Ternopil Volodymyr Hnatyuk National Pedagogical University, Faculty of History, Center for Contemporary Scientific Research;
- Khmelnytsky University of Management and Law;
- Lesya Ukrainka Eastern European National University;
- University of Customs and Finance, Dnipro;
- Vasyl Stefanyk Precarpathian National University Ivano-Frankivsk;
- · Chernihiv National University of Technology, Faculty of Law;
- Nikolay Gogol State University of Nizhyn, Nizhyn, Chernihiv region
- Private Higher Education Institution "European University", Faculty of Law;
- Taras Shevchenko Kremenets Regional Humanities and Pedagogical Academy;
- Institute of Criminal Enforcement Service of the National Academy of Internal Affairs;
- National University of Bioresources and Natural Resources of Ukraine "Berezhany Agrotechnical Institute"; Nadvirna College of the National Transport University;
- Ternopil Regional State Administration;
- Zbarazh District Council;
- International Association of Legal Historians;
- The National Historical and Memorial Reserve "Bykivnya Tombs";
- State archive of Lviv region;
- State Archives of Ternopil Region;
- Borshchiv Regional Museum:
- State Historical and Architectural Reserve in Berezhany;
- · Berezhany High School B. Lepkogo, Berezhany;
- Rakovetsky Secondary School of the First and Second Grades named after the advocate Boris Kozubsky, Zbarazh district, Ternopil region;
- Kolomyia College of Economics and Law, Kyiv National University of Trade and Economics, Kolomyia, Ivano-Frankivsk
- UA: Ukrainian radio
- NTK TV channel, Kolomyia;

# Report on the Work of UNBA Youth Committee — UNBA NextGen in 2018

Number of meetings of the Youth Committee for 2018 - 14;

Number of educational events for young advocates for 2018 - 19;

Number of informal events held in 2018 - 9



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### The NextGen Council is comprised of 10 young advocates.

8 members of the Council are appointed for the current term by the Chair of UNBA, BCU upon the submission of the Chair of the Committee. NextGen Chair Vladyslav Belotsky and his Vice-Chair Kateryna Kovalevska joined the Board of Directors for the post.

Full Council membership with brief presentations from each NextGen team member.

Sergiy Barbashin is an advocate and managing partner of Trustme Law Firm. Specializes in intellectual property law and litigation. In the field of intellectual property, he deals with object registrations, appeals against illegal refusals of registrations, and develops licensing agreements, creation and maintenance of intellectual property portfolios of enterprises. Active involvement in litigation is based on experience in business, corporate and tax law gained during the legal support of business in Ukraine and abroad (IT, consulting, manufacturing companies, etc.).

**Taisiya Bilotska** is an advocate, a partner with the Berylstone Law Firm. Practiced law for more than 8 years, has a certificate of right

to practice law in 2017. During 2010–2013 she was actively involved in the implementation of European legislation. Today, Berylstone LF provides private client defense and conflict resolution, and specializes in employment law

**Vladyslav Belotsky** – advocate, managing partner of Berylstone Law Firm, is one of the best intellectual property professionals. Member of the Kyiv City Bar Council. UNBA International Relations Committee, Director of UNBA Representative Office in Mexico. He has been practicing successfully for more than 10 years, licensed in 2009. In 2018, Berylstone was nominated for the Opening of the Year by the Legal Practice Special Edition.

Vitalii Vlasiuk – advocate, managing partner of ePravo and Twin Advocates Law Firms, PhD of Law, Lecturer of International Law and law of the Council of Europe. Vice-Chair of UNBA International Relations Committee and Chair of the International Law Committee of Advocate's Association. He has experience in public service, represented Ukraine in the the cases of Yulia Tymoshenko v. Ukraine and Oleksandr Volkov v. Ukraine in the ECtHR. Founder and Chair of the Association for Search and Return of Assets (ASRA), is a member of the Public Council of the National Agency

for Search, Recovery and Management of Corrupt Assets (ASMA). Author of monographs, textbooks and many non-fiction and scientific articles.

Ivan Grechkivsky – advocate, Head of the Law Office of Grechkivsky. He specializes in corporate law and dispute resolution, participates in the representation of foreign and Ukrainian clients in commercial and administrative disputes. He is actively involved in the development of Ukrainian Bar and its international contacts. Since 2016 he has been chairing the International Relations Committee at UNBA. He is a member of the Board of Directors of the International Bar Association (IBA) and a representative of Ukrainian Bar at the Council of Bars and Law Societies of Europe (CCBE).

Yuri Grigorenko – advocate, insolvency receiver. He is actively involved in advocates' self-government and protection of advocates' rights. Secretary of UNBA Committee on Protection of Advocates' Professional Rights and Guarantees, Speaker of the Committee on the Protection of Advocates' Rights of the Bar Council of the Odesa region, member of the UBA Competition Law Committee; member of the Committee on Economic Law and Process of the Bar Council of Odesa region. For the period 2016–2017 was repeatedly honored with diplomas of UNBA, OSCE, Bar Council of Odesa region, MTD of Justice in Odesa region; In 2017 the Ministry of Justice of Ukraine was recognized as the best young advocate of Ukraine.

Oleh Klymyuk - advocate at Law Office of Grechkivsky, graduated from the Faculty of International Relations at Institute of International Relations of Taras Shevchenko National University of Kviv. majoring in International Law, has the status of a certified English translator. He is actively involved in the development of international contacts of Ukrainian Bar and is the secretary of UNBA Committee on International Relations. Since 2016 he has been the team manager of Ukrainian advocates at the Mundiavocat and EuroLawyers football championships. In 2008-2009, he studied Chinese at the Tianjin Polytechnic University in Tianjin, PRC through an exchange program. During his studies, he participated in law competitions, among which he became a finalist for the Leavitt Institute Jury Trial Competition, received the Certificate of Association for Organization and Promotion of Willem C. Vis International Commercial Arbitration Moot. From September 1, 2013 - Assistant Honorary Consul of the Republic of Malta in Kyiv.

Kateryna Kovalevska – advocate, managing partner of Kateryna Kovalevska Law Office. She has fifteen years of experience in the field of business defense, litigation, of which the last ten years has provided legal assistance to legal entities and business owners as an advocate. She is a renowned expert in family law. Honorary member of the Union of Advocates of Ukraine, is a member of the Audit Committee of the latter. Graduate of the All-Ukrainian Professional Development Program for Advocates of the Future. Has a number of awards and commendations from professional NGOs.

Olena Mironenko-Shulgan – advocate, managing partner of DéFENSE Law Firm, graduated from Taras Shevchenko National University of Kyiv Law Faculty. She has been practicing law for more than 9 years, has worked in law firms and in a foreign company world-leading retailer. 3 From 2015, she actively participates in advocate's self-government. Today she specializes in migration, international commercial, civil and commercial law.

**Natalia Neupokoyeva** – advocate, having obtained a certificate of the right to practice law in 2009, specializes in criminal and family

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law. In 2015 she participated in a training at the European Court of Human Rights, In Strasbourg, France. The total length of her service in the field of law is 13 years. She has experience working in a court of general jurisdiction, a financial institution.

**Evgeniya Khakhina** – advocate, Head of the Law Office of Evgeniya Khakhina Practicing law for more than 15 years, 7 of which – as licensed advocate. Specializes in criminal cases. In 2010 was one of the candidates for the position of a lawyer of the Council of Europe. In 2017, passed joint training Council of Europe and the ECtHR.

On June 23, 2018, the Committee kicked off a large-scale Young Advocates` Summer Gathering, which brought together about 300 young advocates and lawyers.

In the six months of its activities, NextGen has conducted 19 trainings, seminars and workshops. The main feature of such educational activities has become a focus on the interests of Ukraine's young advocates. The events took place in almost all areas of law – tax, financial, criminal, intellectual property, business, European Union. The series of seminars were devoted to innovative technologies in jurisprudence (LegalTech), development of necessary marketing skills, public speaking. The first training event for NextGen was a seminar by a well-known advocate, Director of UNBA Representative.





Office in Russia Ilya Nevikov, who chose the provocative title for discussion with a young audience – "The work of advocates in jurisdictions without justice". NextGen has organized a series of meetings with renowned advocates who have successfully represented clients in high-profile criminal cases. This series

of seminars was called "The work of an advocate in matters of political concern".

The NextGen Youth Committee also focuses on the important social issues involved in shaping the legal culture of vulnerable groups, children and young people. The Committee held a round table discussion on the role of the advocate in counteracting bullying (violence) in schools, a series of law-enforcement activities for students of Kyiv secondary schools.

For six months, NextGen conducted informal activities for young advocates, which is an effective strategy for expanding professional contacts and integration of the young advocate community. (PHOTOS)

The Committee is open to cooperation with young advocates from all over Ukraine and is ready to consider and jointly implement joint educational, outreach activities and projects.







### **Report of UNBA IT Law Committee in 2018**



Chair of the IT Law Committee Taras Bachinsky

#### 1. General information about the Committee

UNBA IT Law Committee was established by BCU Decision №. 43 of March 30, 2018

The main tasks of the IT Law Committee in accordance with the approved Regulation are, inter alia:

- development of draft normative legal acts in the field of IT, proposals to them and current legislation, submitting them for consideration by the BCU;
- compilation and analysis of best practices in IT law enforcement and enforcement;
- preparation of analytical and methodological materials for advocates in the field of IT law;
- participation in the organization and / or holding of seminars, conferences, trainings and other UNBA events;
- development of training programs aimed at improving the professional skills of advocates in specialized subjects;
- cooperation with profile higher education institutions for joint participation in scientific, research, grant programs and projects aimed at the development of IT law;
- liaising with regional self-government bodies on matters within its competence;
- working with NGOs to prepare proposals to address socially important IT-related human rights issues for consideration by the authorities in their work.

#### 2. Work to involve Committee members

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At the time of creation of the Committee, 12 persons have expressed a desire to participate in the work of the Committee;

In December 2018, an open competition for the Committee membership was announced. The committee was duly notified by 4 applicants.

#### 3. Work on submitting proposals and amendments to UNBA acts concerning the organization of activity of the Bar of Ukraine

In 2018, the Committee developed the Concept of Introducing Electronic Generation of Legal Assistance to Advocates.

The proposal consists in the introduction of an electronic form for the generation of legal assistance orders by an advocate through the Advocate's Cabinet formed within the resources of the Unified Register of Advocates of Ukraine, which will allow each advocate to generate a warrant online which will be assigned a unique number. It will be standardized for all users.

A separate working group was created to discuss this topic.

#### 4. Work on cooperation with public organizations, institutions, educational institutions

The IT Law Committee signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the Online Law School online education service.

The members of the IT Law Committee are trainers in the Online Law School curricula, including the IT topics

# Report on the work of the Committee on Expert Support of Practice of Law



Chair of the Committee

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#### UNBA Committee on Expert Support of Practice of Law was established to increase the efficiency of the use of the current level of forensic expertise in the practice of law.

Main directions of work - preparing and providing advice (practical assistance) to advocates in the appointment of forensic and expert studies to protect the rights and interests of citizens, legal entities and the State, preparing and providing recommendations to analyze the findings of expert opinions and expert studies to determine their best practice; more effective use in the professional activity of an advocate, preparation and provision of recommendations (practical assistance), etc.

To this end, meetings were held at the request of advocates and practical assistance was provided to standing committees by type of expertise.

### The course of lectures was delivered including at the invitation of the Bar Council of Lugansk region:

- Innovations of forensic and economic expertise in criminal proceedings;
- Investigation of the circumstances and mechanism of traffic accident;
- Expert's opinion as a source of evidence in the judiciary of Ukraine:
- · Judicial expertise in civil proceedings.
- Practical Aspects of Using Special Knowledge in Legal Practice.

### The course of lectures has been prepared and partially conducted:

- Security of computer network software (network attacks) and cybercrime investigations;
- Legal examples and solutions for investigating cybersecurity incidents, assigning computer, telecommunications expertise and research;
- Forensic psychological examination of emotional states;
- Forensic psychological examination of the individuallypsychological features of the suspect, accused;
- Forensic psychological examination of the ability of a juvenile suspect, accused to fully understand the value of their actions

#### and to manage them;

- Forensic psychological examination of the ability of the witness or the victim to correctly perceive the circumstances relevant to the case and to give correct evidence about them;
- Forensic psychological examination of victims of rape cases;
- Forensic psychological examination of the mental state of the person who committed suicide (posthumous forensic psychological examination);
- Forensic psychological examination of social and psychological features of members of a criminal group;
- Forensic psychological examination of the communication activity of the person recorded in the video;
- Forensic psychological examination in cases of non-pecuniary damage;
- Forensic psychological examination in cases of invalidation of agreements concluded by a capable person;
- Forensic and psychological examination in matters of controversial upbringing and determination of the place of residence of the child:
- Forensic psychological examination on the issue of psychological influence;
- Practical aspects of the application of special knowledge in the conduct of forensic construction, technical, appraisal, construction and land technical and land management expertise;
- The subject and objects of forensic construction, technical, appraisal, construction and land technical, and land survey expertise.
- Limits of competence of forensic expert-builder and expert land surveyor. experts of different kinds of specialties.
- Property damage assessment. Damage and deformation.
   Determination of the cause of formation and the existence of a cause and effect relationship between the event and the consequences.
- Basic principles and features of determining the possibility of distribution of residential and non-residential real estate.
- Features of determination of cost of construction and cost of design works.
- Determining the cause of formation and the existence of a cause and effect relationship between the event and the

consequences of construction and technical expertise.

- · Forensic examination of intellectual property objects
- Methodological sources of forensic examination of intellectual property objects
- Use of specialized knowledge in trademark infringement cases (trademarks for goods and services)
- Basic concepts and methodological provisions of forensic examination of trade marks (trademarks for goods and services)
- Use of specialized knowledge in cases of infringement of rights to commercial (trade name) and in cases of infringement of rights to qualified indications of origin of goods
- The basic concepts and methodological provisions of forensic examination of commercial (trade name) names and forensic examination of indications of origin of goods
- Use of specialized knowledge in industrial property infringement cases.
- Basic concepts and methodological provisions of forensic examination of industrial designs
- Use of specialist knowledge in infringement cases (utility models) Basic concepts and methodological provisions of forensic examination of inventions (utility models).
- Use of Special Knowledge in Cases of Copyright and Related Rights Violations Basic Concepts and Methods of Forensic Examination of Copyright and Related Rights.
- · Topical issues of modern forensic examination.

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Experts study the circumstances and mechanism of the accident.



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#### **Bar Council of Vinnytsia Region**



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**BCR** decisions

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ons Decisions made

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Advocates' requests for non-disclosure

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New advocates are added to URAU's database

Seminars and trainings for advocates

The total number of incoming letters

860

#### BCR | Financial indicators of the balance sheet items of Vinnitsa region for 2018

Revenues	2017	2018
Receipts of annual fees to support the realization of the advocate's self-government in Ukraine	686398	902506
Funds received as payment for traineeships	329640	496752
Other receipts **	56692	50245
Total:	1072730	1449503
Costs		
General payroll for full-time employees:	242392	202529
Compulsory deductions (taxes and fees):	114356	96197
Travel expenses:	73582	101740
Office maintenance:	276000	89202
BCR activities, including:	166070	99040
organization of CLE for advocates of Ukraine	66200	41960
the cost of producing warrant books	32560	14046
the cost of producing a certificate of right to practice law	67310	43034
Other expenses * (bank, mail, notary, etc.)	577103	484024
Total:	1449503	1072732

#### **QDCB** of Vinnytsia region



Chair of QDCB of Vinnitsa region

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Decisions of QDCB

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Decisions of the Qualification Chamber of QDCB

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★ Decisions of QDCB disciplinary chamber

Persons admitted to the exam

**67** 

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Cases in the proceedings

The total number of incoming letters

QDCB Financial indicators of the balance sheet items of Vinnytsia region for 2018

Revenues	2017	2018
Fee for passing the qualification exam	580388	1130893
Other income - voluntary contributions to logistical support; fee for organizational and technical support of complaint handling	0	18015
Other receipts	140586	63227
Total:	720974	1212135
Costs	2017	2018
General payroll for full-time employees:	106096	146910
Compulsory deductions (taxes and fees):	114400	164320
Travel expenses:	44772	83707
Office maintenance:	37890	88876
QDCB activities, including:	3963	0
organization of CLE for advocates of Ukraine	0	0
the cost of producing a certificate of qualification	3963	0
Other expenses	413900	728322
Total:	721021	1212135

#### **Bar Council of Volyn Region**



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**BCR** decisions

**Decisions** made

389

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Advocates' requests for non-disclosure

New advocates are added to URAU's database

**22** 

**74** 

Seminars and trainings for advocates

The total number of incoming letters

**12** 

830

BCR   Financial indicators of balance sheet items of Volyn region for 2018		
Revenues	2017	2018
Receipts of annual fees to support the realization of the advocate's self-government in Ukraine	665096	841368
Funds received as payment for traineeships	314376	228848
Other receipts **	64227	213917
Total:	1043699	1284133
Costs	2017	2018
General payroll for full-time employees:	397739	476415
Compulsory deductions (taxes and fees):	87512	190562
Travel expenses:	52531	84397
Office maintenance:	4192	30963
BCR activities, including:	49396	58387
organization of CLE for advocates of Ukraine	8030	9760
the cost of producing warrant books	9750	20420
the cost of producing a certificate of right to practice law	5623	1990
Other expenses * (bank, mail, notary, etc.)	847866	786161
Total:	1439236	1626885

#### QDCB of Volyn region



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Decisions of QDCB

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Decisions of the Qualification Chamber of QDCB

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**Decisions of QDCB** disciplinary chamber Persons admitted to

**57** 

168

Cases in the proceedings 4

The total number of incoming letters

QDCB   Financial indicators of balance sheet items of Volyn region for 2018		
Revenues	2017	2018
Fee for passing the qualification exam	428136	825885
Other income - voluntary contributions to logistical support; fee for organizational and technical support of complaint handling	0	12651
Other receipts	32633	56106
Total:	460769	894642
Costs	2017	2018
General payroll for full-time employees:	364898	387982
Compulsory deductions (taxes and fees):	178978	189470
Travel expenses:	54138	93352
Office maintenance:	21840	44678
QDCB activities, including:	2440	7932
organization of CLE for advocates of Ukraine	0	0
the cost of producing a certificate of qualification	2440	7932
Other expenses	25645	194671
Total:	647939	918085

#### **Bar Council of Dnipropetrovsk region**



Chair of the Bar Council of Dnipropetrovsk Region

**BCR** decisions

**Decisions** made

210

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Advocates' requests for non-disclosure

67

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New advocates are added to URAU's database 461

Seminars and trainings for advocates 19

The total number of incoming letters

1236

BCR   Financial indicators	of balance sheet items	of Dnepropetrovsk	region for 2018
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Revenues	2017	2018
Receipts of annual fees to support the realization of the advocate's self-government in Ukraine	2562851	3349503
Funds received as payment for traineeships	676684	1277817
Other receipts **	540389	642116
Total:	3779924	5269436
Costs	2017	2018
General payroll for full-time employees:	1067582	1330768
Compulsory deductions (taxes and fees):	469657	595862
Travel expenses:	88388	116979
Office maintenance:	269551	393863
BCR activities, including:	257146	337257
organization of CLE for advocates of Ukraine	217595	220997
the cost of producing warrant books	0	38472
the cost of producing a certificate of right to practice law	39551	77788
Other expenses * (bank, mail, notary, etc.)	210029	279238
Total:	2362353	3053967

#### **QDCB** of **Dnipropetrovsk** region



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Decisions of QDCB

Decisions of the Qualification Chamber of QDCB

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**Decisions of QDCB** disciplinary chamber

Persons admitted to

**52** 

310

Cases in the proceedings 19

The total number of incoming letters

435

#### QDCB | Financial indicators of balance sheet items of Dnepropetrovsk region for 2018

Revenues	2017	2018
Fee for passing the qualification exam	_	_
Other income - voluntary contributions to logistical support; fee for organizational and technical support of complaint handling	-	-
Other receipts	_	V -
Total:	_	_
Costs		
General payroll for full-time employees:	<u> </u>	_
Compulsory deductions (taxes and fees):	<del>-</del>	_
Travel expenses:	_/	_
Office maintenance:	<del>-</del>	_
QDCB activities, including:	<del> </del>	_
organization of CLE for advocates of Ukraine	_	_
the cost of producing a certificate of qualification	<u> </u>	_
Other expenses	_	_
Total:	_	_

#### **Bar Council of Donetsk Region**



Chair of the Bar Council of Donetsk region

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**BCR** decisions

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Decisions
made

1752

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Advocates' requests
for non-disclosure

New advocates are added to URAU's database

**42** 

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Seminars and trainings for advocates

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The total number of incoming letters

BCR   Financial indicators of balance sheet items of Donetsk region for 2018		
Revenues	2017	2018
Receipts of annual fees to support the realization of the advocate's self-government in Ukraine	649310	2245600
Funds received as payment for traineeships	1473960	1207200
Other receipts **	0	59800
Total:	2123270	3512600
Costs	2017	2018
General payroll for full-time employees:	1026010	837200
Compulsory deductions (taxes and fees):	340790	423000
Travel expenses:	70300	120200
Office maintenance:	87360	94600
BCR activities, including:	236800	335100
organization of CLE for advocates of Ukraine	207100	20500
the cost of producing warrant books	0	48800
the cost of producing a certificate of right to practice law	29700	13300
Other expenses * (bank, mail, notary, etc.)	11300	65000
Total:	1772560	1875100

#### **QDCB of Donetsk Region**



QDCB | Financial indicators of balance sheet items of Donetsk region for 2018

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Decisions of QDCB

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Decisions of the Qualification Chamber of QDCB

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Decisions of QDCB disciplinary chamber

Persons admitted to the exam

89

**622** 

Cases in the proceedings

The total number of incoming letters 795

Revenues 2017

Fee for passing the qualification exam 1679925

Other income - voluntary contributions to logistical support; fee for organizational and technical support of 0

16254 complaint handling 13476 Other receipts 0 2714424 Total: 1679925 2018 General payroll for full-time employees: 1112070 1465613 Compulsory deductions (taxes and fees): 243639 321892 Travel expenses: 188566 273509 Office maintenance: 66968 101732 QDCB activities, including: 0 2642 0 0 organization of CLE for advocates of Ukraine the cost of producing a certificate of qualification 0 2642 Other expenses 48596 129984

1659839

Total:

2684694

#### **Bar Council of Zhytomyr Region**



Chair of the Bar Council of Zhytomyr region Valery Prokopchuk e-mail: v.prokopchuk@unba.org.ua

**BCR** decisions

**Decisions** made

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Advocates' requests for non-disclosure

15

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New advocates are added to URAU's database 87

Seminars and trainings for advocates 5

The total number of incoming letters

624

Revenues	2017	2018
Receipts of annual fees to support the realization of the advocate's self-government in Ukraine	585203	701645
Funds received as payment for traineeships	164030	220392
Other receipts **	41983	25125
Total:	791216	947162
Costs	2017	2018
General payroll for full-time employees:	254852	386471
Compulsory deductions (taxes and fees):	133125	198468
Travel expenses:	79335	32075
Office maintenance:	60604	84851
BCR activities, including:	52540	53120
organization of CLE for advocates of Ukraine	32710	28782
the cost of producing warrant books	0	0
the cost of producing a certificate of right to practice law	19830	24338
Other expenses * (bank, mail, notary, etc.)	68914	60122
Total:	649370	815107

#### **QDCB** of Zhytomyr region



Chair of QDCB of Zhytomyr region Natalia Radushinskaya e-mail: —

Decisions of QDCB

334

Decisions of the Qualification Chamber of QDCB

364

Persons admitted to

**Decisions of QDCB** disciplinary chamber

197 46

Cases in the proceedings 25

The total number of incoming letters 483

#### QDCB | Financial indicators of balance sheet items of Zhytomyr region for 2018

Revenues	2017	2018
Fee for passing the qualification exam	580388	1130893
Other income - voluntary contributions to logistical support; fee for organizational and technical support of complaint handling	0	18015
Other receipts	140586	63227
Total:	720974	1212135
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Costs	2017	2018
General payroll for full-time employees:	106096	146910
Compulsory deductions (taxes and fees):	114400	164320
Travel expenses:	44772	83707
Office maintenance:	37890	88876
QDCB activities, including:	3963	0
organization of CLE for advocates of Ukraine	0	0
the cost of producing a certificate of qualification	3963	0
Other expenses	413900	728322
Total:	721021	1212135

#### Bar Council of Zakarpattia region



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Decisions made

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Advocates' requests for non-disclosure

New advocates are added to URAU's database

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Seminars and trainings for advocates

The total number of incoming letters

1296

BCR   Financial indicators of the balance sheet items of Zakarpattia region for 2018		
Revenues	2017	2018
Receipts of annual fees to support the realization of the advocate's self-government in Ukraine	699469	901714
Funds received as payment for traineeships	558720	1300023
Other receipts **	0	533000
Total:	1258189	2734737
Costs	2017	2018
General payroll for full-time employees:	71340	114069
Compulsory deductions (taxes and fees):	13572	21582
Travel expenses:	135536	329754
Office maintenance:	81413	107726
BCR activities, including:	1745938	1492515
organization of CLE for advocates of Ukraine	1698578	1439260
the cost of producing warrant books	0	5895
the cost of producing a certificate of right to practice law	47360	47360
Other expenses * (bank, mail, notary, etc.)	99669	723219
Total:	2147468	2788865

#### QDCB of Zakarpattia region



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Decisions of QDCB

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Decisions of the Qualification Chamber of QDCB

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Decisions of QDCB
disciplinary chamber

Persons admitted to the exam

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**764** 

Cases in the proceedings

The total number of incoming letters 915

QDCB   Financial indicators of the balance sheet items of Zakarpattia region for 2018			
Revenues	2017	2018	
Fee for passing the qualification exam	1352769	3215910	
Other income - voluntary contributions to logistical support; fee for organizational and technical support of complaint handling	0	0	
Other receipts	0	85205	
Total:	1352769	3301115	
Costs	2017	2018	
Costs			
General payroll for full-time employees:	79480	307300	
Compulsory deductions (taxes and fees):	39790	141925	
Travel expenses:	44673	67479	
Office maintenance:	54775	53402	
QDCB activities, including:	134591	773368	
organization of CLE for advocates of Ukraine	126500	762605	
the cost of producing a certificate of qualification	8091	10763	
Other expenses	62724	223607	
Total:	416033	1567081	

#### **Bar Council of Zaporizhia region**



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Advocates' requests for non-disclosure

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New advocates are added to URAU's database

Seminars and

trainings for advocates

The total number of incoming letters

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#### BCR | Financial indicators of balance sheet items of Zaporizhia region for 2018

Revenues	2017	2018
Receipts of annual fees to support the realization of the advocate's self-government in Ukraine	1332649	2040481
Funds received as payment for traineeships	1154560	1213198
Other receipts **	63115	591695
Total:	2550324	3845374
Costs	2017	2018
General payroll for full-time employees:	664538	993416
Compulsory deductions (taxes and fees):	159685	217478
Travel expenses:	37971	20121
Office maintenance:	19580	21717
BCR activities, including:	723799	211067
organization of CLE for advocates of Ukraine	101640	28908
the cost of producing warrant books	0	91393
the cost of producing a certificate of right to practice law	9307	0
Other expenses * (bank, mail, notary, etc.)	94095	5393670
Total:	1699668	6857469

#### **QDCB** of Zaporizhia region



Chair of QDCB of Zaporizhia region

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Decisions of QDCB

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Decisions of the Qualification Chamber of QDCB

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Decisions of QDCB

Persons admitted to the exam

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Cases in the proceedings

The total number of incoming letters

#### QDCB | Financial indicators of balance sheet items of Zaporizhia region for 2018

Revenues	2017	2018
Fee for passing the qualification exam	1395687	2846475
Other income - voluntary contributions to logistical support; fee for organizational and technical support of complaint handling	0	21382
Other receipts	24875	62165
Total:	1420562	2930022
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Costs	2017	2018
General payroll for full-time employees:	115633	216741
Compulsory deductions (taxes and fees):	59611	47135
Travel expenses:	71751	83483
Office maintenance:	34519	39747
QDCB activities, including:	2505	1895
organization of CLE for advocates of Ukraine	0	0
the cost of producing a certificate of qualification	2505	1895
Other expenses	728843	2404593
Total:	1012862	2793594

#### Bar Council of Ivano-Frankivsk region



Acting Chair of the Bar Council of Ivano-Frankivsk Region **Svetlana Petrova** e-mail: s.petrova@unba.org.ua

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Advocates' requests
for non-disclosure

New advocates are added to URAU's database

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Seminars and trainings for advocates

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The total number of incoming letters

РАР   Фінансові показники статей бал	ансу Івано-Фанківсько	ої області за 2018
Revenues	2017	2018
Receipts of annual fees to support the realization of the advocate's self-government in Ukraine	663860	879167
Funds received as payment for traineeships	203200	511540
Other receipts **	188468	160839
Total:	1055528	1551546
Costs	2017	2018
General payroll for full-time employees:	345413	696294
Compulsory deductions (taxes and fees):	338411	306659
Travel expenses:	55678	54720
Office maintenance:	214019	277386
BCR activities, including:	70083	85413
organization of CLE for advocates of Ukraine	56633	19248
the cost of producing warrant books	4510	6606
the cost of producing a certificate of right to practice law	8940	19759
Other expenses * (bank, mail, notary, etc.)	2262978	62270
Total:	3286582	1482742

#### **QDCB of Ivano-Frankivsk Region**



Chair of QDCB of Ivano-Frankivsk region

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Decisions of QDCB

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Chamber of QDCB

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Decisions of the

★ Decisions of QDCB disciplinary chamber

Persons admitted to the exam

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Cases in the proceedings

The total number of incoming letters

**12** 

2017 Revenues Fee for passing the qualification exam 636685 1191794 Other income - voluntary contributions to logistical 10700 50358 support; fee for organizational and technical support of complaint handling 32565 Other receipts 17800 1274717 Total: 665185 2018 General payroll for full-time employees: 262002 348040 Compulsory deductions (taxes and fees): 117776 215794 34916 52469 Travel expenses: Office maintenance: 99710 48242 QDCB activities, including: 0 2442 0 0 organization of CLE for advocates of Ukraine the cost of producing a certificate of qualification 0 2442 Other expenses 76552 267499 Total: 590956 934486

QDCB | Financial Indicators of the Balance Sheet Articles of Ivano-Frankivsk Region for 2018

#### **Bar Council of Kyiv region**



Chair of the Bar Council of Kyiv region

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**BCR** decisions

made

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**Decisions** 

Advocates' requests for non-disclosure

New advocates are added to URAU's database

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Seminars and trainings for advocates

The total number of incoming letters

advocates 13

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Revenues	2017	2018
Receipts of annual fees to support the realization of the advocate's self-government in Ukraine	e 4580565	9153312
Funds received as payment for traineeships	2817845	0
Other receipts **	542644	209098
Total:	7941054	9362410
Costs	2017	2018
General payroll for full-time employees:	1698720	2592237
Compulsory deductions (taxes and fees):	373718	570180
Travel expenses:	0	0
Office maintenance:	221834	1723478
BCR activities, including:	357406	268697
organization of CLE for advocates of Ukraine	272238	268697
the cost of producing warrant books	0	0
the cost of producing a certificate of right to practice law	85168	0
Other expenses * (bank, mail, notary, etc.)	4263745	4207818
Total:	6915423	9362410

#### **QDCB** of Kyiv region



Chair of QDCB of Kyiv region

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Decisions of QDCB

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Decisions of the Qualification Chamber of QDCB

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Decisions of QDCB disciplinary chamber

Persons admitted to the exam

135

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Cases in the proceedings

The total number of incoming letters

QDCB Financial indicators of balance sheet items of Kyiv region for 2018

Revenues	2017	2018
Fee for passing the qualification exam	2377054	2377054
Other income - voluntary contributions to logistical support; fee for organizational and technical support of complaint handling	184000	184000
Other receipts	0	0
Total:	2561054	2561054
Costs	2017	2018
General payroll for full-time employees:	1820452	3058233
Compulsory deductions (taxes and fees):	395786	659929
Travel expenses:	39717	35765
Office maintenance:	438638	732993
QDCB activities, including:	0	0
organization of CLE for advocates of Ukraine	0	0
the cost of producing a certificate of qualification	0	0
Other expenses	470893	265545
Total:	3165486	4752465

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#### **Bar Council of Kyiv City**



Chair of the Bar Council of Kyiv City

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BCR decisions

★ Decisions made

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Advocates' requests for non-disclosure

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New advocates are added to URAU's database

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Seminars and trainings for advocates

The total number of incoming letters

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BCR   Financial indicators of the balance sheet items of the City of Kyiv for 2018				
Revenues	2017	2018		
Receipts of annual fees to support the realization of the advocate's self-government in Ukraine	-	-		
Funds received as payment for traineeships	-	-		
Other receipts **	-	_		
Total:	-	-		
Costs	2017	2018		
General payroll for full-time employees:	-	-		
Compulsory deductions (taxes and fees):	-	-		
Travel expenses:	-	-		
Office maintenance:	-	-		
BCR activities, including:	-	-		
organization of CLE for advocates of Ukraine	-	-		
the cost of producing warrant books	-	-		
the cost of producing a certificate of right to practice law	-	-		
Other expenses * (bank, mail, notary, etc.)	-	-		
Total:	-	<del>-</del>		

#### **QDCB of Kyiv City**



Chair of QDCB of Kyiv City **Igor Orlov**e-mail: r.popadynets@vkdka.org

Decisions of QDCB

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Decisions of the Qualification Chamber of QDCB

40

★ Decisions of QDCB disciplinary chamber

Persons admitted to the exam

97

615

Cases in the proceedings

The total number of incoming letters

QDCB   Financial indicators of the balance sheet items of the City of Kyiv for 2018				
Revenues	2017	2018		
Fee for passing the qualification exam	1042460	2072987		
Other income - voluntary contributions to logistical support; fee for organizational and technical support of complaint handling	0	0		
Other receipts	1173	0		
Total:	1043633	2072987		
Costs	2017	2018		
General payroll for full-time employees:	343267	547463		
Compulsory deductions (taxes and fees):	75519	120442		
Travel expenses:	32573	64442		
Office maintenance:	300344	1030245		
QDCB activities, including:	275792	280780		
organization of CLE for advocates of Ukraine	262858	256917		
the cost of producing a certificate of qualification	12934	23863		
Other expenses	16138	29615		
Total:	1043633	2072987		

#### **Bar Council of Kirovograd region**



Chair of the Bar Council of the Kirovograd region Roman Malyuta e-mail: r.maluta@unba.org.ua

**BCR** decisions

112

**Decisions** made

8

New advocates are

added to URAU's

Advocates' requests for non-disclosure

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The total number of incoming letters

354

BCR   Financial indicators of balance sheet items of Kirovograd region for 201	BCR	Financial indicators	of balance sheet	items of Kirovogra	ad region for 2018
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Revenues	2017	2018
Receipts of annual fees to support the realization of the advocate's self-government in Ukraine	437280	623377
Funds received as payment for traineeships	179914	593525
Other receipts **	12160	72692
Total:	629354	1289594
Costs	2017	2018
General payroll for full-time employees:	330883	345753
Compulsory deductions (taxes and fees):	108090	76066
Travel expenses:	54854	31361
Office maintenance:	63236	72156
BCR activities, including:	53593	63002
organization of CLE for advocates of Ukraine	30906	27631
the cost of producing warrant books	0	0
the cost of producing a certificate of right to practice law	4470	35371
Other expenses * (bank, mail, notary, etc.)	186247	76514
Total:	89713	80840
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#### QDCB of the Kirovograd region



Chair of QDCB of the Kirovograd region Oleksandr Volosyan e-mail: —

Decisions of QDCB

Decisions of the Qualification Chamber of QDCB

285

**Decisions of QDCB** disciplinary chamber

Persons admitted to

41

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Cases in the proceedings incoming letters

The total number of 147

#### QDCB | Financial indicators of balance sheet items of Kirovograd region for 2018

Revenues	2017	2018
Fee for passing the qualification exam	598925	893203
Other income - voluntary contributions to logistical support; fee for organizational and technical support of complaint handling	0	5523
Other receipts	50000	50000
Total:	648925	948726
Costs	2017	2018
General payroll for full-time employees:	263831	401846
Compulsory deductions (taxes and fees):	58043	88406
Travel expenses:	19490	24916
Office maintenance:	36544	93665
QDCB activities, including:	6584	28717
organization of CLE for advocates of Ukraine	4604	20000
the cost of producing a certificate of qualification	1980	8717
Other expenses	10423	7286
Total:	394915	644836

#### **Bar Council of Lugansk Region**



Chair of the Bar Council of Lugansk region Oleksandr Melnikov e-mail: o.melnykov@unba.org.ua

**BCR** decisions

**Decisions** made

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Advocates' requests for non-disclosure

New advocates are added to URAU's database

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Seminars and trainings for advocates

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The total number of
incoming letters
12
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BCR   Financial indicators of balance	sheet items of Lugansk	region for 2018
Revenues	2017	2018
Receipts of annual fees to support the realization of the advocate's self-government in Ukraine	219356	312598
Funds received as payment for traineeships	139200	160613
Other receipts **	2886	39092
Total:	361442	512303
Costs	2017	2018
General payroll for full-time employees:	221702	214800
Compulsory deductions (taxes and fees):	48774	47256
Travel expenses:	35083	63286
Office maintenance:	1434	655
BCR activities, including:	18200	19215
organization of CLE for advocates of Ukraine	0	6100
the cost of producing warrant books	17100	5880
the cost of producing a certificate of right to practice law	1100	495
Other expenses * (bank, mail, notary, etc.)	58230	84294
Total:	383423	429506

#### **QDCB** of Lugansk region



Chair of QDCB of Lugansk region **Anatoly Voronkin** e-mail: a.voronkin@vkdka.org

Decisions of QDCB

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Decisions of the Qualification Chamber of QDCB

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**Decisions of QDCB** disciplinary chamber

Persons admitted to the exam

84

Cases in the proceedings 3

The total number of incoming letters 33

QDCB   Financial indicators of balance sheet items of Lugansk region for 2018		
Revenues	2017	2018
Fee for passing the qualification exam	299899	778349
Other income - voluntary contributions to logistical support; fee for organizational and technical support of complaint handling	155000	298682
Other receipts	0	0
Total:	454899	1077031
Costs	2017	2018
Costs	2017	2010
General payroll for full-time employees:	313600	506328
Compulsory deductions (taxes and fees):	68992	111392
Travel expenses:	22254	86936
Office maintenance:	19106	39809
QDCB activities, including:	0	0
organization of CLE for advocates of Ukraine	0	0
the cost of producing a certificate of qualification	0	0
Other expenses	32573	77601
Total:	456525	822066

#### **Bar Council of Lviv region**



Chair of the Bar Council of Lviv region **Bogdan Pavlishin**e-mail: b.pavlyshyn@unba.org.ua

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Advocates' requests for non-disclosure

New advocates are added to URAU's database

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Seminars and trainings for advocates

The total number of incoming letters

1644

#### BCR | Financial indicators of the balance sheet items of the Lviv region for 2018

Revenues	2017	2018
Receipts of annual fees to support the realization of the advocate's self-government in Ukraine	1739036	2855550
Funds received as payment for traineeships	842024	1033410
Other receipts **	490607	798215
Total:	3071667	4687175
Costs	2017	2018
General payroll for full-time employees:	874532	853079
Compulsory deductions (taxes and fees):	261637	269575
Travel expenses:	87088	72154
Office maintenance:	207093	610967
BCR activities, including:	169664	143975
organization of CLE for advocates of Ukraine	12100	12900
the cost of producing warrant books	0	0
the cost of producing a certificate of right to practice law	147148	117467
Other expenses * (bank, mail, notary, etc.)	426923	261459
Total:	2026937	2211209

#### **QDCB** of Lviv region



Chair of QDCB of Lviv region **Lubomir Strepko** e-mail: l.strepko@vkdka.org

Decisions of QDCB

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Decisions of the Qualification Chamber of QDCB

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Decisions of QDCB disciplinary chamber Persons admitted to the exam

318

568

Cases in the proceedings

24

The total number of incoming letters

669

QDCB | Financial indicators of the balance sheet items of the Lviv region for 2018

Revenues	2017	2018
Fee for passing the qualification exam	1831378	2757303
Other income - voluntary contributions to logistical support; fee for organizational and technical support of complaint handling	0	19619
Other receipts	8619	23179
Total:	1839997	2800101
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Costs	2017	2018
General payroll for full-time employees:	1210026	1673962
Compulsory deductions (taxes and fees):	263742	375140
Travel expenses:	38388	53992
Office maintenance:	315605	408674
QDCB activities, including:	0	5098
organization of CLE for advocates of Ukraine	0	0
the cost of producing a certificate of qualification	0	5098
Other expenses	13456	18771
Total:	1841217	2535637

#### Bar Council of the Mykolayiv area



The chairman of BCU of the Mykolayiv area Vyacheslav Antipchenko e-mail: v.antypchenko@unba.org.ua

**BCR** decisions

**Decisions** made

575

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Advocates' requests for non-disclosure

New advocates are added to URAU's database

49

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Seminars and trainings for advocates

11

The total number of incoming letters 259

BCR   Financial indicators of articles o	f balance of the Mykola	yiv area for 2018
Revenues	2017	2018
Receipts of annual fees to support the realization of the advocate's self-government in Ukraine	1153901	1237297
Funds received as payment for traineeships	854795	504252
Other receipts **	42350	491964
Total:	2051046	2233513
Costs	2017	2018
General payroll for full-time employees:	668089	687834
Compulsory deductions (taxes and fees):	160830	146011
Travel expenses:	72490	59372
Office maintenance:	1919437	581483
BCR activities, including:	21881	239705
organization of CLE for advocates of Ukraine	8471	97353
the cost of producing warrant books	0	0
the cost of producing a certificate of right to practice law	13410	142352
Other expenses * (bank, mail, notary, etc.)	447461	91674
Total:	3290188	1806079

#### QDCB of the Mykolayiv region



Chair of QDCB of Mykolayiv region Yuri Storcheus e-mail: —

Decisions of QDCB

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Decisions of the Qualification Chamber of QDCB

324

**Decisions of QDCB** disciplinary chamber

Persons admitted to the exam

149

315

Cases in the proceedings 3

The total number of incoming letters

QDCB Financial indicators of articles of	f balance of the Mykola	ayiv area for 2018
Revenues	2017	2018
Fee for passing the qualification exam	1018329	1246968
Other income - voluntary contributions to logistical support; fee for organizational and technical support of complaint handling	0	7206
Other receipts	0	0
Total:	1018329	1254174
Costs	2017	2018
General payroll for full-time employees:	290751	490266
Compulsory deductions (taxes and fees):	63966	231223
Travel expenses:	35661	75926
Office maintenance:	52659	258075
QDCB activities, including:	14316	0
organization of CLE for advocates of Ukraine	14316	0
the cost of producing a certificate of qualification	0	0
Other expenses	994801	9278
Total:	1452154	1064768

#### **Bar Council of Odesa region**



Chair of the Bar Council of Odesa region Yosyp Bronz e-mail: y.bronz@unba.org.ua

**BCR** decisions

**Decisions** made

135

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Advocates' requests for non-disclosure

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New advocates are added to URAU's database

104

389

Seminars and trainings for advocates

incoming letters

18

The total number of 351

Total:

BCR   Financial indicators of articles of balance of Odesa region for 2018		
Revenues	2017	2018
Receipts of annual fees to support the realization of the advocate's self-government in Ukraine	2119163	2950235
Funds received as payment for traineeships	1481520	934527
Other receipts **	1280683	1315107
Total:	4881366	5199869
Costs	2017	2018
General payroll for full-time employees:	1701552	1513363
Compulsory deductions (taxes and fees):	480970	324833
Travel expenses:	27498	38438
Office maintenance:	4142626	442391
BCR activities, including:	56589	165684
organization of CLE for advocates of Ukraine	24000	25000
the cost of producing warrant books	0	0
the cost of producing a certificate of right to practice law	32589	140684
Other expenses * (bank, mail, notary, etc.)	181275	1823359

#### **QDCB** of Odesa region



Chair of QDCB of Odesa region Natalia Rudnytska e-mail: n.rudnytska@vkdka.org

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Decisions of QDCB

1155

Decisions of the Qualification Chamber of QDCB

877

**Decisions of QDCB** disciplinary chamber

Persons admitted to

187

507

Cases in the proceedings 45

The total number of incoming letters

1463

QDCB   Financial indicators of article	es of balance of Odesa	a region for 2018
Revenues	2017	2018
Fee for passing the qualification exam	1544203	2091726
Other income - voluntary contributions to logistical support; fee for organizational and technical support of complaint handling	153679	63433
Other receipts	506	281
Total:	1698388	2155440
Costs	2017	2018
General payroll for full-time employees:	614066	957963
Compulsory deductions (taxes and fees):	138429	175973
Travel expenses:	46165	76371
Office maintenance:	60456	69497
QDCB activities, including:	0	0
organization of CLE for advocates of Ukraine	0	0
the cost of producing a certificate of qualification	0	0
Other expenses	686847	11292
Total:	1545963	1291096

#### **Bar Council of Poltava region**



Chair of Bar Council of Poltava region Vladimir Skukis e-mail: v.skukis@unba.org.ua

**BCR** decisions

**Decisions** made

626

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Advocates' requests for non-disclosure

New advocates are added to URAU's database

18

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Seminars and trainings for advocates

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The total number of
incoming letters
202
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BCR   Financial indicators of balance	sheet items of Poltava	region for 2018
Revenues	2017	2018
Receipts of annual fees to support the realization of the advocate's self-government in Ukraine	1312726	1747688
Funds received as payment for traineeships	836284	1478463
Other receipts **	296903	400483
Total:	2445913	3626634
Costs	2017	2018
General payroll for full-time employees:	403131	539556
Compulsory deductions (taxes and fees):	212266	283323
Travel expenses:	0	11309
Office maintenance:	73065	122163
BCR activities, including:	4220	37231
organization of CLE for advocates of Ukraine	0	29111
the cost of producing warrant books	4220	8120
the cost of producing a certificate of right to practice law	0	0
Other expenses * (bank, mail, notary, etc.)	1296891	1533152
Total:	1989573	2526734

#### **QDCB** of Poltava region



Chair of QDCB of Poltava region Tamara Vorotintseva e-mail: t.vorotintseva@vkdka.org

Decisions of QDCB

1485

Decisions of the Qualification
Chamber of QDCB

2526

**Decisions of QDCB** disciplinary chamber

Persons admitted to the exam

61

842

Cases in the proceedings

The total number of incoming letters

10

QDCB   Financial indicators of balance sheet items of Poltava region for 2018		
Revenues	2017	2018
Fee for passing the qualification exam	1957195	3714688
Other income - voluntary contributions to logistical support; fee for organizational and technical support of complaint handling	0	o
Other receipts	83720	176462
Total:	2040915	3891150
Costs	2017	2018
General payroll for full-time employees:	292663	611850
Compulsory deductions (taxes and fees):	151474	311275
Fravel expenses:	5170	3311
Office maintenance:	59664	65845
QDCB activities, including:	22747	0
organization of CLE for advocates of Ukraine	22747	0
the cost of producing a certificate of qualification	0	0
Other expenses	418061	953405
Total:	949779	1945686

#### **Bar Council of Rivne region**



Chair of the Bar Council of Rivne region

Sergiy Udovychenko

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BCR decisions

Decisions made

612

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Advocates' requests for non-disclosure

14

New advocates are added to URAU's database

Seminars and trainings for advocates

The total number of incoming letters

1634

#### BCR | Financial indicators of balance sheet items of Rivne region for 2018

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Revenues	2017	2018
Receipts of annual fees to support the realization of the advocate's self-government in Ukraine	745309	1024305
Funds received as payment for traineeships	181300	538345
Other receipts **	124740	294114
Total:	1051349	1856764
Costs	2017	2018
General payroll for full-time employees:	807414	685587
Compulsory deductions (taxes and fees):	131166	141819
Travel expenses:	78878	38857
Office maintenance:	54840	86324
BCR activities, including:	185290	107076
organization of CLE for advocates of Ukraine	54041	81269
the cost of producing warrant books	6596	6492
the cost of producing a certificate of right to practice law	124653	19315
Other expenses * (bank, mail, notary, etc.)	108258	277677
Total:	1365846	1337340

#### **QDCB** of Rivne region



Chair of QDCB of Rivne region **Svetlana Surikova**e-mail: s.surikova@vkdka.org

Decisions of QDCB

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Decisions of the Qualification Chamber of QDCB

785

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Decisions of QDCB
disciplinary chamber

Persons admitted to the exam

**26** 

410

Cases in the proceedings

The total number of incoming letters

1682

#### QDCB | Financial indicators of balance sheet items of Rivne region for 2018

Revenues	2017	2018
Fee for passing the qualification exam	1136002	1822140
Other income - voluntary contributions to logistical support; fee for organizational and technical support of complaint handling	0	1762
Other receipts	27369	77157
Total:	1163371	1901059
Costs	2017	2018
General payroll for full-time employees:	544123	766390
Compulsory deductions (taxes and fees):	112665	142611
Travel expenses:	63337	46141
Office maintenance:	59437	65751
QDCB activities, including:	17480	0
organization of CLE for advocates of Ukraine	17480	0
the cost of producing a certificate of qualification	0	0
Other expenses	105075	31009
Total:	902117	1051902

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#### **Bar Council of Sumy region**



Chair of the Bar Council of Sumy region Oleksandra Kovalyova e-mail: o.kovalyova@unba.org.ua

**BCR** decisions

**Decisions** made

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Advocates' requests for non-disclosure

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New advocates are added to URAU's database

**57** 

Seminars and trainings for advocates 4

The total number of incoming letters
161

BCR   Financial indicators of the balance sheet articles of Sumy region for 2018		
Revenues	2017	2018
Receipts of annual fees to support the realization of the advocate's self-government in Ukraine	401720	457583
Funds received as payment for traineeships	93123	170484
Other receipts **	23984	135912
Total:	518827	763979
Costs	2017	2018
General payroll for full-time employees:	401720	401515
Compulsory deductions (taxes and fees):	93123	86001
Travel expenses:	23984	105015
Office maintenance:	518827	33717
BCR activities, including:	401720	36128
organization of CLE for advocates of Ukraine	93123	28167
the cost of producing warrant books	23984	0
the cost of producing a certificate of right to practice law	518827	7961
Other expenses * (bank, mail, notary, etc.)	60960	36043
Total:	1500334	698419

#### **QDCB** of Sumy region



Chair of QDCB of Sumy region Kondratenko Svetlana e-mail: s.kondratenko@vkdka.org

Decisions of QDCB

Decisions of the Qualification
Chamber of QDCB

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**Decisions of QDCB** disciplinary chamber Persons admitted to the exam

22

121

Cases in the proceedings

The total number of incoming letters 180

QDCB   Financial indicators of the balance sheet articles of Sumy region for 2018		
Revenues	2017	2018
Fee for passing the qualification exam	1957195	661777
Other income - voluntary contributions to logistical support; fee for organizational and technical support of complaint handling	0	5286
Other receipts	83720	0
Total:	2040915	667063
Costs	2017	2018
General payroll for full-time employees:	291040	438583
Compulsory deductions (taxes and fees):	64029	96488
Travel expenses:	42120	38400
Office maintenance:	24328	28883
QDCB activities, including:	1248	0
organization of CLE for advocates of Ukraine	1248	0
the cost of producing a certificate of qualification	0	0
Other expenses	9574	48987
Total:	432339	651341

#### **Bar Council of Ternopil region**



Chair of the Bar Council of Ternopil Region Taras Budz e-mail: t.budz@unba.org.ua

**BCR** decisions

470

**Decisions** made

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Advocates' requests for non-disclosure

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New advocates are added to URAU's database

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BCR   Financial indicators of balance sheet items of Ternopil region for 2018		
Revenues	2017	2018
Receipts of annual fees to support the realization of the advocate's self-government in Ukraine	580593	707394
Funds received as payment for traineeships	158496	190766
Other receipts **	181700	125871
Total:	920789	1024031
Costs	2017	2018
General payroll for full-time employees:	420492	222587
Compulsory deductions (taxes and fees):	92508	49139
Travel expenses:	50663	31293
Office maintenance:	62430	96327
BCR activities, including:	22662	45849
organization of CLE for advocates of Ukraine	5553	18987
the cost of producing warrant books	1585	7480
the cost of producing a certificate of right to practice law	7580	10020
Other expenses * (bank, mail, notary, etc.)	43341	37884
Total:	692096	483079

#### **QDCB** of Ternopil region



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Decisions of QDCB

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**Decisions of QDCB** disciplinary chamber

Persons admitted to

14

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Cases in the proceedings The total number of incoming letters 80

QDCB   Financial indicators of balance	sheet items of Terno	pil region for 2018
Revenues	2017	2018
Fee for passing the qualification exam	432528	700304
Other income - voluntary contributions to logistical support; fee for organizational and technical support of complaint handling	0	o
Other receipts	233017	8290
Total:	665545	708594
Costs	2017	2018
General payroll for full-time employees:	668702	251569
Compulsory deductions (taxes and fees):	147624	55346
Travel expenses:	28069	42986
Office maintenance:	56976	89023
QDCB activities, including:	0	2405
organization of CLE for advocates of Ukraine	0	2405
the cost of producing a certificate of qualification	0	0
Other expenses	21779	63743
Total:	923150	505072

#### **Bar Council of Kharkiv Region**



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**BCR** decisions

**Decisions** made

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Advocates' requests for non-disclosure

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Seminars and trainings for advocates 28

New advocates are added to URAU's database

124

The total number of incoming letters

3552

BCR   Financial indicators of balance sheet items of Kharkiv region for 2018		
Revenues	2017	2018
Receipts of annual fees to support the realization of the advocate's self-government in Ukraine	401720	2392445
Funds received as payment for traineeships	93123	230081
Other receipts **	23984	320076
Total:	518827	2942602
Costs	2017	2018
General payroll for full-time employees:	901754	989793
Compulsory deductions (taxes and fees):	464879	510266
Travel expenses:	35040	24346
Office maintenance:	77205	124077
BCR activities, including:	158130	152139
organization of CLE for advocates of Ukraine	24101	0
the cost of producing warrant books	0	8100
the cost of producing a certificate of right to practice law	1139	640
Other expenses * (bank, mail, notary, etc.)	1281885	1058431
Total:	2918893	2859052

#### QDCB of Kharkiv region



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Decisions of QDCB

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Persons admitted to the exam

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QDCB   Financial indicators of balance sheet items of Kharkiv region for 2018		
Revenues	2017	2018
Fee for passing the qualification exam	637980	649896
Other income - voluntary contributions to logistical support; fee for organizational and technical support of complaint handling	0	37793
Other receipts	0	0
Total:	637980	687689
Costs	2017	2018
General payroll for full-time employees:	473037	498482
Compulsory deductions (taxes and fees):	244957	256986
Travel expenses:	30937	31100
Office maintenance:	48303	82219
QDCB activities, including:	2375	1584
organization of CLE for advocates of Ukraine	0	0
the cost of producing a certificate of qualification	2375	1584
Other expenses	72403	56208
Total:	872012	926579

#### **Bar Council of Kherson Region**



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**BCR** decisions

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**Decisions** made

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Advocates' requests for non-disclosure

New advocates are added to URAU's database

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Seminars and trainings for advocates

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incoming letters 252

BCR   Financial indicators of balance sheet items of Kherson region for 2018		
Revenues	2017	2018
Receipts of annual fees to support the realization of the advocate's self-government in Ukraine	549582	576107
Funds received as payment for traineeships	0	150421
Other receipts **	277172	341750
Total:	826754	1068278
Costs	2017	2018
General payroll for full-time employees:	115270	152400
Compulsory deductions (taxes and fees):	69195	96689
Travel expenses:	40906	37472
Office maintenance:	118104	144284
BCR activities, including:	314720	246609
organization of CLE for advocates of Ukraine	97768	85618
the cost of producing warrant books	0	0
the cost of producing a certificate of right to practice law	8715	9715

#### **QDCB** of the Kherson region



QDCB | Financial indicators of balance sheet items of Kherson region for 2018

Other expenses \* (bank, mail, notary, etc.)

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Persons admitted to the exam

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2017 2018 Revenues Fee for passing the qualification exam 355743 295159 Other income - voluntary contributions to logistical 0 79270 support; fee for organizational and technical support of complaint handling Other receipts 94670 0 Total: 450413 374429 2017 2018 217233 224246 General payroll for full-time employees: Compulsory deductions (taxes and fees): 47791 49626 5195 24442 Travel expenses: Office maintenance: 143887 60863 QDCB activities, including: 601 198 organization of CLE for advocates of Ukraine 0 0 the cost of producing a certificate of qualification 601 198 Other expenses 26229 18860 Total: 440936 378235

#### Bar Council of Khmelnytskyi region



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**BCR** decisions

Decisions made

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Advocates' requests for non-disclosure

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New advocates are added to URAU's database

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Seminars and trainings for advocates

The total number of incoming letters

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BCR   Financial indicators of balance sh	eet items of Khmelnyts	kyi region for 2018
Revenues	2017	2018
Receipts of annual fees to support the realization of the advocate's self-government in Ukraine	535395	653538
Funds received as payment for traineeships	117696	221182
Other receipts **	116053	307636
Total:	769144	1182356
Costs	2017	2018
General payroll for full-time employees:	274438	285481
Compulsory deductions (taxes and fees):	129198	137067
Travel expenses:	33406	30475
Office maintenance:	76411	114334
BCR activities, including:	176065	135534
organization of CLE for advocates of Ukraine	144694	73536
the cost of producing warrant books	0	0
the cost of producing a certificate of right to practice law	31371	9210
Other expenses * (bank, mail, notary, etc.)	94554	233909
Total:	784072	936800

#### QDCB of Khmelnytskyi region



Chair of QDCB of Khmelnytskyi region **Pryadun Vladimir** e-mail: v.pryadun@vkdka.org

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Persons admitted to the exam

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QDCB   Financial indicators of balance sheet items of Khmelnitsky region for 2018				
Revenues	2017	2018		
Fee for passing the qualification exam	242495	308712		
Other income - voluntary contributions to logistical support; fee for organizational and technical support of complaint handling	0	0		
Other receipts	62581	107878		
Total:	305076	416590		
Costs 2017 <b>2018</b>				
General payroll for full-time employees:	121355	156443		
Compulsory deductions (taxes and fees):	26698	34418		
Travel expenses:	0	26041		
Office maintenance:	55216	102941		
QDCB activities, including:	0	0		
organization of CLE for advocates of Ukraine	0	0		
the cost of producing a certificate of qualification	0	0		
Other expenses	101807	96747		
Total:	305076	416590		

#### **Bar Council of Cherkasy region**



Chair of the Bar Council of Cherkasy region Oleksandr Lichevetski e-mail: o.lichevetsky@unba.org.ua

**BCR** decisions

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Advocates' requests for non-disclosure

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New advocates are added to URAU's database 219

Seminars and trainings for advocates

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BCR   Financial indicators of balance	sheet items of Cherkasy	region for 2018
Revenues	2017	2018
Receipts of annual fees to support the realization of the advocate's self-government in Ukraine	712989	951236
Funds received as payment for traineeships	499450	446760
Other receipts **	32180	139309
Total:	1244619	1537305
Costs	2017	2018
General payroll for full-time employees:	448266	574730
Compulsory deductions (taxes and fees):	98618	114607
Travel expenses:	37597	44176
Office maintenance:	18290	14405
BCR activities, including:	36723	64273
organization of CLE for advocates of Ukraine	1807	0
the cost of producing warrant books	486	0
the cost of producing a certificate of right to practice law	34430	22121

#### **QDCB** of Cherkasy region



Other expenses \* (bank, mail, notary, etc.)

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QDCB   Financial indicators of balance	sheet items of Cherk	asy region for 2018
Revenues	2017	2018
Fee for passing the qualification exam	754143	1069798
Other income - voluntary contributions to logistical support; fee for organizational and technical support of complaint handling	226000	308387
Other receipts	144702	1792
Total:	1124845	1379977
Costs	2017	2018
General payroll for full-time employees:	496624	688861
Compulsory deductions (taxes and fees):	109257	151550
Travel expenses:	17109	35339
Office maintenance:	35316	55741
QDCB activities, including:	27629	11234
organization of CLE for advocates of Ukraine	26935	4060
the cost of producing a certificate of qualification	694	7174
Other expenses	27750	40200
Total:	713685	982925

#### **Bar Council of Chernivtsi Region**



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**BCR** decisions

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Advocates' requests for non-disclosure

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New advocates are added to URAU's database

108

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BCR   Financial indicators of balance sheet items of Chernivtsi region for 2018		
Revenues	2017	2018
Receipts of annual fees to support the realization of the advocate's self-government in Ukraine	603180	765413
Funds received as payment for traineeships	165696	273326
Other receipts **	12547	37112
Total:	781423	1075851
Costs	2017	2018
General payroll for full-time employees:	365136	407571
Compulsory deductions (taxes and fees):	80330	88847
Travel expenses:	54879	31004
Office maintenance:	19091	7886
BCR activities, including:	86046	8505
organization of CLE for advocates of Ukraine	86046	8505
the cost of producing warrant books	0	0
the cost of producing a certificate of right to practice law	0	0
Other expenses * (bank, mail, notary, etc.)	77219	86662
Total:	682701	630475

#### **QDCB** of Chernivtsi region



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Persons admitted to the exam

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QDCB   Financial indicators of balance sheet items of Chernivtsi region for 2018		
Revenues	2017	2018
Fee for passing the qualification exam	410595	575684
Other income - voluntary contributions to logistical support; fee for organizational and technical support of complaint handling	0	3585
Other receipts	32263	0
Total:	442858	579269
Costs	2017	2018
General payroll for full-time employees:	501675	362384
Compulsory deductions (taxes and fees):	110369	79723
Travel expenses:	30265	46883
Office maintenance:	12764	55694
QDCB activities, including:	0	0
organization of CLE for advocates of Ukraine	0	0
the cost of producing a certificate of qualification	0	0
Other expenses	6036	10982
Total:	661109	555666

#### **Bar Council of Chernihiv Region**



Chair of the Bar Council of Chernihiv region **Galina Yakuba** e-mail: g.yakuba@unba.org.ua

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The total number of incoming letters
2941

BCR   Financial indicators of balance s	sheet items of Chernihi	region for 2018
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Revenues	2017	2018
Receipts of annual fees to support the realization of the advocate's self-government in Ukraine	514661	776467
Funds received as payment for traineeships	446180	750563
Other receipts **	33400	82235
Total:	994241	1609265
Costs	2017	2018
General payroll for full-time employees:	355660	483707
Compulsory deductions (taxes and fees):	78509	106475
Travel expenses:	26418	22787
Office maintenance:	171902	352658
BCR activities, including:	247705	369411
organization of CLE for advocates of Ukraine	112230	97234
the cost of producing warrant books	0	0
the cost of producing a certificate of right to practice law	0	0
Other expenses * (bank, mail, notary, etc.)	11819	4033
Total:	892013	1339071

#### **QDCB** of Chernihiv region



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Persons admitted to the exam

89

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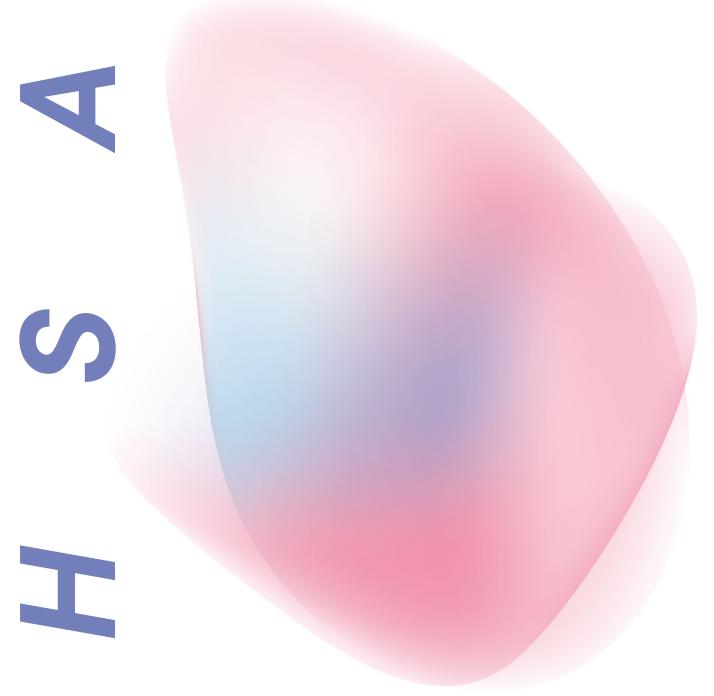
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#### QDCB | Financial indicators of balance sheet items of Chernihiv region for 2018

Revenues	2017	2018
Fee for passing the qualification exam	1487784	2789886
Other income - voluntary contributions to logistical support; fee for organizational and technical support of complaint handling	34804	22818
Other receipts	0	232773
Total:	1522588	3045477
Costs	2017	2018
General payroll for full-time employees:	309108	489294
Compulsory deductions (taxes and fees):	57279	94621
Travel expenses:	29955	51910
Office maintenance:	101470	342886
QDCB activities, including:	84332	47220
organization of CLE for advocates of Ukraine	42260	47220
the cost of producing a certificate of qualification	42072	0
Other expenses	66261	28756
Total:	648405	1054687

# SCHOOL OF ADVOCACY

# HIGHER SCHOOL OF



# UNBA Higher School of Advocacy (2018 report)



Higher School of Advocacy of Ukrainian National Bar Association has updated the format of its activity, making it more modern and accessible to advocates. UNBA/BCU Vice-President, Honored Advocate of Ukraine Valentyn Gvozdiy, also acting as the Curator of the Higher School of Advocacy, brought in a new team, combining the energy of the young generation and the wisdom of experienced specialists. For example, Yaroslav Zeykan-Miklosch remained the Rector of Higher School of Advocacy, as well as Oleksandr Drozdov remained First Vice-Rector; the Vice-Rector for Organizational and Methodological Work is now Mrs Iryna Vasylyk. Savva Kuzmenko appointed to the new office of the Director of UNBA HSA.

A new concept of UNBA Higher School Advocacy was approved, which is meant to maximize the practical orientation of all training products from different fields of law, increase the level of accessibility in knowledge acquisition and quality organization of the educational process.

# Criteria for the work of the Higher School of Advocacy:

- · Practical orientation of educational activities;
- Modern and comprehensive approach to the educational process;
- · Understandable and practical material presented;
- · Accessible and convenient training format;
- · Systematic knowledge;
- · Exchange of experience;
- · Knowledge and understanding of Ukraine's jurisprudence;
- Ongoing feedback from advocates to improve the quality of events:
- Facilitating the process of advanced training, registration, certification and other convenient services;

#### Lecturer's composition:

- 89 lecturers, including not only practicing advocates, but also judges, business coaches, mediators, experts in various fields of law;
- all lecturers are certified by UNBA Expert Council on UNBA accreditation and certification;

### Areas of Law and Expertise in which Advocates Have Advanced Skills at the HSA:

- · criminal;
- · civil;

- · family;
- · informational security;
- · Intellectual Property;
- · forensic expertise;
- · mediation;
- · Convention of the European Court of Human Rights;
- · advocate's fees and the art of negotiation, public speaking;
- · protection of the rights of advocates;
- · rules of professional conduct;
- · taxation of advocacy;
- · judicial practice.



# Required Courses for Trainees, Assistant Advocates, and Returning Advocates:

- UNBA Higher School of Advocacy implemented the decision of the Bar Council of Ukraine on the adaptation and briefing of young professionals, future advocates and those who are renewing their legal rights;
- compulsory courses are realized via online training platform, which allows you to familiarize yourself with video materials of more than 4 hours within each course, with text materials in the form of regulations, procedures and other regulations, to be tested for the consolidation of knowledge presented in the modules, and perform the practical tasks that each advocate faces in his / her daily work;
- a convenient payment mechanism and instant access to the training system have been implemented;
- · organized, round-the-clock and non-weekend support

- for future advocates, where each course attendee can clarify the reason for the offset, or ask any clarifying question;
- curators are involved in the process of checking the practical tasks, who daily, without weekends, check all the tasks in order to ensure that the trainees do not wait for the specified check and to pass the required courses in a harmful and convenient manner;

#### The premises of the Higher School of Advocacy:

- · modern training hall for 60 participants;
- transformational model of furniture placement for realization of different training formats, such as: lecture, convenient work with documentation, group work of advocates, mediation simulations, training, master class, and demonstration participation of participants of the event;
- the interactive equipment of the hall allows to transmit quality video; online broadcast of any event; quality sound that can be heard anywhere in the hall; gives the opportunity to charge mobile devices during the lecture and to taste tea or coffee, without disturbing other participants of the event;
- · free WI-FI is available at the training hall;



## Higher School of Advocacy Technology and Communication:

- substantial updating of UNBA HSA website: www.hsa.org.ua;
- convenient schedule allowed you to choose events by category, credit points, time and date;
- the process of registering online, attending the event and issuing certificates has been greatly facilitated;
- now you do not need to sign up for the registration, and after the event the electronic certificate is sent immediately to the e-mail;
- the Facebook page has become a powerful source of information for both advocates and law assistants, interns and advocates;
- Youtube channel is updated, which is updated with video materials from speeches of lecturers and experts of the Higher School of Law;



#### The year 2018 for HSA in numbers:

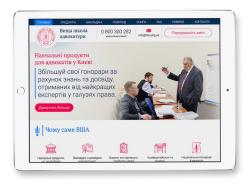
- 167 training courses for advocates at law were conducted;
- · 3430 advocates' certificates have been issued;
- · issued 13201 credit score for advocates' training;
- advocates received 22 mediator certificates as part of a joint program with Ukrainian Mediation Center;
- · 2407 advocates attended training courses;
- 21 online broadcasts of qualification improvement activities were conducted;
- · 233 books were bought by advocates;
- the number of Facebook social network subscribers increased to 4.239:
- 53% of advocates attending UNBAU events are advocates from different regions of Ukraine;
- 47% of advocates attending NAASA events are advocates from Kyiv and Kyiv region;







#### **Higher School of Advocacy Communications:**





#### HSA website has been updated

The website of UNBA Higher School of Advocacy has been updated, which contains all the necessary information about the educational products of the USA, books and seminars. You can visit the US website at:

#### hsa.org.ua





The channel contains video conversations, video blogs, video responses from listeners and HSA lecturers. Video courses are recorded. You can watch YOUR video channel at:

#### goo.gl/z8nCPM



#### The Facebook page of the Higher School of Advocacy is live

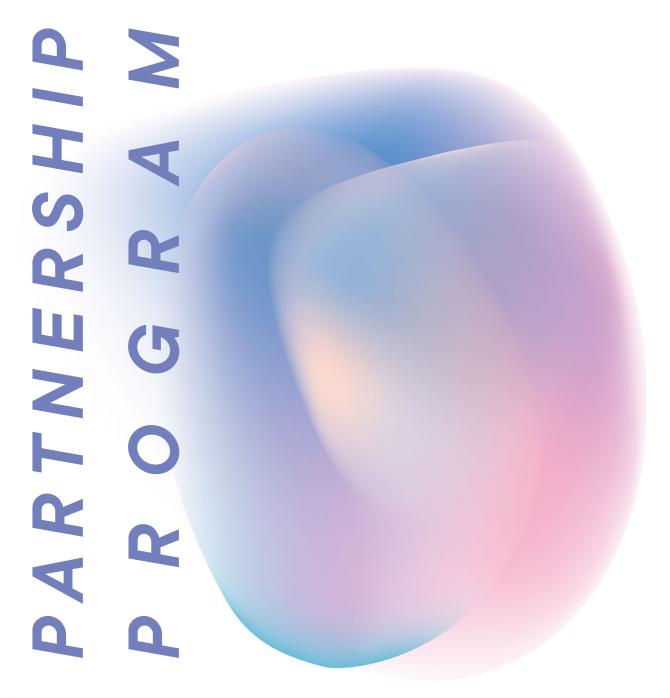
The page contains announcements about upcoming seminars at UNBA, post-shoots, lecturer feedback and feedback from course participants, photo albums for seminars and certificates. You can view the page at:

https://goo.gl/dA6Kws



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# PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM



#### **Partnership Program 2018**

Ukrainian National Bar Association brings together more than 39 thousand advocates in Ukraine and is an official professional organization authorized by the State to perform a number of functions. Our representative offices operate in 18 countries.

The intensive contacts of UNBA with foreign professional associations and national advocates of other countries work for the international reputation of Ukrainian Bar and open new opportunities for expanding the scope of activity.

There are committees and sections within Ukrainian National Bar Association that focus their activities on pressing issues of advocacy and becoming a European bar in Ukraine, as well as the development of various areas of law.

The partnership program of Ukrainian National Bar Association was founded in 2016 and offers a number of cooperation formats that give exclusive status privileges:

- UNBA General Partner:
- UNBA Partner:
- · Partner of UNBA Section;
- · Event Partner;
- · Partner Bank;
- Partner-insurance company;
- General Partner of the Higher School of Advocacy;
- Partner of the Bulletin of Ukrainian National Bar Association:
- · Edition / Book Partner.

Participation in the partnership program gives a real opportunity to contribute to the creation of a key component of the rule-of-law - an independent bar, to participate directly in the development of advocate self-government and development of legislation. UNBA partners have the opportunity to join the work of UNBA committees, sections and representations abroad. In addition, partnering provides benefits for the professional growth of partner companies' staff, who can act as experts at UNBA events and improve their level as participants in advocacy programs.

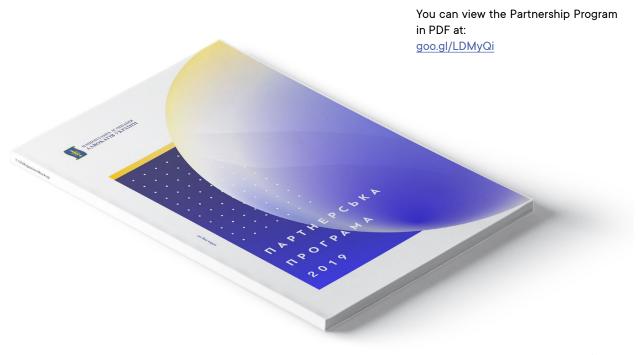
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## **UNBA** cooperates with foreign advocates and international organizations



Council of Bars and Law Societies of Europe



International Bar Association



Union Internationale des **Avocats** 



German Foundation for International Legal Cooperation



Council of Europe



**USAID - United States** Agency for International Development



American Bar Association



The Embassy of Great Britain in Ukraine



Ukrainian American Bar Association



Canadian Bar Association



German Federal Bar



DeutscherAnwaltVerein - Union of German advocates



Bar Council of England and Wales - The Bar Council of **England and Wales** 



Law Society of England and Wales



Georgian Bar Association



Belarusian National Bar Association



National Bar Council of Italy



Conseil national des barreaux - National Bar Council of France



Federation of Law Societies of Canada



Lithuanian Bar Association

# UNBA COMMUNICATIONS



#### **UNBA Communications**

UNBA operates as a modern transparent organization that publicly reports its activities, supports communication not only in the professional community, but also with society as a whole, as well as academia, and the legal business. We make summaries not only in the annual reports, but also regularly publish statistical information on the activities of all self-governing bodies, including financial indicators.

UNBA activity news, expert commentaries, select publications, regulatory documents and decisions, public activity announcements are promptly published by all corporate communication channels. UNBA is open to the press and provides information on the activities of the Bar, publicly explains the position of the professional community regarding judicial reform, changes in legislation, and protection of citizens' rights.

UNBA Communications Department provides prompt comments to leading advocates on a wide range of legal issues for TV channels, print and online publications, and radio. During 2018, advocates provided comments for Channel Ukraine, 1+1, ZIK, Channel 5, a range of regional stations, websites Censor.net, LB.UA, RBC-Ukraine, Podrobnosti, Correspondent, Vesti, agencies Ukrainian News, UNIAN, Interfax, the print media DT.UA and Golos Ukrainy.

In cooperation with the most reputable specialized legal publishers, UNBA produced articles and organized interviews on topics that are of professional interest to practitioners, scholars, law students.

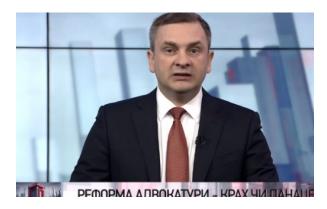
Expanding the audience and seeking to explain complex legal issues in an accessible and understandable way, BCU representatives blog on the resources of LB.ua, Liga.net.















#### The official web-portal of UNBA

The structure of UNBA's official website allows operational information about UNBA to be published in easy-to-read and search mode. UNBA web portal users make up 242 thousand people a year. 33 thousand people visit the portal every month. Each week there are 8.9 thousand people. Every day 686 persons visit UNBA official page. Thematic sections provide full information on access to the legal profession, features of the legal profession, profile legislation, UNBA acts, case law and the practice of the European Court of Human Rights.

The site contains electronic versions of UNBA's thematic and annual reports, manuals and books, UNBA Bulletin, photos and videos.

Due to the fact that UNBA has international partners, the Department of Communications supports the English-language version of the site. The web-site contains the Unified Register of Advocates of Ukraine (URAU). The portal is the official electronic resource for providing registry information.





#### **UNBA Bulletin**

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UNBA Bulletin is the official printed media of Ukrainian National Bar Association. There you may find key decisions of the national Bar self-government bodies, official clarifications from BCU on topical issues concerning legal profession as such (providing access to the profession, professional development, etc.), analytical materials on particular legal issues (thematic index is added), review of prcatice of higher courts, generalization of case law on particular categories of cases etc. The Bulletin is printesd is once a month.



Link to the latest issue of the Bulletin at UNBA's website: goo.gl/ScYZNq



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#### The official Facebook page

UNBA's Facebook page is a permanent - but is filled with breaking news. The average number of Facebook page views during the month is 4,216. Every month 151 new page likes (March 2018 figure). The page reaches 32 392 people every month. One post per page reaches 21,856 people.

All-Ukrainian project "History of the Bar of Ukraine" also has a dedicated Facebook page, which is supported by the UNBA Center for Advocacy and Legal Studies. More than 1,000 Facebook users have signed up to the project page.

Through social networks, the Project publishes up-to-date research on the history of the Bar of Ukraine, records of thematic radio programs, news of the Center's own activities, and information on the disciplines the Center develops to deepen the knowledge of law students about the history of the profession.





Links to UNBA's official site at facebook.com: goo.gl/7R5ksb





Link to the Project page History of the Bar of Ukraine at facebook.com: goo.gl/NUgTh8







Link to the official page on youtube.com: goo.gl/TdPqJ4

#### Official Youtube page

UNBA's official Youtube channel is an effective tool for informing advocates by disseminating video information about UNBA's activities. Yes, the channel is structured according to the following headings:

- Interviews and congratulations to UNBA leadership;
- · Meeting of the Bar Council of Ukraine;
- · CLE events for advocates of Ukraine;
- Materials of the Congresses of Advocates of Ukraine;
- Information on the Declaration on the Protection of Human Rights in Criminal Procedure.

#### The official Twitter page

The official Twitter page is also permanent updated with news and photos from UNBA events. Thus, each registered user has the opportunity to constantly monitor the latest events of the association in a convenient mode.





National Bar Association in twitter: www.twitter.com/ infounba



#### **Telegram**

In 2017, UNBA launched a Telegram channel with thematic news to quickly inform professional audiences.



Links to the channel of the National Bar Association in Telegram: t.me/InfoUNBA





UNBA's communications structure makes it possible to reach out to all target groups through a variety of reporting and feedback tools.

UNBA continues to develop and implement new information approaches to improve the reach and awareness of advocates and the public about the activities of self-government.





# Reform of the Bar. Challenges to professional independence and European choice

On September 6, 2018, the Draft Ne. 9055 "On the Bar and Practice of Law" was submitted to Verkhovna Rada. The President of Ukraine was the author of this legislative initiative.

The draft law has raised serious concerns to within the legal community at the stage of its development, back in 2016. Therefore, immediately after its official registration with Parliament on September 7, 2018, the Bar Council of Ukraine (BCU), as the supreme body of advocate self-government, decided to appeal to Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine, leads of parliamentary factions and committees, non-factional MPs about reform based on this draft law being unacceptable.

The BCU argued that the drafting process did not comply with recognized international standards. In particular, the Council of Europe Recommendations of 25 October 2000 and the UN Basic Principles on the Role of Lawyers (14 December 1990) stipulate that all legislation governing the Bar cannot be changed without notice and consultation with relevant professional organization.

This thesis has been repeatedly endorsed by UNBA's international partners, both during the public events held by CCBE, IBA, International Commission of Jurists, the summits of national advocates in Europe, and in intervention letters addressed to the leadership of Ukrainian State. UNBA informed the participants of the 46th Conference of European Advocates' Leaders in Vienna each February. UNBA also informed about the risks of excluding an advocate from the process of reforming the Constitutional Defense Institute of the US Embassy, Secretary General of the Council of Europe, UN Special Rapporteur on the Independence of Judges and Advocates, and Special Advisor to the Secretary General of the Council of Europe, Regis Brillat Ukraine in February 2018.

In its resolutions and appeals, the BCU made a number of remarks on key sections and novellas of the draft as having real risks to losing the independence of the profession and narrowing the rights and guarantees of advocacy.

On behalf of more than 45,000 Ukrainian advocates, UNBA has repeatedly publicly stated throughout 2018 that the Constitutional Institute of the Bar has never been so close to losing its independence and ability to fulfill its constitutional mission of protecting human rights without hindrance. Dozens of articles and blogs of UNBA leadership were devoted to the topic of advocacy reform, draft number 9055, and alternative legislative initiatives.

In general, since the introduction of Draft №. 9055, the Bar Council of Ukraine has adopted 4 resolutions on the inadmissibility of reforming the constitutional institution

of advocacy on the basis of this draft. (BCU decision dated 7.09.2018, 25.09.2018, 21.11.2018 and 3.12.2018). 17 Bar Councils of regions sent resolutions to Verkhovna Rada calling for the adoption of this draft law. The speeches came from a conference of regional advocates that took place in December 2018 ahead of the 2019 Congress of Advocates of Ukraine.

The Bar substantiated its position that the reform in its essence posed a threat as a restriction of constitutional human rights and instruments of their protection. UNBA also sent remarks to the Parliament regarding the numerous corruption risks of the draft.

In public confrontation, attempts to limit the independence of UNBA's advocacy were supported by NGOs. On Facebook, on Lawyer's Day, dozens of advocates took part in #stop9055 flash mob and made videos calling parliament not to support the draft. Dozens of real-life examples of law practice, where effective law has succeeded in providing effective protection, have resonated with the media and attracted the attention of parliamentarians. For several months, the #stop9055 initiative coordinator, Yuriy Grigorenko, a young advocate from Odesa, continued to conduct a vlog to defending position of the professional community on the inadmissibility of the draft #9055.

On September 21, 2018, the reputable human rights organizations, namely Ukrainian Helsinki Human Rights Union and the Kharkiv Human Rights Protection Group made a joint statement on the draft Law No. 9055 On the Bar and Practice of Law. Human rights activists have pointed out that adoption of the draft may result in the inability of an advocate to act, thus restricting the person's constitutional right to defense and representation. The UHHRU and the KHRPG called for the draft to be withdrawn and the new edition to be drafted taking into account alternative drafts #9055-1 and #9055-2. Subsequently, in December 2018, an open joint letter was signed to the Chair of Verkhovna Rada, signed by the Executive Director of Ukrainian Helsinki Human Rights Union (UHHRU), Oleksandr Pavlychenko, Director of the Kharkiv Human Rights Group (KHRPG) Yevhen Zakharov, and Chair of the Board and Executive Director of the Legal Development Network (MPR) Natalia Bimbirajte and Yevgeny Poltenko. Representatives of human rights organizations, which are members of the largest Ukrainian human rights organizations, called on Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine to cease the practice of behind-the-scenes "dragging" through the Parliament of the Presidential Draft "On the Bar and Practice of Law", as well as to finalize this document and obtain the Opinion of the Venice Commission.

Such attempts to win the support of MPs in the couloirs of Ukrainian Parliament occurred on №vember 14, 2018 just days after Parliament's Scientific and Expert Directorate gave its opinion, which recommended the draft be returned to the subject of the legislative initiative for revision.

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# On № vember 21, 2018, Verkhovna Rada Committee on the Prevention and Countering of Corruption, declared the draft to be 'corruptiogenic'.

UNBA believes that the reform of the Bar should be carried out in compliance with international standards for the regulation of the legal profession and the protection of human rights. Amendments to the core professional legislation should promote the constitutional right of citizens to professional legal assistance and free choice of defense counsel, and strengthen the tools of human rights protection. The new law as a component of judicial reform should by no means create corrupt "windows of opportunity".

The position of the Bar Council of Ukraine is that, in its content, any changes to the relevant legislation should guarantee a further approximation of the Bar to European standards. The priority in this process should be to strengthen the instruments of protection of human rights and the citizen, which is not possible without the extension of the professional rights of advocates and the guarantees of legal practice. In addition, the new law on the Bar as a component of judicial reform should by no means create corrupt "windows".

At the same time, Draft No. 9055 introduced in Parliament is far from such goals. If adopted, in Ukraine the system of professional protection of human rights in Ukraine will be destroyed. Numerous provisions of the draft contain corruption risks, from recertification of all advocates to the centralization of qualification exams and disciplinary procedures, etc.

The Constitution guarantees everyone the right to professional legal assistance. Art. 59 provides that "Everyone has the right to professional legal assistance. In cases provided for by law, this assistance is provided free of charge. Everyone is free to choose the defender of their rights." Article 131-2. In Ukraine, the Bar is functioning to provide professional legal assistance.

Draft №. 9055 will turn two articles of the Constitution into empty declarations. The adoption of a new version of the law on the Bar will deprive citizens of the opportunity to defend their rights and legal interests in the courts with the help of an advocate.

The Bar would be effective in carrying out its core mission - protection of human rights. With the gradual onset of an advocate's monopoly, when only advocates can work in the courts, the presidential reform of the Bar appears to be part of the plan to restore an authoritarian state in Ukraine. Human rights would be transformed into a mere declaration, and citizens would in turn become defenseless and before law enforcement agencies.

The draft proposes to review the tools provided by the current legislation for the advocate to exercise professional protection towards a significant restriction of the advocate's activity.

Restrictions on the rights of advocates will make it impossible to effectively protect the client (introduction of liability for

abuse of procedural rights (Art. 22–1 CPC), introducing the concept of "abuse of the right to an advocate's request" (Art. 35, ss. 11), granting procedural advantages to judges (to the duties of the court added prevention of abuse of criminal proceedings, and prevention of participants form abusing their procedural rights (h. 6 Art. 22 CPC, h. 6 Art. 20 CPC).

Draft №. 9055 creates numerous opportunities for violations of human rights by law enforcement agencies. The investigator/ prosecutor will have the right to involve an FLA advocate in case where the contract advocate is involved without agreeing to such a decision with the detainee, suspect or accused. The practice of appointing state advocates is widespread in resonant criminal cases, where the defense destroys the position of the prosecution and exposes the case falsification by law enforcement agencies, the existence of political motives for criminal prosecution.

A special procedure for search of an advocate destroys the privilege of information that the client provided to his advocate. In general, the principle of confidentiality in the advocate-client relationship will become non-existent.

Restrictions on access to the profession for most graduates of law schools (required legal experience in order to obtain the right to pass the qualifying examination will be defined as the length of service as a judge or a prosecutor, an advocate trainee). Access to the profession of advocate becomes a privilege for judges and prosecutors only. Most new advocates will need to have working experience as a judge or prosecutor.

There is a risk of recertification and lustration of the current 45,000+ advocates as a result of the adoption of the new Law (the draft stipulates that advocates are those who have acquired status under this very law - regardless of it being ex post facto). In this case, the devastating transformation of the Bar is bound to occur through the general re-certification of all existing advocates with the removal of all "disagreeing" ones, filling the ranks of the Bar with new advocates from the courts and the Prosecutor's Office.

Simplification of the procedure for serving №tice of Suspicion to advocates, prosecutors, judges, MPs (amendments to Art. 481 of the CPC are provided for in the Transitional Provisions of the Draft). Thus, not only advocates, but all the MPs, judges, etc. identified in this article, may be served the Suspicion by an investigator, prosecutor on the instructions of the head of the Prosecutor General or Regional Office.

- Numerous corruption risks appear concerning state-owned enterprises, state authorities and local self-government through the introduction of the status of a "civil servant advocate"
- that is prohibited from working under contract. Prerequisites for the emergence of systemic and mass corruption in state bodies, local self-government bodies, in state and local self-government, institutions and enterprises. This will be done by way of pushing current legal, contractual relationships between advocates and employers into the 'grey area' where payment for advocates work will be done at the budget expense, but under fictitious contracts.

Given these risks, Draft 9055 is set to bring Soviet times back, when the advocate cooperated with the prosecutor, merely imitated the

role of defense counsel, and in fact, supported the prosecution and persuaded the court to give the terms of detention requested by the prosecutor. The State needs a controlled, loyal advocate. Repressive justice continues, judging by the meager amount of acquittals.

As a result of the passage of Draft 9055, it will not be a European reform but rather a restoration of the foundations of an authoritarian state. Behind democratic reform slogans, there is a shadowy attempt to take judiciary under full control, where advocates are now exposing law enforcement agencies' violations and seeking fair and legal decisions.

Strategically, the consequences of the adoption of Draft 9055 will be the deterioration of Ukraine's international image, the actual impossibility of executing international agreements and treaties, notably the DCFTA with European Union, the loss of positions in the international ratings of democracy and the investment attractiveness of Ukraine.

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