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State Judicial Administration of Ukraine & International Association for Court Administration

Online Conference “Court operation in conditions of the war”

February 7, 2023

15:30 – 17:30 Kyiv time / 8:30 – 10:30 am EST

Co-organizers: State Judicial Administration of Ukraine, International Association of Court Administration (IACA), EU Project “Pravo-Justice”, USAID Justice for All Activity.

Goals: to discuss and find solutions for pressing war-time court administration issues, considering the best international experience; to promote effective court administration and management, in particular in war conditions; to strengthen cooperation of the SJA with IACA.

Audience: members of the High Council of Justice, representatives of the State Judicial Administration of Ukraine, Council of Judges, National School of Judges, Supreme Court; chief judges; court administrators; court staff; and international partners.

Languages: English/Ukrainian (simultaneous interpretation)

Moderator: Prof. Dr. Luis María Palma, *President of the International Association for Court Administration (IACA)*

Program

15:30 – Welcoming Remarks

Prof. Dr. Luis María Palma, *President of the International Association for Court Administration (IACA)*

Oleksiy Salnikov, *Head of the State Judicial Administration of Ukraine*

Vsevolod Kniaziev, *Chief Justice of the Supreme Court (TBC)*

Hryhoriy Usyk, *Head of the High Council of Justice (TBC)*

Bohdan Monych, *Head of the Council of Judges of Ukraine (TBC)*

Anna Adamska - Gallant, *Key International Expert on Judicial Reform of the EU Project Pravo-Justice*

David Vaughn, *Chief of Party, USAID Justice for All Activity*

15:50 – Court administration in Ukraine in time of war. Implementation Plan on Improving Administration of War Crimes Cases in Courts

Oleksiy Salnikov, *Head of the State Judicial Administration of Ukraine*

Uliana Pashynna and **Serhiy Suchenko**, *Legal Advisors, USAID Justice for All Activity*

16:20 – Presentation of the book “Courts in conditions of war”

Oleksiy Salnikov, *Head of the State Judicial Administration of Ukraine*

Olha Sribniak, *Key National Expert for Judiciary Component of the EU Project Pravo-Justice*

16:35 – Model Court Initiative – Platform for Good Practices: how model solutions contribute to solving crisis issues

Anna Adamska - Gallant, *Key International Expert on Judicial Reform of the EU Project Pravo-Justice*

Natalia Korol, *Head of Non-Governmental Organization «All-Ukrainian Association of Court Employees»*

16:55 – Best practices in reducing court budgets in war times

Jeffrey Apperson, *Ex Officio Lifetime Member of IACA and Vice President of International Relations of the National Center for State Courts (NCSC)*

Joseph Bobek, *Chief Financial Officer of the US Courts (Ret.), International Consultant, Immediate Past Chief Financial Officer of IACA*

17:15 – Q&A

17:30 – Closing Remarks

Speakers



Anna Adamska – Gallant, PhD, head of the Judicial Component of EU Pravo Justice Ukraine, expert in international humanitarian law and human rights, lecturer at the University of Wroclaw. She was a judge for 17 years, with 6 years in international judiciary in Kosovo, also as a justice of the Supreme Court. She was awarded PhD in law cum laude for her dissertation on “Vulnerable Witnesses in Practice of International and Hybrid Courts”.



David Vaughn, J.D. from the American University Washington College of Law, Attorney with more than 20 years of experience in designing, implementing, and evaluating legal and judicial reform projects around the globe. He currently serves as Chief of Party for the USAID Justice for All Activity in Ukraine, which focuses on strengthening judicial independence and self-governance, increasing judicial accountability and transparency, improving the administration of justice, including in war crimes cases, raising the quality of legal education, and expanding access to justice. David supervised and provided technical guidance to USAID-funded rule of law and commercial law reform projects in Albania, Armenia, Benin, Bosnia, Georgia, Guatemala, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Lesotho, Macedonia, Madagascar, Morocco, Mozambique, Namibia, Nicaragua, Russia, Rwanda, South Africa, Swaziland, Uzbekistan, and Zambia.



Jeffrey Apperson, Former Chief of Court Management for the International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia (ICTY). Vice President for International Relations of the National Center for State Courts (NCSC), Co-Founder and Ex Officio Lifetime Member of IACA, and Chairman of the International Institute of Justice Excellence (IIJE) in The Hague. Former President of the Federal Court Clerks Association and National Conference of Bankruptcy Clerks.



Natalia Korol, Chief of Staff of Vinnytsia Court of Appeals (Ukraine) since 2012. Head and co-founder of Non-Governmental Organization «All-Ukrainian Association of Court Employees». Certified trainer on working with the vulnerable categories of court users under Model Courts Initiative of the EU Pravo-Justice Project, member of the Court Management Institute as well as the Ukrainian Association of Women Lawyers (JurFem).



Oleksiy Salnikov, Head of the State Judicial Administration of Ukraine, Lawyer, Master of Civil Service, Postgraduate of the Institute of Public Administration of the Black Sea National University named after Petro Mohyla. Mr. Salnikov has 12 years of managerial experience in the area of production and in the field of public service. Since 2019, Mr. Salnikov has been working in the judicial system of Ukraine.



Olha Sribniak, Key National Expert for Judiciary Component of the EU Project Pravo-Justice. She has experience working in governmental and research institutions. In the project, she works on such areas as judicial education and training, uniformity of judicial practice and accountability mechanisms for atrocities committed in Ukraine.



Sergiy Suchenko, Legal Advisor with the USAID Justice for All Activity in Ukraine, judicial administration specialist with 20 years of increasingly complex legal professional experience, providing technical assistance for governance, policy development and court IT to Ukraine's judiciary.



Uliana Pashynna, Legal Advisor with the USAID Justice for All Activity in Ukraine, managing projects aimed at improving justice sector response to gender-based violence, including war-related sexual violence as well as capacity of Ukrainian courts to manage war crimes cases more effectively.



Joseph Bobek, independent Senior Consultant with over 40 years of experience working to improve the financial management processes and administrative activities in the US Federal Government and the International Judicial Community. He served for 33 years in the federal government where he held numerous senior financial management positions in several Agencies, ending his career as Chief Financial Officer of the US Courts.

Moderator



Luis María Palma, President of IACA, Lawyer, PhD in Political Science, PhD in Sociology, Doctorate and Post PhD in Law, Post PhD in Fundamental Principles and Human Rights. For over two decades he worked in judicial modernization projects funded by UNDP, USAID, NCSC, IADB and EU. He ran the National Direction of Judicial Modernization of the Ministry of Justice of Argentina and served honorarily as General Coordinator of the National Judicial Management Commission of the Supreme Court of Justice of Argentina.