



OVERVIEW OF ACTIVITIES OF THE UKRAINIAN BAR ASSOCIATION IN 2022

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INTRODUCTION

Be on time in the first hours of the invasion to take up arms and defend the country on the battlefield. Organize evacuation routes and at the border crossing points, provide advice to everyone who needs help. Go to the crime scene and document the evidence. Pick up the phone and provide legal assistance to all victims of Russia's armed aggression. Initiate the legislative changes required by the martial law regime. Work on finding the best mechanisms for countering the aggressor — from criminal prosecution to damage compensation. Promote the Ukrainian agenda on the international legal front.

Be on time and help everyone and under any conditions. Even if the help is not only legal. Therefore, a lawyer today is not only a lawyer, a judge, a prosecutor or a notary. A lawyer is a warrior, a volunteer, a driver of change, a reporter, and just a person.

We held and will hold our front until the last war criminal is on the dock. Until the last destroyed town is rebuilt and compensation is paid. Until justice is restored. And the world's security institutions and criminal prosecution procedures are reformed. This is our and every lawyer's life's work. And we will be on time.

You and I have already proved that the impossible is possible. It is together that we will do even more so that Ukraine wins!



President
Anna Ogrenchuk

Co-founder and managing partner of
LCF Law Group

INTRODUCTION



The year of 2022 occupied a special place in the history of the Ukrainian Bar Association. This is the year of the 20th anniversary of the Association and the time of summing up the results of two successful decades, and at the same time — the year of the most difficult test for the state and the Ukrainian people.

However, despite the unprecedented difficulties, the UBA is proud of its results. We managed not only to continue work on strengthening the rule of law, protection of human rights, and development of the legal profession but also to launch new initiatives aimed at countering the aggression of the Russian Federation against Ukraine.

We spent the year 2022 guided by the motto of the legendary Benjamin Ferencz, the last living prosecutor of the Nuremberg Tribunal:

“Replacing the rule of force by the rule of law”

And by his words: “Never give up! Never give up! Never give up!”

THE BOARD AND SECRETARIAT

2021 was a year of changes for the UBA. On July 2, 2021, during the 10th Western-Ukrainian Legal Forum, the elections of the UBA President and the Board were held in Lviv. According to the election results, the Board was almost completely renewed — by 85%. For the first time in the history of the UBA, a woman became the President - Anna Ogrenchuk, managing partner of LCF Law Group. The composition of the Board is also genderbalanced — 10 of the 19 members are women.

According to the Statute of the UBA, the Board consists of 19 persons - 8 members are elected from the Association's branches, 8 — from the sections, and 3 become ex-officio board members (President, Vice-President and retired President). The Board of the Association is elected for a term of 2 years.



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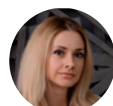
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Suleymanova,**
AGA Partners Law
Firm

The UBA Secretariat has also undergone changes. In November 2011, Inna Liniova was appointed to the position of Chief Executive Officer of the Association. To control and coordinate operational tasks, the position of Chief Operating Officer was created, which was filled by Viktoriia Krasnova. The team of the Secretariat was strengthened by introducing a new position — administrative secretary.



Inna Liniova,
Chief Executive Officer



Viktoriia Krasnova,
Chief Operating Officer



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Issues



Alona Lukash,
Head of Regional
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Andrii Maksymov,
IT Coordinator



Kateryna Babych,
SMM Manager



Dmytro Cheretun,
Communications Manager

Call for isolation and sanctions against the aggressor countries

The work on countering Russian aggression became the main priority in the activities of the UBA in 2022. Acting on behalf of the legal community of Ukraine, the UBA succeeded in synchronizing the efforts of Ukrainian lawyers and international and foreign legal associations, thus forming a united legal front. The UBA became the legal voice of Ukraine abroad, communicating the issue of the urgent introduction of economic and financial sanctions against the Russian Federation and Belarus, calling for the refusal of cooperation with Russian business, advocating the creation of the Special International Tribunal for the Crime of Aggression Against Ukraine, and many other measures.

For this purpose, the Association prepared and published about 50 statements, positions, and letters addressed, in particular, to parliaments and other authorities of numerous countries worldwide, international legal organizations, civil society and business. Dozens of events, a communication campaign and regular communication with foreign and national media have formed a community of like-minded people who consistently insist on applying all measures of international law to end the war and on the inevitability of punishment for all guilty.

As a result of the UBA efforts, on July 19, 2022, the New York State Bar Association approved a resolution prepared jointly with the UBA, in which it called on the UN General Assembly to take action by authorizing the UN Secretary-General to establish a tribunal(s) to consider the issue of violations of international law by the Russian Federation and committing, among other things, the crime of aggression against Ukraine and bringing guilty persons to justice. On August 9, 2022, the American Bar Association approved a similar resolution in which it called on the UN General Assembly to invite the UN Secretary-General to quickly report on “what further measures are necessary to ensure the prosecution of those who have committed war crimes, crimes against humanity, genocide and the crime of aggression”.

The legal ratings of Chambers and Partners and The Legal 500 EMEA excluded Russian and Belarusian law firms from the rating for 2022. The International Bar Association, the American Bar Association, and the New York State Bar Association issued statements that clearly indicated the illegality of the military invasion and the inadmissibility of the arguments of the Russian Federation. For its part, the Solicitors Regulatory Authority of England and Wales has updated its regulation and clearly allowed solicitors to refuse to represent interests or terminate contracts, among other things, on ethical grounds.

Hundreds of lawyers and law firms in Ukraine and around the world have made a conscious choice to stop providing legal services to Russian individuals and legal entities under sanctions, as well as to those who, by paying taxes in the Russian Federation, silently support the Kremlin's policy of aggression.

MORE DETAILS



COUNTERING AGGRESSION OF THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION

Support to the creation of the Special Tribunal for the Crime of Aggression Against Ukraine

Since aggression, or the “mother of all crimes,” is a cause and a factor that enabled the commission of war crimes, crimes against humanity, and alleged genocide that continue today, responsibility for this crime must occupy a central place in the system of public international law.

As of today, none of the mechanisms of international law and the existing international judicial institutions — the International Criminal Court, the International Court of Justice, the European Court of Human Rights — have jurisdiction over the investigation and prosecution of the crime of aggression against Ukraine. If the system of international public law, built since the beginning of the World War II, was not able to prevent an essential crime of the Russian Federation against Ukraine, then it must be reformed in view of the realities of the war in Ukraine.

That is why, from the very first days of the war, the UBA supports the establishment of the Special Tribunal for the crime of aggression against Ukraine. For this purpose, the UBA:

published a position on
the Tribunal



repeatedly addressed the
authorities of European
countries and the world



initiated and supported
petitions for the
establishment of the
Tribunal



organized dozens of
events devoted to the
establishment of the
Tribunal



Finally, the Association actively supported the activities of the Global Accountability Network — a society that includes the best experts in the field of international justice — in promoting the model of the Tribunal established with the support of the United Nations



Collection of evidence of war crimes

The UBA and the International Bar Association (IBA) collect evidence of war crimes by using the IBA EyeWitness to Atrocities app, which automatically generates metadata (exact time and geolocation) during recording. Thus, all the information uploaded to the app is ready to be used as evidence and does not require additional manual processing.

In 2022, 6 UBA and IBA coordinators advocated the usage of the app in different regions of Ukraine (Zaporizhia, Kharkiv, Sumy, Chernihiv, Odesa, and Mykolaiv) and directly documented evidence of crimes. Numerous meetings were held with authorities, law enforcement agencies and civil society in the capital and in the regions of Ukraine.

As a result of this activity, by the end of 2022, more than 28,000 photo and video files were generated in the EyeWitness to Atrocities app, and a memorandum of understanding was signed between the EyeWitness to Atrocities project and the Office of the Prosecutor General of Ukraine.



MORE ABOUT
EYEWITNESS CAN BE
FOUND HERE



During 2022, the UBA also supported the efforts of the **Global Accountability Network Ukraine Task Force** (GAN UTF) to gather open-source information on war crimes, crimes against humanity, and genocide committed by the Russian Federation in Ukraine.

About 50 UBA volunteers collected and analysed information that formed the basis of the GAN report on crimes of the Russian Federation in Ukraine from February to July 2022.



Euromaidan SOS and the UBA prepared and submitted to the OSCE Bureau of Democratic Institutions and Human Rights under the Moscow Mechanism a joint information report on Russia's war crimes in Ukraine.



Three members of the UBA were included in the mobile evidence collection teams created by the Office of the Prosecutor General jointly with **Global Rights Compliance**.

COUNTERING AGGRESSION OF THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION

Aid to civilians during the war

Already on February 25, 2022, the next day after the start of the full-scale war, the Association established the Hotline for Free Legal Assistance to individuals and businesses affected by the war.

Since February, the Hotline has processed more than 5,000 requests, issued more than 20 guides with answers to the most frequently asked questions within various spheres of law, developed a guidebook on the rules of migration to 25 countries, and involved about 200 volunteer lawyers.

The most popular topics for legal consultations were:

- mobilization and completion of service;
- border crossing and migration;
- internally displaced persons;
- labour relations during the war;
- taxation.

With the support of the IBA, the Association developed a separate website [https:// hotline.uba.ua/](https://hotline.uba.ua/) for the Hotline, as well as a dedicated Telegram bot.

THE UBA HOTLINE IS RECOMMENDED BY



YOU CAN LEARN MORE
ABOUT THE
UBA HOTLINE HERE



Assistance to lawyers during the war

In order to support Ukrainian lawyers, the UBA implemented initiatives aimed at:

- Provision of housing and visa support for lawyers who were forced to leave Ukraine. The Association became a platform for accumulating information from foreign colleagues and disseminating it among Ukrainian lawyers who need help. Among other things, the UBA also became a national partner of the Bar Council of England and Wales in providing housing for Ukrainian lawyers.
- Support with work and additional professional opportunities abroad. By developing constant communication and exchange of information with foreign associations, universities, as well as other organizations, the UBA has become a hub for assisting Ukrainian lawyers.



The story of Svitlana Pohribna, a participant in the housing search program in the United Kingdom.



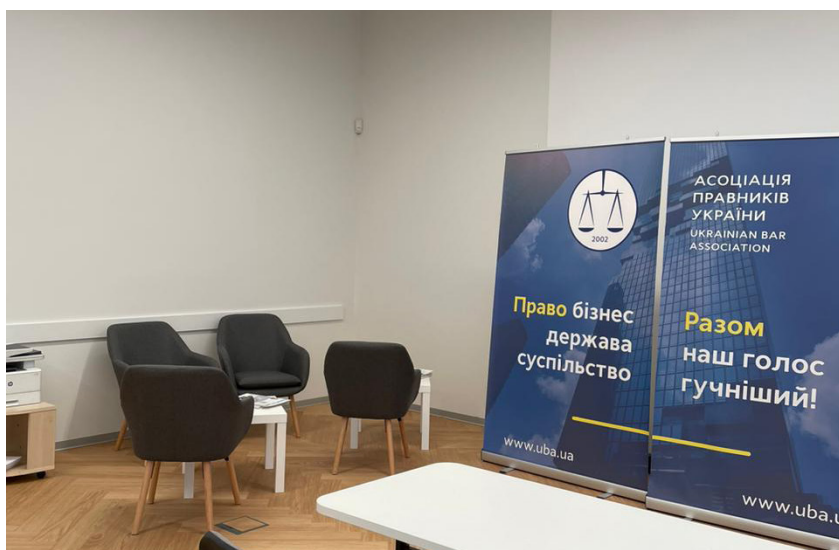
Collection of funds and financial assistance to lawyers in need. The UBA and the “Kind Hearts for Ukraine” Charity Fund signed a memorandum on cooperation. 8 persons already received help in 2022. Someone needed treatment after being wounded at the front, someone lacked warm clothes after escaping from the occupation, someone needed funds to repair an apartment damaged and looted by the Russians. Someone was in a difficult situation without a job.

Daria Predmestnikova, Kherson, currently lives in Lviv: *“I use various legal platforms at work, and on one of them, I saw that the Ukrainian Bar Association provides financial assistance to lawyers who suffered from the war. I immediately asked for help in purchasing warm things for our family. In the letter, I described my situation, I have a child in the first grade who, with me, escaped from the occupation. The UBA called me, then and I submitted all the supporting documents, after which the UBA agreed to provide me with financial assistance. Thank you very much”.*



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- Support with office premises. During the war and due to difficulties with electricity and the Internet, the UBA transformed its office into a co-working space and provided access to it to everyone who needed a place to work. In addition, the UBA partners in different parts of Ukraine also provided access to the offices.



- Assistance with relocation, office and informational support for lawyers from other regions was provided by JSC “Matviyev and Partners” in Lviv.



- Finally, the UBA, with the support of colleagues abroad, offers free membership to lawyers affected by the war. 10 lawyers have already joined us free of charge. Information on free membership is systematically updated on the organization’s website.



Compensation for damages caused by war

From the very beginning of the full-scale aggression of the Russian Federation against Ukraine, the UBA, together with the New York State Bar Association (NYSBA) and international experts with experience in the UN Compensation Commission for Iraq and Kuwait, analyzed international legal mechanisms on the compensation of damages caused by armed conflicts, and relevant practices of other countries. Based on the collected information and in view of the national legislation, the Association developed proposals regarding a possible compensatory mechanism for damages caused by the aggression of the Russian Federation. The UBA proposals were transferred to the key national authorities in March 2022.

At the same time, the Association appealed to the governments of more than 30 countries with a request to conduct an audit of the property of the Russian state and its legal entities on the territory of the relevant jurisdictions with the aim of further confiscation of such property for the purposes of compensation.

Also, the Association supported the recognition of the Russian Federation as a state sponsor of terrorism, analyzed the US regulations on the issue, and formed a pool of American experts who specialize in sanctions and seizure of assets.

To ensure documentation of damages caused to individuals and legal entities, the UBA, together with the IBA, advances the usage of the EyeWitness to Atrocities app, which automatically verifies the recorded material and protects the data from editing. App coordinators were appointed in six regions of the country, where most combat operations are conducted. In addition, the UBA and IBA held a series of events for business associations aimed at dissemination of information on the EyeWitness to Atrocities as a reliable tool for documenting damage. In view of these efforts, the app has already generated more than 30,000 photos and video evidence, including evidence of destroyed buildings and infrastructure. All the collected material is ready for usage in court proceedings at the national and international levels to recover compensation for the damage caused to the Russian Federation.



COUNTERING AGGRESSION OF THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION

In cooperation with the Global Accountability Network (GAN), the Association collects information from open sources on war crimes of the Russian Federation committed on the territory of Ukraine, including the destruction of civilian infrastructure, state, and private property, theft and export of grain, destruction of agricultural lands, etc. Since the respective reports of GAN and the UBA cover every day of the war and record all the crimes committed by the Russian Federation in Ukraine, they also contain information that will strengthen the position of the state and private individuals in proceedings to recover damages caused to the Russian Federation.

In addition, the UBA Hotline, which provides free legal assistance to Ukrainian citizens affected by the war, also generates information on damage caused to individuals and businesses. Since February 25, 2022, Hotline lawyers have provided answers to more than 5,000 requests, a large number of which relate to property damage.



The UBA committees have prepared a number of draft laws regarding the methodology of damages assessment, bankruptcy and enforcement of court decisions in cases in which one of the parties is a resident of the Russian Federation and other issues. In cooperation with the Supreme Court, the Association prepared a concept of lifting the sovereign immunity of the Russian Federation on the territory of Ukraine, followed by a respective draft law.

It is also worth noting that the Ministry of Reintegration of the Temporarily Occupied Territories of Ukraine included a member of the Board of the UBA in the Commission for Conducting an Audit of Damages Caused to Ukraine as the Result of the Armed Aggression of the Russian Federation. Other UBA members participate in the working group of the Ministry of Justice of Ukraine tasked with the development of a damages compensation strategy.

These and other measures of the UBA are aimed at supporting the efforts of authorities in resisting the aggression of the Russian Federation and developing compensation mechanisms, and this line of work remains a top priority of the legal community. To ensure the transparency and inclusiveness of the process of developing mechanisms for compensation for damage, as well as coordination of efforts, the Working Group on War Damages Compensation operates on the basis of the UBA.

INTERNATIONAL ACTIVITY

Integration of Ukrainian lawyers into the international legal community

- 1. In 2022, the UBA offered the international community new forms of cooperation that made it possible to integrate more closely with the international legal market and receive support for continuing activities on the legal front**

To this end, for the first time in its history, the UBA opened its doors to foreign lawyers and law firms, offering an option of international participation. More than 60 colleagues from abroad became international participants of the UBA.



And Greenberg Traurig law firm became the first international general partner of the UBA.



For the purpose of fundraising funds for charity, the UBA established a separate type of membership — “Honorary Patron”. All funds raised via this membership are directed to charity for the provision of assistance to Ukrainian lawyers.



In 2022, the UBA members had the opportunity to become members of the New York State Bar Association (NYSBA) and it’s International Section free of charge. About 40 Ukrainian colleagues took advantage of this opportunity.

In addition, the UBA members also received a discount for participation in the IBA Annual Conference, which was held in Miami, USA.



NYSBA’s Ukraine Task Force was created for supporting Ukraine and Ukrainian citizens residing in the USA. NYSBA Branch in Ukraine, which operates on the basis of the Ukrainian Bar Association, has been as active participant in this initiative.



INTERNATIONAL ACTIVITY

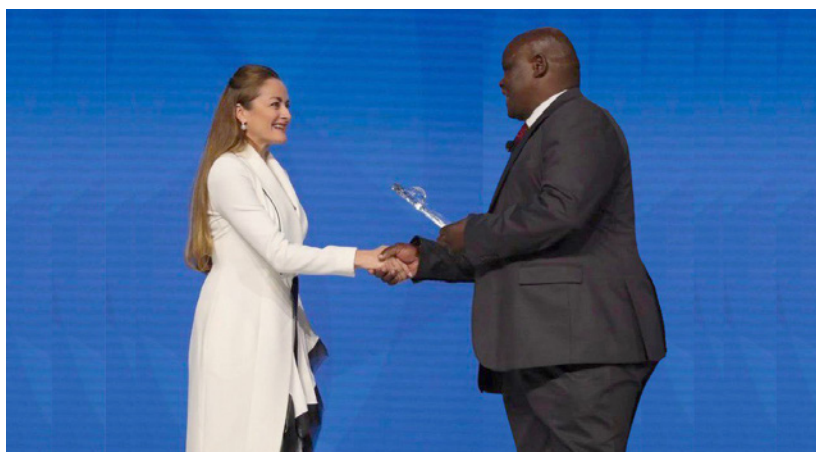
2. Awards

Due to its activities directed towards countering the aggression of the Russian Federation, the UBA has become a meaningful partner of legal communities in various countries of the world and has received a number of awards.

In June 2022, the UBA received an award from the President of the Madrid Bar Association, José María Alonso, for its active work in providing assistance to lawyers affected by the war of the Russian Federation against Ukraine.



In October 2022, the UBA received a special IBA award "For extraordinary leadership and dedication to the protection of human rights and the rule of law in Ukraine."



3. Within the scope of strengthening cooperation with the international legal community, the UBA signed memoranda with international organizations

In 2022, the Ukrainian Bar Association became a member of international organizations:

The European Association of Young Lawyers. In addition, a representative of the YBA became a member of the newly created Committee of the European Association of Young Lawyers from the Eastern Regional partnership



The International Association of Young Lawyers



The UBA joined the European Association of Corporate Lawyers as an observer



INTERNATIONAL ACTIVITY

4. Participation in international events

In the course of the year, the UBA participated in international events dedicated to the war in Ukraine, during which it continued to advocate the adoption of measures necessary for the restoration of the rule of law in the region.

From May 18 to 21, the International Bar Association Mid-Year Leadership Meeting 2022 was held in Vilnius. It was attended by Anna Ogrenchuk, President of the Ukrainian Bar Association.



On June 21-22, 2022, the Summer Conference of the International Section of the New York State Bar Association (NYSBA) was held in New York. A separate panel discussion was devoted to the war in Ukraine. It was attended by: **Serhii Kyslytsia**, Permanent Representative of Ukraine to the UN, and **Anna Ogrenchuk**, President of the Ukrainian Bar Association, Head of the NYSBA Chapter in Ukraine.

INTERNATIONAL ACTIVITY

The UBA President Anna Ogrenchuk took part in the 14th Annual Round Table on the International Law of the Chautauqua Institution “Resisting aggression: from Nuremberg to Kyiv”, which was held on August 28-30, 2022 in Chautauqua, USA, and ended with the approval of the Second Cycle of the Chautauqua principles, which concern the further reform of international criminal and humanitarian law.



the UBA took part in an interview on justice against Putin at the Turin International Book Fair.



The UBA Board member Anna Babych took part in the AIJA Conference.



Olga Vorozhbyt, Member of the UBA Board and partner of Kinstellar Law Firm, took part in the 45th General Assembly of the European Company Lawyers Association (ECLA), which was held on June 24, 2022, in Milan, Italy.



INSTITUTIONAL DEVELOPMENT OF THE UBA

MEMBERSHIP



MEMORANDA ON COOPERATION

The Association signed a memorandum of cooperation with the National Service on Mediation and Reconciliation



The UBA Committee on Constitutional Law, Administrative Law, and Human Rights concluded a Memorandum of Cooperation with the Irish Rule of Law International (IRLI)



With the assistance of the UBA, a Memorandum of Cooperation was also signed between the International Bar Association, the Ministry of Justice of Ukraine, and the Coordination Center for the Provision of Legal Assistance



THE UBA INSTITUTIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Partners

In 2022, the UBA managed to maintain cooperation with the main general partners and partners of the Association and continue to develop stable relations built on common values. For the first time, an international law firm joined the UBA as an international general partner.

In addition, cooperation has started with a new committee partner — Pragma Consulting Group (GR Committee).

General partners

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ASTERS

AVELLUM

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SAYENKO
KHARENKO

Sokolovskiy
and Partners

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law firm

The UBA General international partner

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Partner
of the GR Committee

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Partner of the Intellectual
Property Committee

Mamunya IP

Partner of the Committee
on tax and customs law

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COMMITTEES

In 2022, the list of the UBA committees remained unchanged. Despite the war, the committees continued to carry out their activities and took an active part in the legislative work.

Committee on Agrarian Law

Alternative Dispute Resolution Committee

Committee on Banking, Financial and Insurance Law

GR Committee

Intellectual Property Committee

Compliance Committee

Committee on Bankruptcy Law

Competition Law Committee

Committee on Constitutional Law, Administrative Law and Human Rights

Committee on Corporate law and Stock Market

Committee on Criminal and Criminal Procedural Law

Committee on Medical and Pharmaceutical Law

Mediation Committee

Committee on International Law

Committee on Migration Law

Real Estate and Construction Committee

Committee on Tax and Customs Law

Committee on International Trade Law

Energy, Oil and Gas Committee

Committee on Mass Media and Advertising Law

Committee on Telecommunications, Information Technologies and the Internet

Committee on Natural Resources, Nature Protection and Environmental Law

Committee on Procedural Law

Sports Law Committee

Committee on Transport Law

Labor Law Committee

Committee on Civil, Family and Inheritance law

COMMITTEES

TOTAL NUMBER OF COMMITTEES' EVENTS

62

TOP 5 COMMITTEES BY NUMBER OF MEMBERS

Committee on Corporate Law and Stock Market

825

Committee on Criminal and Criminal Procedural Law

825

Committee on Procedural Law

783

Committee on Civil, Family and Inheritance Law

761

Committee on Tax and Customs Law

638

LEGISLATIVE PROPOSALS OF COMMITTEES INCLUDE, AMONG OTHERS, THE FOLLOWING:

Draft Law of Ukraine "On Amendments to Certain Legislative Acts of Ukraine Regarding Proceedings in Bankruptcy Cases in Connection with the Aggression of the Russian Federation with the Support of the Republic of Belarus"

Draft Law of Ukraine "On Amendments to Certain Legislative Acts of Ukraine, Aimed at Ensuring the Rights and Guarantees of Participants in the Judicial Process During Martial Law in Ukraine"

Draft Law of Ukraine "On Amendments to Certain Legislative Acts of Ukraine on Regulation of Certain Types of Time Limits in Connection with the Introduction of the Martial Law."

Amendments to the Draft Law "On Amendments to Certain Laws of Ukraine Regarding Enforcement of Court Decisions, Decisions of Other Bodies (Officials) During the Period of Martial Law" No. 7317

Draft Resolution of the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine "On Temporary Measures to Limit the Functioning of State Registers Under Martial Law"

COMMITTEES

ALSO, THE ASSOCIATION ANALYSED AND PREPARED RECOMMENDATIONS ON THE FOLLOWING DRAFT LEGISLATIVE ACTS:

Amendments to the Draft Law of Ukraine No. 7025 “On Self-Regulatory Organizations”, the final and transitional provisions of which envisage significant changes to the Law of Ukraine “On the Bar and Practice of Law”



The need for exclusion by the International Trademark Association (INTA) and the International Association for the Protection of Intellectual Property (AIPPI) Russian and Belarussian members



Limitation of sovereign immunity of the Russian Federation on the territory of Ukraine

Compensation for damages caused by the war of the Russian Federation



Resumption of work by the working group tasked with the development of draft laws on improving the enforcement of court decisions

Ensuring the functioning of electric power facilities on some temporarily occupied territories of Ukraine



Protection of economic competition and improvement under the legislation on the activities of the Antimonopoly Committee in accordance with the principle of the rule of law and the course of European integration of Ukraine



Restrictions on the circulation of medicinal products, the production of which is located on the territory of the Russian Federation or the Republic of Belarus



COMMITTEES

Illegal crossing of the state border of Ukraine in violation of the requirements of regulatory and legal norms in a special period or during the operation of the legal regime of martial law



Monitoring of potential threats to the national security of Ukraine in the economic sphere



Restoration of work by the Business Ombudsmen Council in the regime that existed until February 24, 2022



Increasing efficiency in the work of the Bureau of Economic Security of Ukraine



Labor relations with judges who were forced to leave their own places of residence and are in other cities or abroad



In addition, the UBA committees, together with the Ministry of Justice of Ukraine and the EU project "Pravo-Justice," carried out operational monitoring of the legislation of Ukraine in the areas of the judiciary and the judicial system, criminal justice, forensic expert activities, execution of decisions and bankruptcy in the context of the war in Ukraine.



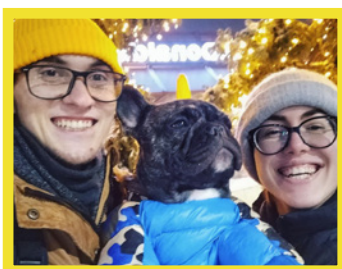
Based on the results of the monitoring, a report was prepared with proposals for amendments to the legislation in order to adapt the national legislation to the requirements of martial law.

Representatives of the legislative and judicial branches of government, representatives of private legal professions, and independent experts were involved in consultations within the framework of monitoring.

REGIONAL OFFICES

All 23 UBA regional branches continued to function stably in 2022. Their work was coordinated and supported by the Regional Coordinator.

Since the beginning of the war, regional branches have created a network of assistance to colleagues from regions where active hostilities took place. There was 24/7 communication regarding the provision of temporary shelter, humanitarian assistance, and assistance to colleagues who joined the ranks of the Armed Forces.



REGIONAL OFFICES

The UBA branches in the city of Kyiv and in the Kharkiv region regularly gather funds, which are being used to purchase cars and equipment for colleagues who are protecting Ukraine on the front.



The branch of the Ukrainian Bar Association in the Lviv region, in cooperation with legal activists of Lviv, submitted proposals to the city council regarding the naming of Lviv streets after the names of prominent lawyers associated with Lviv. This initiative ended with the adoption of the name of Stepan Fedak for the alley between Doroshenko and Kopernyka Streets in the city of Lviv.

In 2022, 6 UBA members from Zaporizhzhia, Kharkiv, Sumy, Chernihiv, Odesa, and Mykolaiv regions became regional coordinators of the UBA and the IBA on issues related to the use of the EyeWitness to Atrocities app for recording evidence of war crimes. Regional coordinators collected photo and video evidence of crimes committed by the Russian Federation in Ukraine and advocated the use of the application by state authorities, local self-government bodies, and law enforcement agencies. Numerous meetings were held with authorities, law enforcement agencies and civil society in the capital and in the regions of Ukraine.

Regional branches of the UBA also participated in the collection of information by the International Legal Assistance Consortium (ILAC) regarding the functioning of the justice system of Ukraine during the war. The collected information will be used to prepare the updated report **Under Assault: A Status Report on the Ukrainian Justice System in Wartime**.

4 members of councils of UBA regional branches became members of the Public International Law and Policy Group (PILPG), which work on the preparation of the strategy for the Office of the Prosecutor General on the investigation of major international crimes (war crimes, crimes against humanity, genocide, and aggression).

UBA STUDENTS' LEAGUE

In 2022, the UBA STUDENTS' LEAGUE resumed activities of the Cherkasy, Chernihiv, Khmelnytskyi, Mykolaiv, Poltava, and Kryvorizky branches and founded a new branch in the city of Kyiv on the basis of the Finance and Law College.

EVENTS:

All-Ukrainian school —
Legal Brand Forum 4.0
(Kharkiv branch)

Introductory meeting
with new members of the
League — Welcome to
the UBA Students' League

Completed online course
on "Legal foundations of
business"

Corporate training for the Board, PR
managers, event managers and external
relations managers

Local events: 44 events were held in
various formats (online, offline)



SOCIAL PROJECTS:

The All-Ukrainian project "Give warmth to the defenders" — the League's Board initiated a project on the production of trench candles. In total, several hundred candles were made and already warm up our soldiers in Bakhmut.

The 4th wave of the charity auction of meetings "Coffee — a chance for life" has begun with the aim of purchasing half a dozen drones for the 24th brigade of the Armed Forces of Ukraine. Among the lots, there were famous lawyers, politicians, journalists, actors, and musical performers. UAH 86,700 have already been collected!

The branches initiated 3 charity lotteries to support shelters: the collection of electronic cigarettes for the production of power banks for the Armed Forces and the fundraising money for yarn for the production of socks for defenders.

UBA STUDENTS' LEAGUE



GOVERNMENT RELATIONSHIP:

Trip of 12 active representatives of the League to Warsaw for training on intellectual property, organized by the US International Chamber of Commerce

Online event "Study your LLM in the USA"

A new column "Question — answer" with representatives of the public sector

Courses and Speaking Clubs on legal English, German and Polish languages were conducted

INTERNSHIP

15 internships/vacancies for law students have been published.

FORUM OF YOUNG LAWYERS

To support young lawyers of Ukraine, in particular, in the context of challenges for the profession caused by the war, the UBA resumed the work of the **Forum of Young Lawyers**. The Forum was coordinated by the winners of the UBA Best Young Lawyer Award.

With the support of the Council of Europe project “Strengthening the Profession of Lawyer in Line with European Standards in the Region”, the UBA joined the European Young Bar Association (EYBA). In addition, one representative from the UBA joined the newly created Committee of the European Association of Young Lawyers from the Eastern Partnership Countries.



In June 2022, a UBA representative took part in the Annual Conference of Young Lawyers, which was held in Strasbourg.

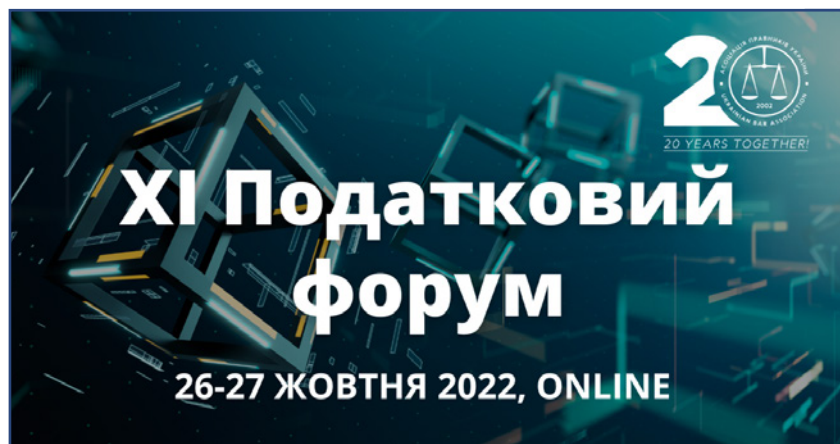


Events of the UBA Forum of Young Lawyers:

- June 8 — the UBA Young Lawyers Forum. “We resume work and determine activity vector.”
- June 23 — “Transition from a law firm to an IT in-house.”
- September 21 — “Steps of a lawyer abroad.”
- October 7 — “A lawyer in an international and expert organisations”
- October 24 — “Secrets of language learning.”
- November 14 — “Activities of international human rights organisations.”
- November 22 — “Personal Finance and Investing in Times of War.”
- November 29 — “Foreign LLM in modern conditions: programs, procedures, pitfalls.”

CONFERENCE HOUSE

In view of the war in Ukraine, the main UBA events planned for the spring and summer of 2022 were not held. At the same time, in the second half of the year, the Association returned to business as usual. In connection with the introduction of martial law, the key events took place in the online format.



XI TAX FORUM

26 — 27 OCTOBER

32%
PARTICIPANTS



MALE

68%
PARTICIPANTS



FEMALE

23%
PARTICIPANTS

**IN-HOUSES
(BUSINESS
REPRESENTATIVES)**

27%
PARTICIPANTS

ACADEMIA



IP UKRAINE NOW 2022

3 NOVEMBER

26%
PARTICIPANTS



MALE

74%
PARTICIPANTS



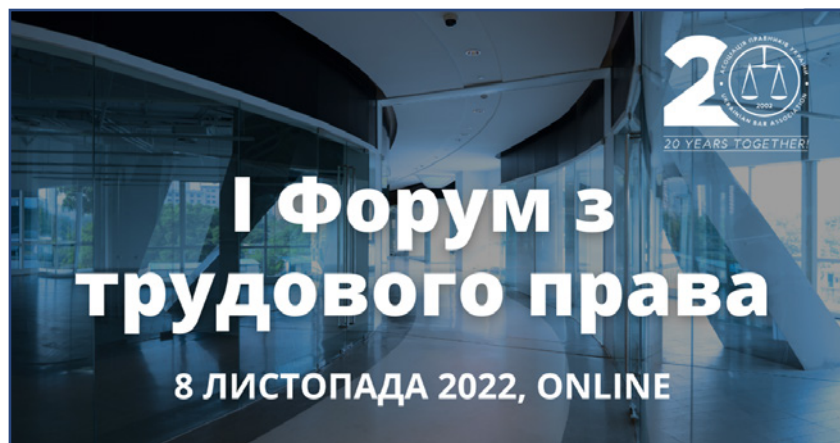
FEMALE

24%
PARTICIPANTS

**IN-HOUSES
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11%
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ACADEMIA



I FORUM ON LABOR LAW

8 NOVEMBER

24%
PARTICIPANTS



MALE

76%
PARTICIPANTS



FEMALE

32%
PARTICIPANTS

**IN-HOUSES
(BUSINESS
REPRESENTATIVES)**

16%
PARTICIPANTS

ACADEMIA

CONFERENCE HOUSE



**XI СУДОВИЙ
ФОРУМ**

ВОЄННА ТРАНСФОРМАЦІЯ ПРАВОСУДДЯ

7 ГРУДНЯ | м. Київ / online, 8 ГРУДНЯ | online

XI JUDICIAL FORUM

7 — 8 DECEMBER

47%
PARTICIPANTS

MALE




53%
PARTICIPANTS

FEMALE



39%
PARTICIPANTS

JUDGES



**III Форум з
міграційного права**

9 ГРУДНЯ 2022, ONLINE

III FORUM ON MIGRATION LAW

9 DECEMBER

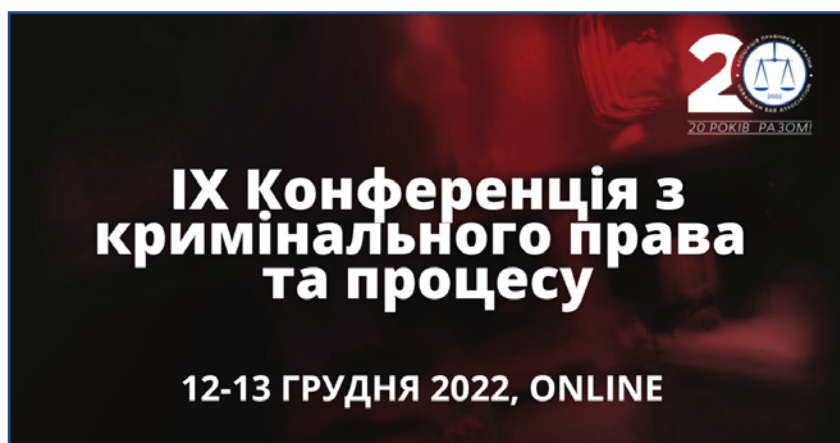
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MALE



84%
PARTICIPANTS

FEMALE

**IX Конференція з
кримінального права
та процесу**

12-13 ГРУДНЯ 2022, ONLINE

IX CONFERENCE ON CRIMINAL LAW AND PROCEDURE

12 — 13 DECEMBER

41%
PARTICIPANTS

MALE



59%
PARTICIPANTS

FEMALE



9%
PARTICIPANTS

PROSECUTORS

12%
PARTICIPANTS

JUDGES

14%
УЧАСНИКІВ

ACADEMIA

CONFERENCE HOUSE

INTERNATIONAL EVENTS

BUSINESS BREAKFAST REOPEN UKRAINE

31 OCTOBER



KYIV ARBITRATION DAYS

10 — 11 NOVEMBER



1,747 participants took part in the main events of the UBA (the average number of participants per event was about 200). 22% of participants were foreign lawyers.

INTERNATIONAL CRIMES COMMITTED IN UKRAINE

June 7 — Strategic proceedings at the European Court of Human Rights: the responsibility of the Russian Federation for massive and gross violations of human rights in Ukraine

June 10 — Presentation of the report "War Crimes of Russia Against Ukraine: Violations of International Humanitarian Law by the Russian Federation"

June 14 — Webinar "Eye-Witness to Atrocities: a Tool for Ensuring Reparations"

October 21 — Creation of the Special Tribunal for the Crime of Aggression Against Ukraine: urgent measures to restore the rule of law

15 грудня — Спеціальний трибунал щодо злочину агресії проти України: де ми зараз?

SPECIAL PROJECT

A joint initiative of the Ukrainian Bar Association and The Leavitt Institute for International Development — English Speaking Club for lawyers. As part of the initiative, 9 online meetings were held with American lawyers on previously announced topics.

CONFERENCE HOUSE

WEBINARS WITH THE SUPREME COURT:



February 17 — webinar with the Supreme Court: “Practice Of Consideration By Commercial Courts Of Disputes Arising From land Relations.”



April 8 — meeting with the President of the Supreme Court: “The current state and problems of the judiciary in relation to the war.”



June 15 — online meeting with the President of the Criminal Cassation Court within the Supreme Court — Stanislav Kravchenko



November 30 — webinar with the Supreme Court: “Actual Issues of the Application of the Norms of Criminal Procedural Law: the Practice of the Supreme Court”

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OTHER EVENTS:

February 11 — presentation of the New York State Bar Association Chapter in Ukraine

February 15 — webinar “To Restore the High Qualification Commission of Judges of Ukraine: Mission Accomplished”

April 27 — online meeting with Doctor of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences, British expert — Saleh Dumad: “Self-help. Stress management. Psychological stability”

May 9 — webinar: “Europe Day 2022: focus on Ukraine”

June 7 — webinar: “Strategic proceedings at the European Court of Human Rights: on the question of the responsibility of the Russian Federation for massive and gross violations of human rights in Ukraine”

June 9 — webinar: “Qualification exam and humanitarian scholarship for Ukrainian lawyers in England and Wales”

June 10 — online presentation of GAN UTF White Paper «War crimes of Russia against Ukraine: violations of international humanitarian law by the Russian Federation»

September 7 — Online interview with Mark Ellis, Executive Director of the International Bar Association (IBA)

PR AND COMMUNICATION

Significant strengthening of international communications, the establishment of relations with foreign media, and a noticeable increase in the share of English-language content took place in the course of 2022.

Last year, the UBA was mentioned in mass media 3,102 times, which is an average of 240 references per month. Compared to last year, the number of references has doubled (in 2021, the numbers were 1,479 per year /123 on average per month). Importantly, 30% of media mentions in 2022 were of English-language content.

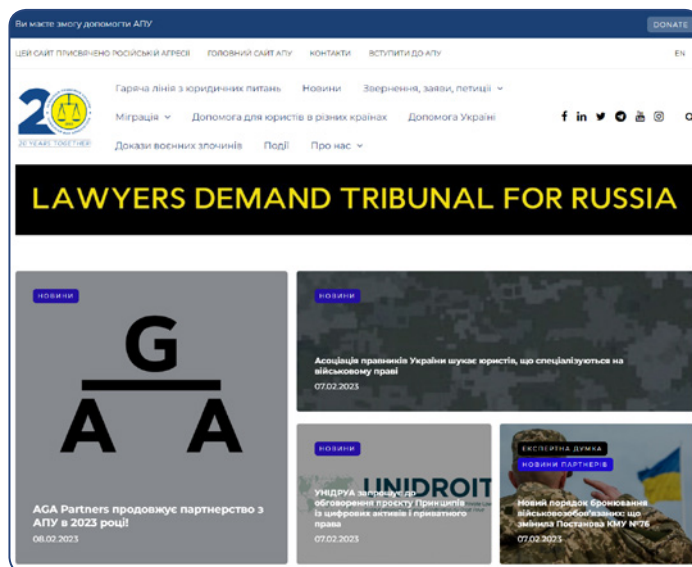
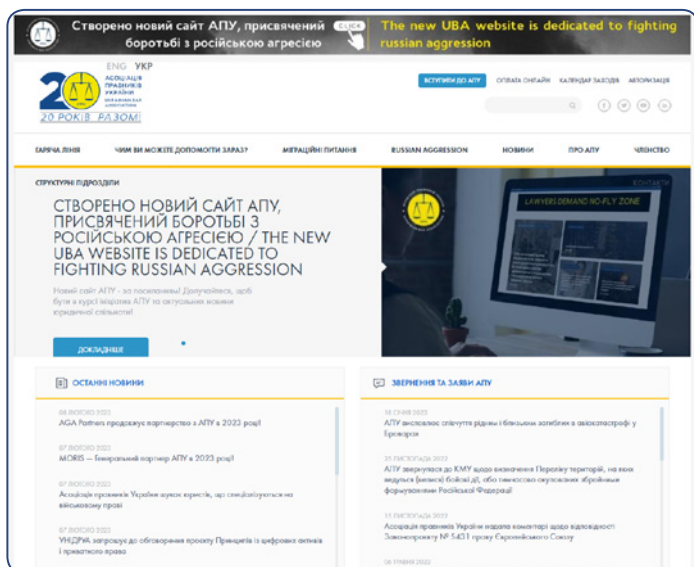
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PR AND COMMUNICATION

In 2022, the UBA implemented projects dedicated both to countering Russian aggression and to highlighting the contribution of Ukrainian lawyers to the struggle for freedom.

Special project “Lawyers of the Putin’s regime”



“Lawyers at War” project



The project “Women lawyers at war: without weapons, but armed”



Special project “Please meet international participants of the UBA”



Information campaign of the UBA and public organizations of Ukraine on the importance of ratifying the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court (ICC)



A new website dedicated to the fight against Russian aggression was created for prompt news coverage and for ease of communication with the audience: 2022.uba.ua



The Association prepared the instructions “How to surrender correctly” and “How to counteract collaborators and saboteurs”



Also, together with Euromaidan SOS, a memo was prepared for victims or witnesses of sexual violence during the war.

THE 20TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE UBA

COMMUNICATION DEDICATED TO THE 20TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE UBA

Informational materials with unique content — an interview with the first president of the UBA and the first members of the Association, as well as an interview with the current President of the UBA — were produced and published.



Ihor Shevchenko: «The UBA brings benefits — both to each individual lawyer and to the legal market in general»



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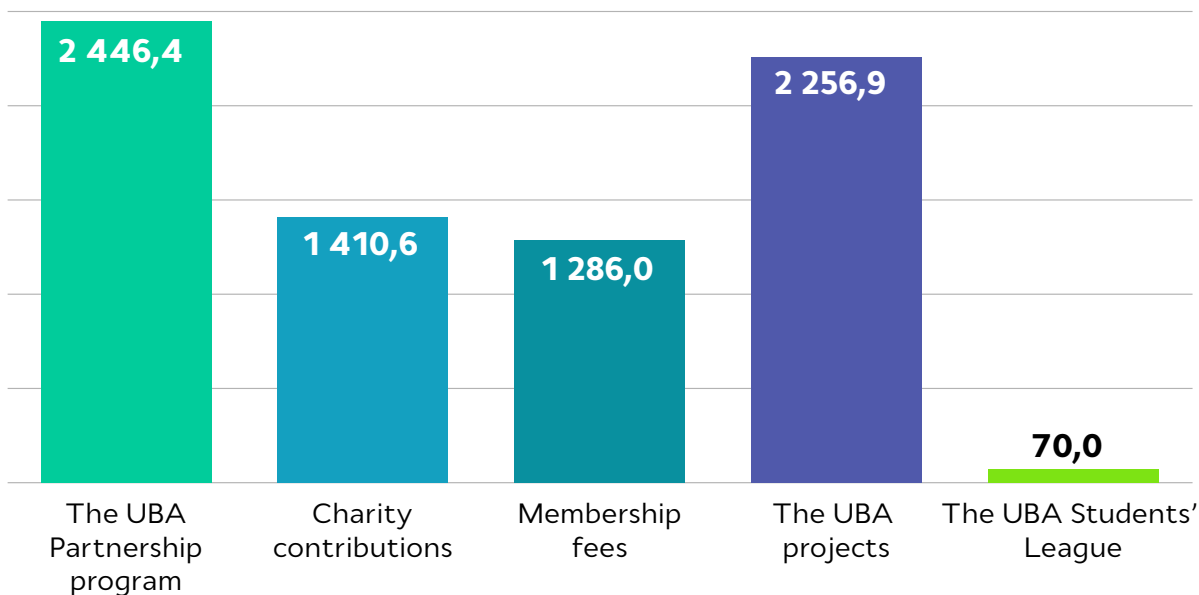


Video about the 20th anniversary

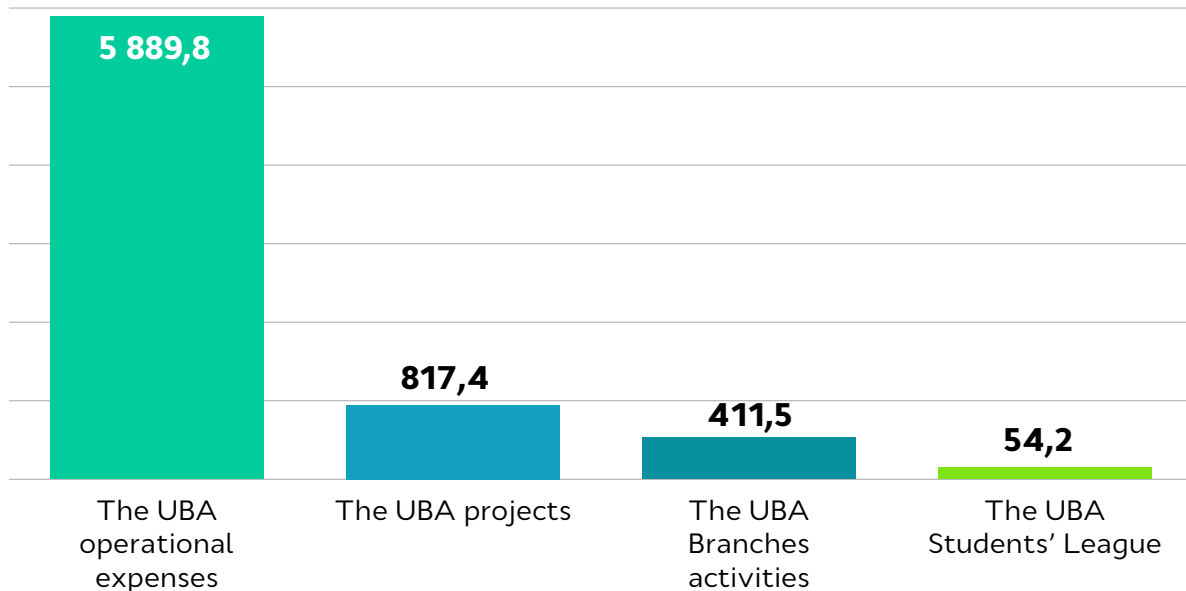


FINANCIAL REPORT

Inflow of funds to the Ukrainian Bar Association in 2022, thousand UAH



Expenses of the Ukrainian Bar Association in 2022, thousand UAH



Inflow of funds — expenses of the Ukrainian Bar Association in 2022

Nº	POSITION	thousand UAH
1	Inflow of funds	7 469,9
2	Expenses	7 172,9
3	Difference (1 row - 2 row)	297,0

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