

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

between

NEW YORK STATE BAR ASSOCIATION INTERNATIONAL SECTION

and

ALL-UKRAINIAN NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANISATION “UKRAINIAN BAR ASSOCIATION”

WHEREAS

- A. The New York State Bar Association (“NYSBA”) was established in 1876 with the objective of cultivating the science of jurisprudence, promoting reform in the law, facilitating the administration of justice and elevating the standards of integrity, honor, professional skill and courtesy in the legal profession. NYSBA has a number of sections, including the International Section (“NYSBA International”), which is responsible for, *inter alia*, representing NYSBA’s interests internationally.
- B. Ukrainian Bar Association (“UBA”) is a non-governmental, not-profit organization which unites lawyers from all areas of the legal profession in Ukraine. Since its establishment in 2002, UBA’s goal is to promote adherence to the rule of law in Ukraine and development of the legal profession. To this end, UBA conducts legal research and analysis, monitors progress of implementation of various legislative acts and processes in the justice system and beyond, organizes conferences, round tables and other events aimed at discussion of legislation and practices in a given field, and advocates for sustainable development of the justice sector protection of rights of members of the profession.
- C. Each association caters for the specialized interest of its members through the establishment of sections or groups.
- D. Each association has formed an international law section or group, the objectives of which include clarification and promotion of the rights of their respective members when practicing international law, practicing in foreign jurisdictions, or otherwise becoming involved in international transactions.

- E. The ability of each association to advance the interests of its members would be enhanced through close cooperation with the equivalent sections or groups of prominent law associations in other countries.
- F. There is a longstanding mutual respect between members of the UBA and members of the legal profession in New York State.
- G. With a considerable number of members of UBA also admitted to the State of New York Bar, there is a longstanding mutual respect between members of the UBA and members of the legal profession in New York State.
- H. The above shows that there are opportunities between the respective areas of the UBA and the United States and underscores the need for closer relations between the legal professionals of the UBA and NYSBA.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE UBA AND NYSBA INTERNATIONAL, DESIROUS OF MEMORIALIZING AN AGREEMENT RECOGNIZING THEIR COMMON INTERESTS AND GOALS AND TO FURTHER ENCOURAGE COOPERATION, RESOLVE AND STATE:

NYSBA International and the UBA:

- recognizing their mutual interests in the law,
- desiring to strengthen their co-operation in promoting the mutual respect and exchange between lawyers in both countries and the exchange of legal information and materials,
- recognizing their mutual support for the Rule of Law and the development of legal research work throughout the world,
- recognizing the growing importance of trade around the world and the need closer ties between people in the legal profession and the vital part played by the law in these relationships,
- recognizing the potential for more effectively addressing international legal issues through international programs, seminars, congresses, community outreach projects and the exchange of publications internationally; and
- recognizing the advantages inherent in developing and improving understanding within each jurisdiction of the laws of the other jurisdictions relevant to international business transactions, commercial disputes, human rights and the transnational delivery of legal services,

hereby agree that they will seek to enhance the honor of the law and the profession of law and to develop and maintain a relationship based on mutual respect and co-operation, and that through exchanges based on mutual respect and co-operation, and specifically through exchanges as appropriate of legal publications, materials and information, as well as visits of lawyers, and possibly through the conduct of educational events, they will endeavor to strengthen the bonds which join them as members of the international legal profession, and

hereby further agree that each will provide the deliverables, post-signing, that are listed in the Addendum to this agreement and will discuss with each other offering beneficial membership terms to those seeking to join. The Addendum may be amended or modified by written agreement of both parties, which agreement may be accomplished by an exchange of e-mail communications, without the need to amend or modify this agreement.

New York State Bar Association



T. ANDREW BROWN
President, New York State Bar Association

December 7, 2021

Dated

Ukrainian Bar Association

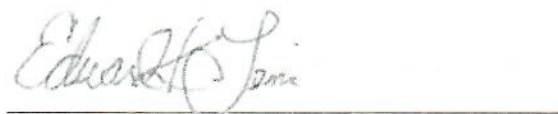


Signed ANNA OGRECHUK, President

8 December 2021

Dated

**New York State Bar Association
International Section**



EDWARD K. LENCI
Chair, NYSBA International Section

December 7, 2021

Dated

ADDENDUM TO THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

The following are the deliverables referenced in the MOU:

1. UBA will provide an e-mail contact list or send an e-mail, to be created by NYSBA, on NYSBA's behalf inviting members to receive ongoing communications within 60 days of MOU signing.
2. NYSBA may partner with UBA to deliver a minimum of one (1) CLE program within 6 months of the MOU signing.
3. UBA may opt to provide additional e-mail communications to its members throughout the year, highlighting key NYSBA activity that may be relevant to its members.
4. NYSBA may provide a membership discount to UBA members, inviting them to join.
5. NYSBA's International Section may provide a section membership discount to UBA members, inviting them to join upon first joining NYSBA.
6. The parties will exchange information, organize joint events and other activities, in particular in the areas of international private law, commercial arbitration, international trade, IT, agricultural law and land market, taxes, compliance, money-laundering, government relations and other topics falling under the scope of expertise and interest of both UBA and NYSBA.

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