



**UKRAINIAN AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION  
42<sup>nd</sup> ANNUAL CONFERENCE**

**November 1-2, 2019**

**Rayburn House Office Building, Room 2044**

**45 Independence Ave., SW**

**Washington, DC 20515**

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***THE TENACITY OF UKRAINE'S DEMOCRACY:  
OVERCOMING OBSTACLES AND AGGRESSION***  
**Conference Program\***

**Thursday, October 31, 2019**

6:00 – 8:00 p.m. Meet & Greet Reception (Business Casual) at the Hyatt Regency Capitol Hill Hotel

**Friday, November 1, 2019**

8:15 a.m. Enter the Building/ Registration/Coffee.

9:00 a.m. Opening Remarks, UABA President/Treasurer *Oksana Pelekh, Esq.*

9:05 a.m. Andrii Yanevskiy, Chargé d'Affaires, a.i. of Embassy of Ukraine  
in the United States.

"Current Political Developments in Ukraine"

9:30 a.m. Panel Discussion: "Ukraine- Subject or Serious Player in International Politics?"

Moderator: *Myroslava Gongadze*, Award-Winning Journalist;  
Chief, Ukrainian Service, Voice of America.

Panelists:

*Melinda Haring*, Editor Ukraine Alert, Senior Fellow at the Atlantic Council

*Amb. John E. Herbst*, Director of the Atlantic Council's Eurasia Center

Former U.S. Ambassador to Ukraine

*Glen E. Howard*, President, the Jamestown Foundation

**10:30 a.m. Break**

10:45 a.m. *Paul A. Goble*, Adjunct Professor at the Institute of World Politics  
"Can Ukraine Recover from Steinmeyer?"

11:30 a.m. *Hon. Bohdan Futey*, Senior Judge, U.S. Court of Federal Claims 2/3  
“Legal Challenges for the Government of Ukraine”

**12:00 p.m. Lunch Break**

1:00 p.m. Panel Discussion:  
“Russia’s Aggression Against Ukraine: Are There Paths Toward A Solution?”  
Panelists:  
*Dr. Steven Blank*, Senior Fellow at the American Foreign Policy Council  
*Dr. Olena Nikolayenko*, Associate Professor and Associate Chair for  
Undergraduate Studies, Department of Political Science, Fordham University.  
*Dr. Mariya Snegovaya*, Fellow, Johns Hopkins University School of Advanced  
International Studies; Adjunct Fellow, Center for European Policy Analysis.

2:00 p.m. Panel Discussion: “Assessing Freedoms in Ukraine”  
Panelists:  
*Ayla Bakkalli*, Representative of the Mejlis of the Crimean Tatar People at UN  
Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues; US Representative to the World Congress of Crimean  
Tatars.  
*Orest Deychakivsky*, Former Policy Adviser for Belarus, Bulgaria, Moldova,  
Romania and Ukraine, U.S. Helsinki Commission.  
*Adrian Karmazyn*, Special Advisor, Strategic Communications and Development;  
U.S.-Ukraine Foundation.

3:00 p.m. Panel Discussion:  
“US and European Perspectives on Ukraine’s Economic Situation”  
Panelists:  
*Ivan Bilaniuk*, Esq. Partner, Dinsmore & Shohl, LLP.  
*John Didiuk*, Director, International Project Finance Overseas Private Investment  
Corporation (OPIC).  
*Alexander Gordin*, Managing Director Broad Street Capital Group, New York.  
*Michele Small*, Director, Head of Representative Office- North America, European  
Bank for Reconstruction and Development. (EBRD)

4:00 Adjournment

**4:30- Networking Reception for Attendees and Invited Guests**

**6:30 p.m.** Location: The Gold Room (Rayburn Building)

**Saturday, November 2, 2019**

9:00 a.m. Enter Building/Registration/Coffee.

9:30 a.m. Hon. Timothy Tymkovich, Chief Judge, United States Circuit Court of Appeals  
for the 10th Circuit, “Welcoming Remarks”

9:45 a.m. Andrew Futey, President, Ukrainian Congress Committee of America (UCCA)  
“The Role of the Organized Ukrainian American Community  
in Supporting Ukraine”

**10:15 a.m. Break**

- 10:30 a.m. *Ivanna Bilych*, Esq., President of VOLYA Institute for Contemporary Law and Society,  
“Mercenaries and States’ Responsibility in the Armed Conflict in Ukraine”.
- 11:15 a.m. Andriy Parubiy, Member, Committee on National Security, Defense & Intelligence,  
Parliament of Ukraine, Chairman of Parliament of Ukraine (2016-2019).
- 11:45 a.m. Panel Discussion: “US / Ukraine Relations and the Impact on Law in Ukraine”  
*Markian Silecky*, Esq., UABA Governor, Polsinelli  
*Olexiy Soshenko*, Esq., Managing partner at Redcliffe Partners
- 12:30 p.m. Lunch Break**
- 1:30 p.m. *Bohdan Shandor*, Esq., Chairman, UABA Committee on Legislative Affairs.  
“Ukraine’s View from Capitol Hill”
- 2:00 p.m. *Rep. Andy Harris, M.D. (R-MD)*, Co-Chair, Congressional Ukrainian Caucus.  
“The Congressional Ukrainian Caucus--How it Works in an Age of Partisanship”
- 2:45 p.m. Adjournment
- 3:00 p.m. Meeting of the Membership of the UABA and Election of Officers and Directors.  
(Open only to Current UABA Members)

Saturday Evening, November 2, 2019

***RECEPTION AND BANQUET***  
HYATT REGENCY CAPITOL HILL HOTEL  
400 New Jersey Ave., NW  
Washington, DC 20001

(Deadline to register for the Banquet is [October 27, 2019](#))

- 6:00-6:30 p.m. Cocktail Reception (Cash Bar).
- 6:30- 9:00 p.m. Banquet Dinner.
- Keynote Speaker: TBA

\*Speakers and scheduling subject to change without notice.