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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- Present – 2007 XI 5** **YOUNG LAWYERS OF UKRAINE COUNCIL, MINISTRY OF JUSTICE OF UKRAINE**, a civic advisory organization
Position & tasks: Head, presiding over the Council of some 30 young lawyers, leaders of civic professional organizations united to advise the Ministry of Justice on policy issues in (1) legal education, (2) legal awareness, and (3) drafting of laws related the interests of the youth; represent the Council in-between session period.
Achievements: elected by overwhelming majority; successfully proposed to Council to initiate in Ukraine an international moot court competition alike [Jessup](#) and [Telders](#); successfully facilitated the out-court settlement of the issue of student travel discount guarantee for all-year-long period (not only 10 months) that concerns 1,6 million Ukrainian students.
- Present – 2006 V** **«YURYDYCHNA HAZETA», YUR.GAZETA**, a leading Ukrainian legal newspaper (Kyiv)
Position & tasks: Editor-in-chief (from October 2007), [Editor](#) (from May 2006): as a professional journalist in charge of editorial office and newspaper's policy; write editorials and cover stories, conduct high-profile interviews and journalistic investigations.
Achievements: recognized for influential jurisprudential publications and insightful interviews; promoted to editor-in-chief; newspaper is gradually associated with my name as editor.
- Present – 2005 IX** **NATIONAL UNIVERSITY «KYIV-MOHYLA ACADEMY», LAW SCHOOL** (Kyiv, Ukraine)
Position & tasks: [Associate Professor](#) (Docent): teach courses on European Human Rights Law and Politics, public law Moot Courts and lawyer's Professional responsibilities and do legal research.
Achievements: initiated in KMA innovative courses on moot courts and European Human Rights Law; trained contest-winners; 2007 recommended to the state for the awarded of the teaching status of «Docent».
- Present – 2003 II** **KYIV UNIVERSITY OF LAW**, and **UNIVERSITY OF MODERN KNOWLEDGE LAW SCHOOL** (Kyiv)
Position & tasks: Associate Professor (as of March 2005): teach Legal Anthropology, Legal Theory covering philosophy of human rights, Axiology of Law, Sociology of Law, and Advanced English for Lawyers. As of 2007 seized active teaching activities to concentrate on teaching at KMA Law School.
Achievements: introduced innovative courses and methods of teaching; published on subjects of teaching. its outcomes.
- Present – 2005 IV 26** **NAT'L ACADEMY OF SCIENCES OF UKRAINE, V. M. KORETSKY INSTITUTE OF STATE AND LAW** (Kyiv)
Position & tasks: Institute's Scientific Fellow: legal encyclopaedia work, research in philosophy of law, constitutional law, and comparative jurisprudence. Engaged in the work of the Center for Legal Encyclopaedic Publications. Consult graduate students on dissertational research (from November 2007).
- Present – 2003 III 25** Secretary-in-charge, editorial board member of International Review «Philosophy of Law Issues» (ISSN: 1818-992X): editorship and management.
Achievements: regularly co-organize all-Ukrainian scientific event; entrusted the work with the leading journal in the legal philosophy in Ukraine; tens of entries in the award-winning 6 volume Legal Encyclopaedia.
- 2005 I 31 – 2004 II 1** **HEIDELBERG UNIVERSITY, LAW FACULTY** (Heidelberg, Germany)
Position & tasks: Visiting Research Scholar ([DAAD](#) Fellow): research in the areas of philosophy of law, constitutional law, and legal education & profession (under supervision of [Prof. Dr. Brugger](#)).
Achievements: awarded competitive [DAAD](#) scholarship; improved the level of working knowledge of German; wrote & published articles on the legal philosophy and comparative legal education.
- 2000 I 31 – 1998 XI 9** **JONES, DAY, REAVIS & POGUE, Law Firm** (Frankfurt am Main, Germany & Kyiv, Ukraine)
Position & tasks: Associate with firm's Business Practice Group: advised clients on foreign investment laws, specialized in corporate law, and international business transactions primarily under Ukrainian and Russian law. Worked under the supervision of Managing partner [Karl Herold](#). Discharged in the time of Europe's (German) economic stagnation as the Firm discontinued providing service to a major client serviced with my advice.
Achievements: entrusted the advice and supervision over clients' matters in a multimillion investment project in Ukraine; worked on due diligence teams in high-profile business transactions.
- Present – 1998 VI** **PROFESSIONAL TRANSLATOR & INTERPRETER.**
Position & tasks: translate and interpret from and into English/German/Ukrainian/Russian.
Achievements: tens of legal publications, classical works translated into Ukrainian.
- 1998 I–III** **ROMANELLI LAW OFFICES** (Hartford, CT, USA)
Position & tasks: Part-time law clerk: conducted legal research; assisted in litigation.
- 1997 VI – 1996 VI** **UKRAINIAN LEGAL FOUNDATION** (Kyiv, Ukraine)
Position & tasks: Program Manager and Legal Dep't Intern: managed all-Ukrainian law student programs; negotiated with governmental officials, law school deans; organized meetings, workshops. Drafted contracts, bylaws, etc.
- 1997 V – 1996 V** **UKRAINIAN LAW STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION** (Kyiv, Ukraine)
Position & tasks: The first President-elect, Executive Director of the largest then student professional organization: coordinated activities of local members', all-Ukrainian law competitions, job fairs, ULSA publications, public and foreign relations: travelled to visit law schools all over Ukraine, represented ULSA at events of [ILSA](#), [ELSA](#), [BALS](#) (Belarus), etc.
Achievements: elected by overwhelming majority; developed ULSA into the largest Ukrainian youth professional civic organization (membership grew from 13 to 19); assisted in settling and guiding member-organizations, established international relations.
- Summers, 1994–97** **INTERNSHIPS** at L'viv Regional Court, Prosecutor Office, Legal Dep't of Tyachiv District Council (Ukraine)
Position & tasks: Intern: assisted in conducting legal research for judges and prosecutors; advised on municipal, constitutional legislation; drafted resolutions, contracts; negotiated with non-governmental organizations and enterprises, participated in an election campaign of the parliamentary-seat winning candidate.

EDUCATION & PROFESSIONAL TRAINING

2007 VII 2-27
2006 VII 3-28

INTERNATIONAL INSTITUTE OF HUMAN RIGHTS (Strasbourg)

Attended (and passed a certificate examination) the 37th and 38th Annual Study Sessions on international protection of human rights and victims' rights. Also visited [European Court for Human Rights](#), met with Judges, [lawyers](#) and published [articles](#) thereon.
Achievements: awarded partial scholarships; prepared and published reportages on ECHR; systematized and published some research on public hearings and legal career at ECHR

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2000 XII 1

NAT'L ACADEMY OF SCIENCES OF UKRAINE, V. M. KORETSKY INSTITUTE OF STATE AND LAW (Kyiv)

Studies towards the doctorate of law («candidate of juridical sciences») in the philosophy of law, also research and teaching responsibilities. Degree awarded (2004) for thesis «[Man in Law: an Axiological Approach](#)» (supervisor Prof. Dr. V. D. Babkin).

Achievements: admitted to country's most prestigious legal research institution, with a stipend; successfully wrote dissertation during studies; travelled the world and met with legal scholars in US and Germany where also worked in libraries; became the first Institute's full-time graduate student to defend dissertation in the philosophy of law; entrusted the role of the secretary and editorial board member of the newly founded international journal (Philosophy of Law Issues); was offered the job at the Institute despite the fact that legal philosophy is not institutionalized.

2000, VII 3-14
VI 19-30

ACADEMY OF EUROPEAN LAW of EUROPEAN UNIVERSITY INSTITUTE (Florence, Italy)

Participant in the Courses on Human Rights and EU Law.

Achievements: awarded scholarship (tuition waived); studied the Italian language and culture.

1998 V 17 –
1997 VII 1

UNIVERSITY OF CONNECTICUT SCHOOL OF LAW (Hartford, CT, USA)

Master of Laws (LL.M.) in U.S. Legal Studies. Specialized in Business and Corporate Law. LL.M Thesis: «Foreign Investment Legal Infrastructure of Ukraine and the U.S. Impact on its Development» (supervisor Dean Emeritus, Prof. of Law and Business [Phillip Blumberg](#)).

Achievements: awarded country's most competitive E. Muskie Graduate Fellowship covering all costs of studies and living during the Program as well as prestigious Dean's Scholarship.

1997 V-VI

Admitted to LL.M programs of Oxford University, Central-European University, and the Connecticut University (chose the later due to the financial aid provided).

Attended Relevant Law Courses during studies at L'viv University:

1996 VII-VIII

HAGUE ACADEMY OF INTERNATIONAL LAW (Hague, The Netherlands), Int'l Public Law Course.

1996 III

NICOLAUS COPERNICUS UNIVERSITY, J. Monnet Centre for Legal Studies (Poland), Intensive Course on EU Law.

1995 VIII

ALPBACH SUMMER SCHOOL OF AUSTRIAN COLLEGE (Alpbach, Austria), EU Law and Politics Course.

Achievements: awarded competitive stipends, fellowships to attend the courses.

1997 VI 27 –
1991 XII 1

IVAN FRANKO L'VIV NATIONAL UNIVERSITY, LAW FACULTY (Incl. Pre-Law Department) (L'viv, Ukraine)

'Specialist' Diploma (Degree) in Law with Highest Honours in Law and 'Certificate on English Language Proficiency' (professional translator). Recipient of the Stipend for a best law student. Specialized in Civil Law, Legal Theory and English. Diploma Thesis: 'European Community Law (General Theoretical Aspects)' (supervision of Prof. Dr. Petro Rabinovych).

Achievements: awarded Diploma with Highest Honours; won numerous scientific law student contests, represented law students at the University Academic Council, edited a law student newspaper, headed a successful law school organization (Law Students' Union), etc. Admitted to the Internship Programs of the Parliaments of Ukraine (1995) and Canada (1997) (did not attend due to commitment to concentrate on developing the local law student organization and the need to take university finals in 1997).

1991 VI 17 –
1981 XI 1

TYACHIV HIGH SCHOOL № 1, Tyachiv

Achievements: awarded the «Atestat» (degree) with Honours (the Silver Medal). Completed studies with excellent grades only.

1974 XI 09

BORN in Tyachiv, the Transcarpathian Region – Zakarpattya

In the family of obstetrician-gynecologist Maria and engineer Stepan Bihuns

PUBLICATIONS

Authored more than 250 publications ([see the list publications](#)), including:

- Two monographs and three forthcoming books «[LEGAL PROFESSION AND EDUCATION: THE U.S. EXPERIENCE IN COMPARATIVE PERSPECTIVE](#)» (Publishing House «Justinian», Kyiv, 2006. 272 p.) in Ukrainian. See [review](#) of manuscript in English by Hon. US Federal Judge Bohdan Futey. «MAN IN LAW: AN AXIOLOGICAL APPROACH» (a Dissertation Monograph as Manuscript), Kyiv 2003.
- In preparation: «MAN AND LAW: INTERDISCIPLINARY RESEARCH», «PHILOSOPHY OF LAW IN UKRAINE (1990-2007)», «THE CONSTITUTIONAL LAW OF UKRAINE» (the latter: a book contract with the Kluwer Law International).
- More than 20 scientific articles in leading national *scientific* law journals (relating to philosophy of law, including that of human rights, sociology of law, anthropology of law, constitutional law, comparative jurisprudence, etc.)
- More than 10 translations of classic works in jurisprudence from English and German into Ukrainian (e. g., Gustav Radbruch's «DER MENSCH IM RECHT», Eugen Ehrlich's «SOZIOLOGIE DES RECHTS», Winfried Brugger's «THE IMAGE OF THE PERSON IN THE HUMAN RIGHTS CONCEPT»)
- More than 20 encyclopaedia entries in leading national encyclopaedias («LEGAL ENCYCLOPAEDIA», «DICTIONARY OF POLITICAL SCIENCES», «INTERNATIONAL POLICE ENCYCLOPAEDIA»)
- More than 150 publications in popular [law journals](#), [newspapers](#) on contemporary issues in Ukraine and abroad
- 3 course detailed syllabi for law students (e. g., on Anthropology of Law)
- 3 book reviews (e. g., of Nicola Lacey's «[The Life of H. L. A. Hart](#)»).

WORKING LANGUAGES

Ukrainian, Russian, English, German, Italian, and French; understand some other Slavic languages.

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Awards & Honours: awarded competitive stipends, fellowships for studies and research by the Governments (and affiliated programs thereof) of Austria, the EU, Germany, the Netherlands, Ukraine, the U.S. Graduated with honors and excellent grades from the High School, the L'viv University, the V. M. Koretsky Institute of State and Law of the National Academy of Sciences of Ukraine. Presently, a [AFP HESP](#) Fellow.

Membership: All-Ukrainian Association for Philosophy of Law and Social Philosophy ([IVR Ukraine](#)) (the Secretariat).

Hobby, Interests: the cinema, travelling, psychology, playing soccer, reading memoirs.

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