



**UKRAINIAN AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION
41st ANNUAL MEETING**

November 9-10, 2018

Longworth House Office Building,

Room 1539

15 Independence Ave. SE

Washington, DC 20515

**US-UKRAINE:
NEW POLICIES, STRATEGIES AND LESSONS FROM THE PAST**

Conference Program*

Friday, November 9, 2018

8:30 a.m. Registration / Coffee

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

9:15 a.m. *Victor Rud, Esq.*, Chairman, UABA Committee on International Affairs & Foreign Policy.
“The Iceberg Beneath the Mueller Investigation: Understanding Our Understanding--or Not--of Russia.”

10:00 a.m. *Dr. Michael Carpenter*, Senior Director of the Penn Biden Center for Diplomacy and Global Engagement; and Nonresident Senior Fellow at the Atlantic Council.
“Russia’s War Against Ukraine and the West; US Sanctions; the Danger of Russian Efforts to Occupy the Azov Sea; the Need for a New Approach and Strategies for Defending Ukraine and the USA Against the Russian Threat.”

10:45 a.m. *Mark Voyger*, Senior Lecturer in Russian and Eastern European Studies, Baltic College.
“Russian Lawfare.”

11:30 a.m. *Dr. Gene Fishel*, Senior Advisor, Bureau of European and Eurasian Affairs at the U.S. Department of State. (Dr. Fishel will be speaking personally, off the record and not in any official capacity.) “What the U.S., Ukraine and International Community Should Do to Restore the Territorial Integrity of Ukraine.”

12:15 p.m. **Coffee / Lunch Break.**

- 13:00 p.m. The Russo-Ukrainian War, Challenges for Ukraine and the West
Amb. Volodymyr Vassylenko, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Ukraine.
“Ukraine’s Legal Remedies and Countermeasures Against the Russian Federation.”
Semen Kabakaiev, Co-founder of Project “Stop Terror” and “War Crimes of Russia.”
“Russia’s Use of Military, Religion, and Political Means in Its War with Ukraine.”
- 13:45 p.m. The Holodomor - Mass Murder by Starvation.
Victor Rud, Esq., Chairman, UABA Committee on International Affairs & Foreign Policy.
“Deconstructing the *Dezinform* and Why It Matters Today.”
Hon. Bohdan Futey, Senior Judge, U.S. Court of Federal Claims. “Legal Recognition of the Holodomor as Genocide: International Covenants, Agreements, and Court Decisions.”
- 14:45 p.m. Panel Discussion: “International Convention for the Suppression of the Financing of Terrorism and of the International Convention on the Elimination of all Forms of Racial Discrimination in the case of Ukraine v Russian Federation.”
Moderator: *Ivanna Bilych, Esq.*, Professor in the Graduate Lawyering Program at NYU Law School; Co-founder / President, Volya Institute for Contemporary Law and Society.
Panelists:
Covington & Burling, LLP
Marney Cheek, Esq., Partner
Jonathan Gimblett, Esq., Partner
David Zions, Esq., Partner
- 16:15 p.m. Panel Discussion: “US and European Perspective on Ukraine’s Economic Situation.”
Moderator: *Markian Sileckiy, Esq.*, UABA Board Member; Partner, Dentons--Kyiv and New York offices.
Panelists:
Michele Small, Director, Head of Representative Office- North America, European Bank for Reconstruction and Development.
Boris Chumak, Desk Officer, Office of Russia, Ukraine & Eurasia, Global Markets Unit, International Trade Administration, US Department of Commerce, Washington, DC.
- 17:00 p.m. Conclusion of Program (Exit the Building)

Saturday, November 10, 2018

- 9:30 a.m. Registration / Coffee.
- 10:00 a.m. Panel Discussion: “Recent Political Developments in Ukraine.”
Moderator: *Bohdan Shandor, Esq.*, Chairman, UABA Committee on Legislative Affairs.
Panelists:
H.E. Valeriy Chaly, Ambassador of Ukraine to the United States (invited)
Amb. John Edwards Herbst, former U.S. Ambassador to Ukraine (invited)
Amb. Roman Popadiuk, former U.S. Ambassador to Ukraine (invited)

- 11:15 a.m. *Dennis Gurak*, Partner, Member of the Supervisory Board at Innovations Development Platform and Senior Fellow at The Potomac Foundation.
“The Role of Ukraine in the Global Security System and its Internal Implications.”
- 12:00 p.m. Coffee / Lunch Break**
- 12:45 p.m. *Bohdan Shandor, Esq.*, Chairman, UABA Committee on Legislative Affairs.
“A Non-Partisan Review of the U.S. Mid-term Elections and How They May Impact Ukraine on Capital Hill.”
- 13:15 p.m. *Professor Vasyl V. Kostytsky*, President of the Association of Ukrainian Lawyers. “A Modern State in a Dialogue with Civil Society.”
- 14:45 p.m. *Dennis Ovcharov*, Partner, The Lavrynovych & Partners Law Firm, Kyiv, Ukraine. “Criminal Proceedings as a Form of Coercion on Business in Ukraine.”
- 15:15 p.m. Closing Remarks (Exit from Building)
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GALA RECEPTION AND BANQUET
Saturday, November 10, 2018
Joe's Seafood, Prime Steak & Stone Crab Washington D.C.
750 15th Street NW
Washington, DC 20005
Register Early
(Limited Space)
(Registration Deadline for the Banquet is November 7th)

6:00-6:30 p.m. Cocktail Reception (cash bar).

6:30- 9:00 p.m. Banquet Dinner

Keynote Speaker: Rep. Andy Harris, (R-MD).
Co-chair, Congressional Ukrainian Caucus.
