

# VALERIYA ZAYETS

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Multilingual (English/Russian/Ukrainian) professional with 5-plus years of experience in regulatory compliance, litigation, legal research, and managing projects in the non-profit, private and government sectors in the US and Ukraine within the food law area. Team player with strong analytical, interpersonal and communication skills.

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

### Graduate Research Assistant

*University of Arkansas School of Law*

*Fayetteville, AR  
2015 – Present*

- Analyzed US and international law issues in food labeling and global food security.
- Researched case studies for China-Africa agricultural trade and investment project.

### Legal Counsel

*Ministry of Agrarian Policy and Food of Ukraine*

*Kyiv, Ukraine  
2014 – 2015*

- Provided regulatory and comparative EU food law advice to the Ministry.
- Analyzed Ukrainian and EU legislation in agrarian policy, food security, and animal welfare.

### Senior Associate

*United Service of Legal Assistance, LLC*

*Kyiv, Ukraine  
2012 – 2014*

- Resolved food labeling and marketing compliance claims for the company and its affiliates.
- Implemented pro-bono project of legal education about nutrition and food rights for school-aged children in Kyiv schools.

### Paralegal

*Ushakov and Partners, LLC*

*Kyiv, Ukraine  
2011 – 2012*

- Analyzed international and domestic cases in food law for fast-growing corporate law firm.
- Prepared documents including agreements, complaints, motions, orders, answers and pleadings.

## EDUCATION

### University of Arkansas School of Law

Candidate for LL.M. in Agricultural and Food Law

*Fayetteville, AR  
2015 – 2016*

- Graduate Assistantship Award, University of Arkansas School of Law
- GPA 3.6.

### Taras Shevchenko National University of Kyiv

LL.M. in Energy Law

*Kyiv, Ukraine  
2013 – 2015*

- Dean's List: 2013-2014.

### Kyiv National Economic University

Bachelor's degree in Law

*Kyiv, Ukraine  
2009 – 2013*

- Dean's List: 2011-2012.
- Merit award letter from the Ministry of Education and science of Ukraine for the first place at All-Ukrainian chemistry competition at Minor Academy of Sciences of Ukraine, Kyiv, Ukraine, June 24, 2009.

## **PUBLICATIONS**

- *Collective Research Report: Corporate Codes of Conduct*, International Bar Association, Anti-Corruption Sub-Committee (forthcoming 2016).
- *Establishment and Development of Human Rights in Reproductive Medicine*, Kyiv University Law Journal, 305 (2014).

## **CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS**

- Poster - *U.S.–Ukraine Agricultural Trade Agreements: Past, Present and Possible Future*, 36th Annual Educational Symposium, American Agricultural Law Association, Charleston, SC, October 21 – 23, 2015.
- Paper - *State Regulation and Certification of Biofuels in EU and Ukraine*, International Conference “Recent Issues of Development and Interaction in Public and Private law”, Western NGO “Center for Legal Initiatives”, Lviv, Ukraine, March 20-21, 2015.
- Paper - *Problematic Issues of Legal Status of Commercial Court of Ukraine*, International Conference “Ukraine's Legislation in the Light of Current Active Reform Process”, Kyiv Center of Legal Research, November 21-22, 2014.

## **VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE**

### **Mock Trial Judge Volunteer**

*William H. Sutton Barrister's Union Mock Trial Competition at the University of Arkansas School of Law*

*Fayetteville, AR, October 5-23, 2015*

- Participated as scoring judge at nine moot trials.
- Evaluated Law students' performance and assigned scores

### **Volunteer**

*UEFA EURO 2012*

*Kyiv, Ukraine, June, 8 – July, 1, 2012*

- Provided pro-bono legal service to foreigners.
- Collaborated with English and Ukrainian speaking staff, stakeholders and the public.

## **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

- US Permanent Resident (eligible to work in US)
- Proficient in MS Office Suite, LexisNexis, Bloomberg Law and Westlaw
- Licensed to practice law by the Ukrainian Bar Association