



USAID
FROM THE AMERICAN PEOPLE

State Judicial Administration of Ukraine & International Association for Court Administration

Online Conference “Gender Approach into the Justice System”

December 12, 2023

15:00 – 17:00 Kyiv time / 8:00 – 10:00 am EDT

Co-organizers: State Judicial Administration of Ukraine, International Association of Court Administration (IACA), EU Project “Pravo-Justice”, USAID Justice for All Activity.

Goals: To discuss and find solutions on the implementation of a gender approach into the justice system of Ukraine, organization of court proceedings in a gender sensitive manner, and best international experiences on gender aspects of war crimes adjudication; to strengthen cooperation of the SJA with IACA.

Audience: Members of the High Council of Justice, representatives of the State Judicial Administration of Ukraine, Council of Judges, National School of Judges, chief judges, court administrators, court staff, and international partners.

Languages: English/Ukrainian (simultaneous interpretation)

Moderators: **Prof. Dr. Luis María Palma**, President of the International Association for Court Administration (IACA), **Yevheniia Bondarenko**, National Expert EU Project Pravo–Justice.

Program

15:00 – Welcoming Remarks

Prof. Dr. Luis María Palma, *President of the International Association for Court Administration (IACA)*

15:05 - Implementation of a gender approach into the justice system of Ukraine

Olga Bulka, *Honorary Lawyer of Ukraine, Deputy Head of the State Judicial Administration of Ukraine*

Dr. Tetyana Fulei, *Honorary Lawyer of Ukraine, Ph.D. in Law, Head of the Department of Research and Methodological Support of Judicial Education, National School of Judges of Ukraine*

Hrystyna Kit, *Head of the Association of Women Lawyers of Ukraine “JurFem”*

15:40 – Best practices in organizing court proceedings in a gender sensitive manner

Martin Hackett, *EU Project Pravo-Justice international expert, international Prosecutor and Barrister, UK*

Alicia Davis, *Principal Court Management Consultant with the National Center for State Courts, US*

16:05 – Gender Issues in court proceedings and war crimes adjudication

Nadiia Stefaniv, *Justice of the Criminal Cassation Court within the Supreme Court, President of the Ukrainian Association of Women-Judges*

Dr. Anna Adamska-Gallant, *Key international expert of the EU Project Pravo-Justice, Former International Judge of the EU Mission in Kosovo*

Stanislav Petrenko, *Prosecutor of the War Crimes Department at the Office of the Prosecutor General*

Sonja Prostran, *Chief of Party, USAID Judicial System Strengthening Activity (JSSA), EWMI Uzbekistan*

16:50 – Q & A

17:00 - Closing Remarks

Speakers



Olga Bulka, Deputy Head of the State Judicial Administration of Ukraine, member of the International Association for Court Administration (IACA) and non-government organization The All-Ukrainian Association of Court Employees. Ms. Bulka has been working in judicial institutions for over 30 years, including 4 years as the Head of the High Council of Justice Secretariat, 5 years as the Supreme Court Chief of Staff, and over 7 years as the Deputy Head of the State Judicial Administration of Ukraine. Ms. Bulka was conferred the Honorary Lawyer of Ukraine title in 2013.



Dr. Tetyana Fuley joined the Ukrainian Academy of Judges in 2003. Since 2012 she has overseen the Department on Research and Methodological Support of Judicial Education at the National School of Judges of Ukraine, where she leads the development of the skills-based training courses for the judiciary. She led the teams that developed the National Standards of Judicial Training (2014). Since 2006, she has been representing Ukraine in the Council of Europe HELP Program (Human Rights Education for Legal Professionals). Dr. Fuley has been engaged as an Expert in international technical assistance projects, including Judicial Training for EBRD-IDLO Commercial Law Judicial Capacity Building in the Kyrgyz Republic (2006-2008, 2010-2011), Judicial Training Centre in Tajikistan to develop a methodology, testing system and monitoring and evaluation systems (2010), Safeguarding Human Rights through Courts, implemented by the OSCE PCU (2014-2018), several CoE projects. She is an author of more than 100 publications, including 15 manuals for judges on human rights, ECtHR case law, and gender equality.



Khrystyna Kit, Head of Ukrainian Women Lawyers Association “JurFem”, Attorney at Law, Ph.D in Law. Ms. Kit is a co-author of a distance online course for lawyers “Legal Assistance to Victims of Domestic Violence” and “Guidelines for Lawyers on Identifying Gender Discrimination and Assistance to Victims”. Also, she is the author of 13 scientific papers, a graduate of international human rights programs.



Martin Hackett, EU Project Pravo-Justice international expert, international Prosecutor and Barrister with over 27 years' experience. Former Head of the War Crimes Prosecution Unit for the Special Prosecution Office for the Republic of Kosovo. Managing relationships with national prosecutors, liaising with the Serbian prosecution office, and prosecuting high profile defendants within a challenging political context in the Kosovo Courts. Between 2015-2021 was Senior Trial counsel at the UN sponsored Special tribunal for Lebanon in The Hague investigating and prosecuting targeted terrorist attacks against political figures within the context of the middle east. Currently he works as an expert with Pravo-Justice in Ukraine as part of the genocide and Conflict Related Sexual Violence teams within the Atrocity Crimes Advisory group as well as advising on fair trial rights in Iraq and Kurdistan for a British Government project. He also continues to practice in the United Kingdom as a specialist counter terrorism prosecutor, in cases involving sexual violence and matters that have vulnerable victims.



Sonja Prostran, COP for East-West Management Institute (EWMI), USAID Judicial System Strengthening Activity in Uzbekistan. Judge Prostran has a significant experience related to improving court administration and case management in Serbian courts, rule of law and judicial reform in general, human rights and social issues having dealt with governmental and non-governmental institutions, including High Court Council, the Ministry of Justice, local courts of all levels, Judicial Academy, Judges Association in Serbia, and vulnerable/disadvantaged groups. During her tenure as a judge in the Second Municipal Court in Belgrade and District Court in Belgrade, Ms. Prostran contributed significantly to making the administration of justice more efficient and transparent. She has succeeded in establishing a victims' and witnesses' support unit within the District Court in Belgrade and contributed to improving its public relations and communications.



Alicia Davis has been a Principal Court Management Consultant with the National Center for State Courts since 2010. Since 2017, Alicia has directed the Mark S. Cady Initiative for Family Justice Reform, a partnership with IAALS, NCJFCJ and AFCC, to guide courts towards improved outcomes for families while managing costs and controlling delays. She currently oversees Automating Family Justice Triage, a special initiative supported by the State Justice Institute. This project brings together experts in family law, domestic violence and dispute resolution to innovate working prototypes to assist courts across the country. Alicia oversaw CCJ/COSCA's Rapid Response Team Committee on Children, Families and Elders, the Domestic Violence Implementation Lab, the Case Management Lab, and the Build-a-(Backlog)-Dashboard Series to provide guidance to courts post-pandemic and beyond. Alicia was a child and family law attorney before entering court administration



Nadiia Stefaniv, Justice of the Criminal Cassation Court within the Supreme Court, President of the Ukrainian Association of Women-Judges, Lecturer of the National School of Judges of Ukraine, Graduate of the "Rule of Law, Democracy and Human Rights Program" (The Hague, Netherlands, 1997), International Human Rights Law Course (Warsaw, Poland, 2007), International Training Program on "Preventing and responding to gender-based violence - strengthening agents of change" (Stockholm, Sweden, 2018), author of 9 publications on human rights issues in the criminal procedure. Justice Stefaniv has been working as a judge for more than 33 years, in 2008 she was elected as the Deputy Chief Judge of the Court of Appeals of Ivano-Frankivsk region, in 2009-2014 - the Chief Judge of this court, which at that time implemented several pilot projects on juvenile justice, effective management methods court and the openness and transparency of the court system, the court's communication strategy. Justice Stefaniv is a member of the Commission on coordinating the cooperation of executive authorities to ensure equal rights and opportunities for women and men. She is a co-author of training courses for judges on gender equality, combating domestic violence, writing judgments in war crimes cases and many others. Currently, Justice Stefaniv is engaged in efforts aimed at effective justice in war crimes cases, in particular related to violence against women.



Anna Adamska – Gallant, PhD, head of the Judicial Component of EU Pravo Justice Ukraine, expert in international humanitarian law and human rights, lecturer at the University of Wroclaw. She was a judge for 17 years, with 6 years in international judiciary in Kosovo, also as a justice of the Supreme Court. She was awarded PhD in law cum laude for her dissertation on “Vulnerable Witnesses in Practice of International and Hybrid Courts”.



Stanislav Petrenko has been working at prosecution bodies since 2014. He currently holds the position of Head of the Organizational and Methodological Division within the Department for Combating Crimes Committed During an Armed Conflict of the Prosecutor General’s Office. The main areas of activities include developing standards for the investigation of war crimes, analysis of case law, drafting and revising changes to legislation, and organizing trainings and other activities. Since 2020, Mr. Petrenko has been a trainer at the Training Center for Prosecutors of Ukraine.

Moderators



Luis María Palma, President of IACA, Lawyer, PhD in Political Science, PhD in Sociology, Doctorate and Post PhD in Law, Post PhD in Fundamental Principles and Human Rights. For over two decades he worked in judicial modernization projects funded by UNDP, USAID, NCSC, IADB and EU. He ran the National Direction of Judicial Modernization of the Ministry of Justice of Argentina and served honorarily as General Coordinator of the National Judicial Management Commission of the Supreme Court of Justice of Argentina.



Yevheniia Bondarenko, PhD, Associate Professor of Law Institute, Vadym Hetman Kyiv National Economic University. EU Project “Pravo-Justice”, National Expert on implementation solutions for ensuring better access to justice for vulnerable groups of court users within the Model Court Initiative, dissemination of model practices among Ukrainian courts and judiciary, community building, training of judges and court staff, representatives of the judiciary and NGOs on establishing services and system of support for vulnerable court users including witnesses and victims of specific types of violent crimes.