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*State Judicial Administration of Ukraine & International Association for Court Administration*

## Online Conference “Establishing the system of support to vulnerable groups of court users and victims of war crimes”

**April 25, 2023**

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

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

**Goals:** to discuss and find solutions for pressing war-time court administration issues, considering the best international experience; to promote effective court administration and management, in particular in war conditions; to strengthen cooperation of the SJA with IACA.

**Audience:** representatives of the State Judicial Administration of Ukraine, Council of Judges, National School of Judges, Supreme Court; chief judges; court administrators; court staff; and international partners.

**Languages:** English/Ukrainian (simultaneous interpretation)

**Moderator:**

**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)*

**Oleksiy Salnikov**, *Head of the State Judicial Administration of Ukraine*

**Anna Adamska - Gallant**, *Key International Expert on Judicial Reform of the EU Project Pravo-Justice*

**David Vaughn**, *Chief of Party, USAID Justice for All Activity (TBC)*

### 15:20 – Specifics of working with witnesses and victims of war crimes as a particularly sensitive group of court participants

**Evelyn Anoya**, *Adjunct Professor at DePaul College of Law, International Justice Consultant with TAG International, former Chief of Judicial Services at the Special Tribunal for Lebanon*

**Katerina Shunevych**, *Head of the Analytical Center JurFem (Ukrainian Women Lawyers Association)*

### 15:40 – Best practices for arranging premises in the court for working with different categories of vulnerable persons

**Sonja Prostran**, *IACA*

### 16:00 – Access to justice for vulnerable groups of court users

**Oleksiy Nesterenko**, *Judge of the Ingulets District Court of the city of Kryvyi Rih, Dnipropetrovsk region*

**Alina Kirakosian**, *Deputy chief of staff of the Ingulets District Court of the city of Kryvyi Rih, Dnipropetrovsk region, member of Non-Governmental Organization «All-Ukrainian Association of Court Employees»*

### 16:20 – Courts volunteer service

**Natalia Korol**, *Head of Non-Governmental Organization «All-Ukrainian Association of Court Employees»*

**Anna Mostetska**, *Judge of the Ternopil City District Court of Ternopil Region*

### 16:40 – Q&A

### 16:50 – Closing Remarks

## Speakers



**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”.



**David Vaughn**, J.D. from the American University Washington College of Law, Attorney with more than 20 years of experience in designing, implementing, and evaluating legal and judicial reform projects around the globe. He currently serves as Chief of Party for the USAID Justice for All Activity in Ukraine, which focuses on strengthening judicial independence and self-governance, increasing judicial accountability and transparency, improving the administration of justice, including in war crimes cases, raising the quality of legal education, and expanding access to justice. David supervised and provided technical guidance to USAID-funded rule of law and commercial law reform projects in Albania, Armenia, Benin, Bosnia, Georgia, Guatemala, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Lesotho, Macedonia, Madagascar, Morocco, Mozambique, Namibia, Nicaragua, Russia, Rwanda, South Africa, Swaziland, Uzbekistan, and Zambia.



**Evelyn Anoya** is currently an Adjunct Professor at DePaul College of Law and an International Justice Consultant with TAG International, a British company, operating in the world’s most challenging areas in the fields of strategic capacity building programs, institutional and public sector reform, peacebuilding and national security development; former Chief of Judicial Services at the Special Tribunal for Lebanon; Legal Coordinator in the Registry of the UN International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia and Pro Se Liaison on the case of Prosecutor v. Slobodan Milosevic. Ms. Anoya has extensive experience in international justice with a focus on judicial administration and capacity strengthening. Committed to a human-centered design approach to organizational development.



**Oleksiy Salnikov**, Head of the State Judicial Administration of Ukraine, Lawyer, Master of Civil Service, Postgraduate of the Institute of Public Administration of the Black Sea National University named after Petro Mohyla. Mr. Salnikov has 12 years of managerial experience in the area of production and in the field of public service. Since 2019, Mr. Salnikov has been working in the judicial system of Ukraine.



**Natalia Korol**, Chief of Staff of Vinnytsia Court of Appeals (Ukraine) since 2012. Head and co-founder of Non-Governmental Organization «All-Ukrainian Association of Court Employees». Certified trainer on working with the vulnerable categories of court users under Model Courts Initiative of the EU Pravo-Justice Project, member of the Court Management Institute as well as the Ukrainian Association of Women Lawyers (JurFem).



**Sonja Prostran** is a former Serbian judge and a leading advocate of court administration reform, with a significant experience in the area of public administration. Judge Prostran currently serves as Chief of Party for East-West Management Institute (EWMI) under USAID – funded Judicial System Strengthening Activity (JSSA) in Uzbekistan aimed at increasing judicial efficiency and access to justice by strengthening supporting capacities of the court system as well as the legal knowledge and awareness of court users. Judge Prostran has significant experience related to improving court administration and case management in courts in Serbia and Bosnia-Herzegovina, the rule of law and judicial reform in general, human rights and social issues having dealt with governmental and non-governmental institutions, including judicial councils, ministries of justice, local courts of all levels, judicial academies, professional associations, and vulnerable/disadvantaged groups. During her tenure as a judge in the Second Municipal Court in Belgrade and the First Basic 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. Judge Prostran also conducted a regional survey and wrote a seminal report on how to increase transparency in war-crimes cases. Judge Prostran also has extensive experience as a trainer, having trained and lectured on many human rights and legal protection topics to diverse audiences, including judges and legal personnel, NGOs, and public in general. Sonja Prostran is one of IACA's founding members and serves as a member of its European Board..



**Oleksiy Nesterenko**, Judge of the Ingulets District Court of the city of Kryvyi Rih, Dnipropetrovsk region (Ukraine) since 2016, acting as a judge speaker since 2021. Certified trainer for the implementation of services for vulnerable categories of court users of the Model Courts Initiative, program of the EU project Pravo-Justice; Doctor of Philosophy in the field of law, senior lecturer of the Kryvorizka Educational and Scientific Institute of the Donetsk State University of Internal Affairs of Ukraine. Co-coordinator of the Regional Council on Justice Reform.



**Alina Kirakosian**, Deputy chief of staff of the Ingulets District Court of the city of Kryvyi Rih, Dnipropetrovsk region (Ukraine) since 2021. Member of the public organization All-Ukrainian Association of Court Employees; Successful graduate of the certified course of the EU Project Pravo-Justice Model solutions for the communication of Ukrainian courts. Completed a training course under the professional training program in public management and administration. Lawyer, philologist, Master of Law.



**Anna Mostetska**, Judge of the Ternopil City District Court of Ternopil Region (Ukraine) since 2013, acting as a judge speaker since 2019. Certified trainer on working with the vulnerable categories of court users under Model Courts Initiative of the EU Pravo-Justice Project as well as the National school of Judges of Ukraine. She initiated a program “Court volunteer service” at her court - winner of the contest “Model Court of the Year” in the category “The Best Volunteer Service in Court.”



**Kateryna Shunevych**, Lawyer, Ukrainian Women Lawyers Association JurFem Board Member (from 2019), Head of the Analytical Center Jurfem – a think tank that conducts research on the adherence of public authorities’ activities to the principles of gender equality and non-discrimination on the basis of sex. Currently PhD student of the Department of Criminal Procedure and Forensics of the Faculty of Law of the Ivan Franko National University of Lviv. She has been a visiting scholar at the University of Wroclaw, Poland (2020) and the University of Alberta, Canada (2022). From September to November 2022 – the lecturer of the course “Gender equality and Women's Rights in Ukraine” at the University of Alberta.

## 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.