



Olena Kibenko is a Judge of the Supreme Court (Ukraine) (Commercial Court of Cassation), Doctor of Law, and Professor. Before joining the judiciary in 2017, she spent over 25 years in the Academy and over 15 years in private legal practice, focusing on commercial and corporate law.

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Work History

2017 – till now the Supreme Court Justice (Ukraine)

2014 – 2017 Partner at the Kibenko, Onika and Partner LLP (UK)

2011 – 2017 Managing Partner of the law firm "Kibenko, Onika and Partners" (Ukraine)

2011-2017 Lecturer at the Kharkiv National University (taught courses in civil law and civil procedures, international transactions, international private law)

2002 – 2011 Senior Partner at the law firm "Inyurpolis"

1994 – 2011 Lecturer at the National Law Academy of Ukraine named after Yaroslav the Wise (Kharkiv, Ukraine) (taught courses in commercial law, corporate law, international private law, international transactions)

Withing the Supreme Court

2017-2021 Head of the Supreme Court's Management and Communications Working Group

2021- 2022 Coordinator of the Strategic Development Group of the Supreme Court

Since 2019 member of the working group in the EBRD project on online courts.

Education

1994 – graduation from Yaroslav the Wise National Law Academy of Ukraine.

1996 - obtaining a Candidate of Law Science degree for research on foreign investments.

1999 (during three weeks): Training on company law in the UK (Thames Valley University, London) within the TACIS program.

2002 (during 4 months): doing a research program at two US universities (West Virginia University and University of Baltimore) within the Contemporary Issues Fellowship Program.

2006 - obtaining a Doctor of Law Science degree, with a thesis entitled "Current Status and Perspective Regulation of Corporate Relations: Comparative and Legal Analysis of the EU, UK, and Ukrainian Law."

Publications

Olena Kibenko is the author of more than 160 articles on various issues of corporate and commercial law, contracts, and other areas of law, as well as on standards of legal practice in Ukraine. In addition, Olena Kibenko is the author of the following books: Corporate Governance (2007), Company Law: Comparative Study of EU Acquis and Ukrainian Legislation (2006), European Company Law at the Stage of Fundamental Reforms (2005), Business Law of Ukraine (2005), Corporate Law of Great Britain. Statutes, Cases and Commentaries (2003), International Private Law (2003), Corporate Law of Ukraine (2001), Comments to the Act of Ukraine entitled "On Business Associations" (2000).

In 2005, Olena Kibenko was awarded the President of Ukraine Award for Young Scholars for a series of works devoted to the development of corporate law.

Membership

Olena Kibenko is a member of the International Bar Association and the Ukrainian Bar Association (UBA); member of the UBA Board (2023 – till now)