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WORK EXPERIENCE

Global Rights Compliance Foundation

Mobile Justice Teams within [Atrocity Crimes Advisory Group for Ukraine](#) ('ACA').

Lead for Centre Mobile Justice Team

June 2026-present

Legal Advisor, Deputy Lead for Centre Mobile Justice Team

July 2023-June 2026

International Law Research Coordinator

September 2024-present

Responsibilities:

- Supervising, mentoring and guiding the team of Ukrainian national and international lawyers, shaping the team's strategic direction and managing the team's daily operation.
- Preparing comprehensive and strategic legal advice and guidance to beneficiaries on a variety of issues on public international law, international humanitarian, criminal and human rights law.
- Coordinating legal research and publication activities on novel or complex legal issues across different teams of lawyers.
- Co-leading the process of mapping and analysis of complex evidence leading to building robust domestic international crimes cases, as well as their aggregation and prioritisation.
- Coordinating the team's work on building complex command cases.
- Leading the organisation's work on preparing and crafting amendments to the Ukrainian legislation on international crimes.
- Representing the organisation in the ACA's cluster on the crime of genocide.
- Conducting trainings on selected topics of public international law, international humanitarian, criminal and human rights law.
- Maintaining communication and cooperation with the domestic beneficiaries and implementing partners.

Legal Advisor

May 2022-July 2023

Mobile Justice Teams within [ACA](#);

MATRA-Ukraine '[Strengthening Ukraine's Capacity to Investigate and Prosecute International Crimes](#)'.

Responsibilities:

- Conducting legal research and providing legal advisory support to beneficiaries in international crimes cases, as well as various PIL, IHL, ICL and IHRL matters.
- Assisting senior investigators and prosecutors in reviewing international crimes cases and evidence therein and preparing advice on the conducts' qualification and investigative steps.

- Supporting prosecutor's offices in preparing submissions to the International Criminal Court on international crimes' commission.
- Preparing guidebooks and manuals for investigators, prosecutors and judges, including [Basic Investigative Standards for Documenting International Crimes in Ukraine](#) and [Benchbook on the Adjudication of International Crimes](#).
- Assisting in preparation of trainings on various IHL and ICL issues.

Junior Legal Consultant

June 2020-May 2022

['International Law and Defining Russia's Involvement in Crimea and Donbas'](#);

MATRA-Ukraine ['Strengthening Ukraine's Capacity to Investigate and Prosecute International Crimes'](#).

Responsibilities:

- Analysing of Ukrainian domestic case-law on international crimes and preparing reports assessing the [implementation](#) and [enforcement](#) of IHL in Ukraine.
- Conducting legal research and assisting in the preparation of legal analysis related to various PIL and IHL issues.
- Supporting prosecutor's offices in preparing submissions to the International Criminal Court on international crimes' commission.
- Assisting in preparation of trainings on the basics of IHL and case building.
- Preparing communications on international law issues for broader Ukrainian audience.

Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine

Legal Intern with the Member of Parliament

April 2020-May 2020

Responsibilities:

- Conducting legal and factual research and analysis on the issues of environmental law and policy, elimination of consequences of armed conflicts, international dispute settlement and adjudication mechanisms, sanction regimes, etc.
- Preparing information notes and records on the issues of Ukrainian international affairs, activities of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe, Ukraine's litigation before international courts, application of sanctions, etc.
- Assisting in drafting bills on environmental policies.

Ukrainian Embassy in Poland

Intern with the Consular Unit

April 2020-May 2020

Responsibilities:

- Conducting legal research and analysis in the sphere of diplomatic and consular law and relevant Ukrainian domestic legislation.
- Providing assistance to daily activities of consular agents in delivering consular services.

ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

National University of Kyiv-Mohyla Academy

Lecturer

September 2023-
present

Courses:

- Public International Law (Bachelor's Programme)
- International Human Rights Law (Bachelor's Programme)
- "The Life and the Death of States" (author, Master's Programme)
- International Law and War (Master's Programme)
- Research analytical practice "Scientific and practical work in the field of international law" (Master's Programme)

EDUCATION

National University of Kyiv-Mohyla Academy

Doctor of Philosophy (PhD)

2020-2022

Research Topic: 'Genocidal Intent to Destroy a National Group in Whole or in Part'

National University of Kyiv-Mohyla Academy

Master of Law Cum Laude

2020-2022

Completed Certificate Programmes on Contemporary Challenges of International Law and International Law and Security

National University of Kyiv-Mohyla Academy

Bachelor of Law Cum Laude

2016-2020

Completed Certificate Programme on Public International Law and Human Rights

PUBLICATIONS

Articles

- Maksym Vishchyk, 'Targeting of the protected group's leadership and otherwise representative members as an indicator of genocidal intent' [2025] 15 *NaUKMA Research Papers Law* 19. DOI: <https://doi.org/10.18523/2617-2607.2024.14.19-31>.
- Maksym Vishchyk, 'Construing National and Ethnic Groups under the Genocide Convention through Soviet and Russian Narratives on the Ukrainian Identities' [2024] 13 *NaUKMA Research Papers. Law* 15. DOI: <https://doi.org/10.18523/2617-2607.2024.13.15-25>.
- Maksym Vishchyk, 'Indicators Relevant for the Evaluation of the Alleged Genocidal Intent to Destroy a National Group' [2025] 92(5) *Uzhhorod National University Herald. Series: Law* 102. DOI: <https://doi.org/10.24144/2307-3322.2025.92.5.15>.

- Maksym Vishchyk, 'Undoing the Group's Fabric: Social Disintegration as a Possible Manifestation of Genocidal Intent' [2025] 11 *Kyiv-Mohyla Law and Politics Journal* 91. <https://doi.org/10.18523/2414-9942.11.2025.91-109>.

International law blogs

- Maksym Vishchyk and Jeremy Pizzi, '80 Years After Nuremberg, Envisioning the Future of International Law' ([Just Security](#), 12 January 2026).
- Maksym Vishchyk and Jeremy Pizzi, 'A duty to fight for your nationals? Ukraine and the future of reparation claims' ([EJIL.Talk!](#), 17 September 2025).
- Maksym Vishchyk and Jeremy Pizzi, 'Governments' Démarche against the ECtHR: Room for Discussion or Threats to Judicial Integrity' ([EJIL.Talk!](#), 16 June 2025).
- Maksym Vishchyk and Jeremy Pizzi, 'Negotiations at Gunpoint: Does U.S. Pressure on Ukraine for a Minerals Deal Amount to Unlawfully Procuring a Treaty by Use of Force?' ([Just Security](#), 17 April 2025).
- Maksym Vishchyk and Jeremy Pizzi, 'The Voices from Kyiv: Is the World Legal Order in Decay?' ([Just Security](#), 26 February 2025).
- Maksym Vishchyk and Jeremy Pizzi, 'Nationality as the basis of protected status under Geneva Convention IV: A mysterious case of mistaken death' ([EJIL.Talk!](#), 23 August 2024).
- Maksym Vishchyk and Jeremy Pizzi, 'Compromises on Territory, Legal Order, and World Peace: The Fate of International Law Lies on Ukraine's Borders' ([Just Security](#), 6 October 2023).
- Maksym Vishchyk, 'Trials of Ukrainian Prisoners of War in Russia: Decay of the Combatant's Immunity' ([Just Security](#), 21 August 2023).
- Maksym Vishchyk, 'Occupation of Minds: IHL Response to Russian Education Policies in the Occupied Ukrainian Territories' ([EJIL.Talk!](#), 12 October 2022).
- Anna Mykytenko and Maksym Vishchyk, "'All Our Hope Is in the Famine": Why an Investigation into Starvation Crimes in Ukraine Is Urgently Needed' ([Opinio Juris](#), 9 August 2022).
- Maksym Vishchyk and Anastasiia Moiseieva, 'Crimean Tatars: Eight Years of Anything but Marginal Resistance' ([EJIL.Talk!](#), 25 March 2022).
- Maksym Vishchyk, 'Insight from Ukraine: Revitalizing Belief in International Law' ([Just Security](#), 18 March 2022).

Op-Eds

- Maksym Vishchyk, "'Peace Negotiations." Part 2: The Fate of Reparations and Amnesty for International Crimes?' (Ukrainian version, [Ukrainska Pravda](#), 15 August 2025).
- Maksym Vishchyk, "'Peace Negotiations". Part 1: "Exchange" of Territories and International Law' (Ukrainian version, [Ukrainska Pravda](#), 14 August 2025).

- Maksym Vishchyk and Jeremy Pizzi, 'Why abandoning Ukraine will usher in new world order based on violence' (The Scotsman, 12 January 2025).
- Maksym Vishchyk, 'Ukrainian Armed Forces on the territory of Russia – has it always been permissible?' (Ukrainian version, Ukrainska Pravda, 23 August 2024).
- Maksym Vishchyk, 'The Holodomor: Unpunished Genocidal Evil Returns to Ukraine' (Ukrainska Pravda, 24 November 2023).
- Maksym Vishchyk, 'Private military companies: in the shadows of impunity' (Ukrainian version, Ukrainska Pravda, 3 December 2021).
- Maksym Vishchyk, 'Crimean political prisoners: in the grip of uncertainty' (Ukrainian version, NV.ua, 13 April 2021).
- Maksym Vishchyk, 'ECtHR's Euromaidan decision: Ukraine's chance to redeem justice for EuroMaidan Press' (Euromaidan.Press, 27 January 2021).
- Maksym Vishchyk, 'Human Rights during the Revolution of Dignity: Not Lost' (Ukrainian version, Ukrainska Pravda, 22 January 2021).

Other publications

- Maksym Vishchyk, 'Issues of Justice for International Crimes and Other Gross Human Rights Violations in the Peace Negotiations Between Ukraine and Russia and the Potential Future Peace Agreement' (2025) 26 Scientific Collection of the Ukrainian Academy of Sciences (Wissenschaftliches Sammelwerk).

CONFERENCES, LECTURES AND EVENTS

- Ukrainian Catholic University, Inaugural Conference 'International Law, Accountability, and Justice for Ukraine' organised by the Louis B. Sohn Research Centre / *panelist, February 2026*
- Human Rights Institute of the Ukrainian Bar Association (UBAHRI), International Center for Transitional Justice (ICTJ), National University of Kyiv-Mohyla Academy, Truth Hounds, 'Global transitional justice: Prosecution of International Crimes and Peace Processes' / *panelist, December 2025*
- Kyiv-Mohyla Academy, Lecture – scientific discussion, Anatomy of Genocide: Breathing New Life into the Crime' / *panelist, November 2025*
- Ukrainian Catholic University, Lviv Summer School of International Law, Lectures on the topic: 'Anatomy of Genocide: Breathing New Life into the Crime' and 'Peace Agreement for Ukraine: Battlefield for the Future of International Law' / *guest lecturer, August 2025*

- Center for Civil Liberties, Conference and Panel Discussion 'Justice 2030: Scenarios for Ukraine', 'Critical Aspects of Assessing Genocidal Intent Aimed at the Destruction of a National Group' / *panelist, July 2025*
- Kyiv-Mohyla Academy and Ukrainian Free University, Roundtable 'Crimes of the Russian Federation During the Aggression against Ukraine in Light of the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court', 'Issues of Justice for International Crimes and Other Gross Human Rights Violations in the Peace Negotiations Between Ukraine and Russia and the Potential Future Peace Agreement' / *panelist, July 2025*
- USAID - Justice for All, Roundtable 'Promoting an improved legislative approach for the comprehensive implementation of international standards for the prosecution of international crimes', 'Critical aspects of harmonizing national legislation on criminal liability with international law' / *panelist, January 2025*
- Kyiv-Mohyla Academy, Lecture - scientific discussion dedicated to the anniversary of the Holodomor-genocide, 'Physical extermination, cultural destruction, and social disintegration: Soviet-Russian tactics directed against the Ukrainian nation in the context of the crime of genocide' / *panelist, November 2024*
- Northwestern University, Chicago, Conference 'Re-imagining Transitional Justice in Ukraine: Ukrainian Identities, Russian Colonialism, and the Crime of Genocide' / *panelist, April 2024*
- Kyiv-Mohyla Academy, Webinars 'KMAcademic Talks: International Law and the War' / *speaker, spring 2024*
- Asser Institute and USAID, Inter-University Programme for Ukrainian Law Schools, Guest Lecture 'Interpretating Ukrainian national law on international crimes in light of international criminal law and procedure' / *guest lecturer, March 2024*
- Kyiv-Mohyla Academy, Conference 'Genesis of Russia's Criminal Conduct against Ukraine' / *panelist, February 2024*
- Yale University, "Russian War against Ukraine" Course: Lecture 'Status of Territorial Concessions, Trials of Prisoners of War and Allegations of Genocide' / *guest lecturer, January 2024*
- The Ukrainian Free University, Kyiv-Mohyla Academy and others, Conference 'Unpunished Crimes Repeat Themselves: the Holodomor and the Ongoing Genocide Against the Ukrainian Nation' / *panelist, November 2023*
- Chapman University, Lecture 'Assessment of Alleged Genocide Indicators in the Context of the Russian Invasion of Ukraine' / *guest lecturer, January 2024*
- Friedrich-Naumann-Stiftung für die Freiheit, The Ukrainian Free University, Kyiv-Mohyla Academy, Panel Discussion 'Russian War Crimes and Genocide in Ukraine' / *panelist, October 2023*

- Kyiv-Mohyla Academy and Maynooth University, Symposium 'Human Rights in times of War and Conflict: Comparative and Interdisciplinary perspectives from Ukraine and Ireland' / *speaker, September 2023*

AWARDS

- Professor Volodymyr Vasylenko Memorial Fund Award granted for the scientific work of PhD students in international law and the implementation of the results of scientific research in international law into practice / *The First Laureate, September 2024*

LANGUAGES

Ukrainian: Native

English: Fluent