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WORK EXPERIENCE

Global Rights Compliance Foundation

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

Legal Advisor, Deputy Lead for Centre Mobile Justice Team

July 2023-present

International Law Research Coordinator

September 2024-present

Responsibilities:

- Supervising, mentoring and guiding the team of Ukrainian national and international lawyers, providing support to the team lead in shaping the team's strategic direction and managing team's daily operation.
- Conducting legal research and preparing comprehensive advice and guidance to beneficiaries on a variety of PIL, IHL, ICL and IHRL issues.
- 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.
- Maintaining communication and cooperation with the domestic beneficiaries and implementing partners.
- Conducting trainings on selected topics of PIL, IHL, ICL and IHRL to beneficiaries.

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.

Ukrainian Parliament

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)
- Research practice "Scientific and practical work in the field of international law" (Master's Programme)

National University of Kyiv-Mohyla Academy

PhD Candidate

September 2022-
present

EDUCATION

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, 'Construing National and Ethnic Groups under the Genocide Convention through Soviet and Russian Narratives on the Ukrainian Identities' (2024) 13 *NaUKMA Research Papers. Law* (October 2024).

International law blogs

- 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 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).

CONFERENCES, LECTURES AND EVENTS

- 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 "Interpreting 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*

MOOT COURT ACTIVITIES

- Jessup Ukraine National Rounds, Judge / *2024, 2025*
- Telders International Law Moot Court Competition, Coach, Overall 7th International Team Rank / *2022-2023*
- Kyiv-Mohyla Moot Court Society Executive Board, Vice-President / *2021-2022*
- Telders International Law International Law Moot Court Competition, Coach, Overall 7th International Team Rank, Best Memorial Award, Ukrainian National Championship / *2020-2021*
- Jessup International Law Moot Court Competition, Participant, Ukrainian National Championship (international rounds cancelled due to COVID-19 pandemics) / *2019-2020*

- Telders International Law MCC, Participant, Overall 2nd International Team Rank, Ukrainian National Championship / 2018-2019
- Riga International Law MCC, Participant, International Quarter-Finalists / 2018

OTHER ACTIVITIES

- Just Security, English-Ukrainian Translation of International Law Blogs and Articles / *March-April 2022*
- The Hague Academy of International Law - Public International Law Winter Course / *participant, January 2021*
- ICRC Armenia - IHL Summer School / *participant, July 2020*

LANGUAGES

Ukrainian: Native

English: Fluent