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Valentyn Gvozdiy is Founding Partner at GOLAW, Attorney at law.

His area of expertise is focused on Litigation and Dispute Resolution, Bankruptcy, Debt Restructuring as well as working with Non-performing Loans (NPL). Valentyn also has a strong background in Corporate Governance, Compliance, Risk Management, AML, Anti-Corruption, and Tax.

Valentyn Gvozdiy is also a Vice-President of the Ukrainian National Bar Association (UNBA), which is the regulator of the legal profession in Ukraine.

In 2019 Valentyn was elected as the Head of the Supervisory Board at Ukrhydroenergo PJSC.

In 2017 Valentyn Gvozdiy has been awarded the title of Honored Lawyer of Ukraine. He is also a Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) in “Administrative Law and Process; Financial Law; Informational Law” (2020).

In November-December 2021, Valentyn Gvozdiy has completed special programs in Corporate Governance at Harvard Business School. The purpose of the agenda was to acquire new knowledge and skills in the field of Corporate Governance.

As a result of his studies, Valentyn Gvozdiy received Harvard Business School Corporate Director certificate. The program of the study consisted of four courses: Making Corporate Boards More Effective; Audit Committees in a New Era of Governance; Compensation Committees: New Challenges, New Solutions; Risk Management for Corporate Leaders.

The course “Making Corporate Boards More Effective” included studying the latest practices in implementing supervisory boards’ functions; enhancing the level of corporate governance and decision-making that contribute to the company’s long-term success; ways to improve interaction and relationships with shareholders and company management.

The course “Audit Committees in a New Era of Governance” included studying new-day practices of audit committees of supervisory boards, ways to increase their strategic contribution to the company; methods of improving the procedure for developing a financial reporting strategy, and overseeing the functions of financial reporting, accounting, and risk management; ways to increase the level of transparency and quality of audit and financial reporting.

The course “Compensation Committees: New Challenges, New Solutions” included studying critical market issues and regulation of incentive and compensation programs for company officials to achieve the maximum economic performance of companies; research of the best methods of reconciling the remuneration of top managers with the business strategy and goals of the company.

The course “Risk Management for Corporate Leaders” included studying the most innovative practices for assessing and managing unforeseen crises; making and implementing management decisions to reduce the likelihood of adverse aftermaths and minimize possible losses.

PRACTICES:

- Compliance, Corporate Governance and Risk Management
- Criminal and White Collar Defence
- Government Relations (GR)
- Restructuring and Insolvency
- Litigation and dispute resolution
- Private clients
- Tax and Customs

SECTORS:

- Agribusiness
- Aviation
- Chemical industry
- Engineering, Construction and Building Materials
- Environment and Natural Resources
- Financial institutions
- IT and AI
- Industry and manufacturing
- Media, Entertainment, Sports and Gambling
- Healthcare industries, Life sciences and Pharmaceuticals
- Retail, FMCG and E-Commerce
- Transport and Logistics

EDUCATION:

- Law faculty, Yury Fedkovych Chernivtsi National University, Ukraine
- ICA Professional Postgraduate Diploma in Governance, Risk & Compliance, Manchester Business School, UK
- Ph.D. degree in Law on specialty “Administrative Law and Process; Financial Law; Informational Law”; thesis topic – “Administrative and legal status of attorneys’ self-government bodies”
- Harvard Business School Corporate Director certificate

RECOGNITIONS:

Lexology Index: Corporate Tax 2025 – received personal recognition as one of Ukraine’s leading experts in Tax Controversy

ITR World Tax 2025 – was personally recognized as one of the leading Ukrainian experts in general corporate taxation and transfer pricing

Lexology Index: Client Choice 2025 – recognized by clients as a leading expert in corporate taxation

The Legal 500 EMEA 2025 – recommended among the best lawyers of Ukraine in Banking and Financial law, Capital Markets, Litigation, Private Client practice, Tax law

50 Leading Law Firms Ukraine 2026 – individual recognition in Litigation, ranked 10th

MEMBERSHIP:

- Vice President of the Ukrainian National Bar Association (UNBA)
- Rechtsanwaltskammer Berlin
- International Bar Association (IBA)
- American Chamber of Commerce in Ukraine (ACC)
- European Business Association (EBA)
- German-Ukrainian Chamber of Industry and Commerce (AHK Ukraine)
- Ukrainian Network of Integrity and Compliance (UNIC)
- Worldwide Network of Leading Law Firms (SCG Legal)
- Ost-Ausschuss der Deutschen Wirtschaft (OA)
- Norwegian-Ukrainian Chamber of Commerce (NUCC)
- Ukrainian-Czech Chamber of Commerce (UKRCHAM)
- European-Ukrainian Energy Agency (EUEA)
- Association of European Energy Consultants (AEEC)
- Union of Ukrainian Entrepreneurs (SUP)

LANGUAGES:

Ukrainian, English

CRIMINAL LAW IN UKRAINE

“Criminal Law in Ukraine” is the first and only information hub in Ukraine in the field of criminal law, powered by GOLAW leading attorneys.

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LITIGATION IN UKRAINE

“Litigation in Ukraine” is a new information resource, created to help business better understand the main trends and tendencies of litigation.

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