

DIANA LIASHENKO

◦ DETAILS ◦

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Nationality
Ukrainian

◦ LINKS ◦

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◦ SKILLS ◦

Legal Research
Communication Skills
Planning & Organizing
Creativity & Innovation
Commitment to
Continuous Learning
Project Management Skills

◦ LANGUAGES ◦

Ukrainian

Native

English

Full Professional Proficiency



EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

Associate at Black Sea Law Company, Odesa, Ukraine

October 2022 — Present

- Lead litigation and international arbitration matters, including GAFTA and LMAA proceedings and post-award enforcement.
- Regularly manage complex vessel arrest proceedings in Ukrainian ports, from urgent interim measures to recognition and enforcement of arbitral awards.
- Represent clients in claims for damages caused by russian missile and drone strikes on vessels and infrastructure in Ukrainian ports, including preparation of evidentiary files and recovery strategies.
- Provide legal support on sanctions, port blockade issues, and security enforcement, including matters related to the Black Sea Grain Initiative and the temporary humanitarian maritime corridor.
- Conduct due diligence for vessel sales and assist with regulatory compliance.
- Draft legal opinions and procedural submissions in arbitration cases governed by English law.
- Collect evidence under Ukrainian jurisdiction and provide legal opinions in arbitration proceedings involving major international companies.
- Supervise junior team members and coordinate all aspects of legal project execution.
- Contributed to legislative analysis regarding restrictions on port entry for vessels that had previously called at russian or occupied Ukrainian ports, and assisted in compiling and analysing statistical data on vessel arrests in Ukraine (2018–2025).

Junior Associate at Black Sea Law Company, Odesa, Ukraine

December 2021 — October 2022

- Prepared legal submissions for ship arrest proceedings and advised on pre-litigation strategy in maritime disputes.
- Gained hands-on experience in LMAA arbitration, including case preparation, procedural planning, and client communication.
- Drafted legal opinions for key industry clients, including P&I Clubs, shipowners, port authorities, and logistics operators.
- Contributed to legislative reform proposals concerning ballast water regulations and international sanctions.
- Organised legal workshops and client engagement events on maritime and international trade law.

Paralegal at Black Sea Law Company, Odesa, Ukraine

July 2020 — December 2021

- Assisted in arbitration and litigation matters with a strong focus on maritime law.
- Drafted procedural documents and conducted legal research related to vessel arrests as interim security.
- Gained experience in LMAA rules and early-stage arbitration strategy.
- Prepared legal memoranda, client briefings, and statistical reports on court practice.

Junior associate at Attorney Association “Palyanichko & Partners”, Odesa, Ukraine

November 2019 — April 2020

Provided legal support in company registration, tax structuring, and contract drafting. Assisted in litigation and dispute resolution in commercial cases. Also

supported the marketing team with social media management and client event organisation.



EDUCATION

Master of Laws, National university “Odesa Law Academy”, Odesa, Ukraine

September 2020 — February 2022

Faculty of Advocacy. Graduated with High Honors.

Bachelor of Laws, National university “Odesa Law Academy”, Odesa, Ukraine

September 2016 — June 2020

Faculty of Advocacy. Graduated with High Honors.



INTERNSHIPS

Legal Consultant at Legal Clinic, Odesa, Ukraine

September 2017 — May 2019

Provided pro bono legal advice and drafted procedural documents for low-income clients under academic supervision. Handled civil and administrative matters from initial consultation to document preparation.

Assistant Secretary to the Court at Bila Tserkva District Court, Ukraine

June 2018 — August 2018

Drafted procedural documents (including court orders in administrative cases), attended court hearings, and analysed case materials.



COURSES

Diploma in Commercial Law Diploma (CLD), British Law Centre

October 2024 — Present

Online Arbitration School 2025, Ukrainian Arbitration Association (UAA)

March 2025 — April 2025

Young ICCA Mentoring Program at ICCA

March 2023 — November 2024

Selected as Mentee to the 2023-2024 Young ICCA Mentoring Programme under Prof. Stavros Brekoulakis' leadership and with the guidance of Karol Bucki.

Diploma in English Law & Legal Skills ('DELLS'), British Law Centre,

University of Cambridge & University of Bucharest, Grade: Merit

October 2023 — October 2024

Online Arbitration School 2021, Ukrainian Arbitration Association (UAA)

April 2021 — April 2022

Construction Arbitration Online Training Course, European Court of Arbitration

November 2021 — May 2022



EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Internal Development Manager (Member of the Board) at Students League of the Ukrainian Bar Association

June 2020 — June 2021

Responsibilities included organising internal events, integrating new members, and creating a chatbot. I also implemented an automated system for generating membership certificates, which was recognised with the “Innovation of the Year” award.

V All-Ukrainian Moot Court on Civil Law and Procedure

May 2019

Winner in the best procedural documents nomination.

Coordinator of the Southern Ukraine Region (Member of the Board) at Students League of the Ukrainian Bar Association

May 2019 — June 2020

Managed regional branches of the Students League of the Ukrainian Bar Association in Odesa, Mykolaiv, Kherson, Kropyvnytskyi, and Kryvyi Rih. Organised educational events for law students, including the All-Ukrainian School of Maritime Law.