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The International Bar Association's (IBA) response to Russia's war against Ukraine

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1. 24 Feb 2022: IBA issues **news release: [IBA-condemns-Russia's-invasion-of-Ukraine](#)**



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2. 25 Feb 2022: IBAHRI issues **news release: [IBAHRI-condemns-Russias-military-invasion-of-Ukraine-and-urges-the-immediate-suspension-of-Russias-membership-of-the-UN-Human-Rights-Council](#)**



[IBAHRI condemns Russia's military invasion
of Ukraine and urges the immediate suspension
of Russia's membership of the UN Human Rights Council](#)

3. 27 Feb 2022: **IBA President Sternford Moyo sent a personal note** to the heads of Ukrainian Bars.
4. 28 Feb 2022: **IBA President Sternford Moyo & Executive Director Dr Mark Ellis sent a note of support to all IBA members based in Ukraine.** – Our members appreciated the note of solidarity.
5. In-depth article published on the conflict: www.ibanet.org/Ukraine-United-front-against-Russian-aggression
6. The IBA has set aside **USD 100K** for a fund to support initiatives in Ukraine. All of this year's membership dues from members in Ukraine have been allocated to this fund. Funding has already been released to the **Ukrainian National Bar Association** and the **Ukrainian Bar Association** in support of humanitarian efforts. Further donations will be made as projects dictate.
7. The **eyeWitness to Atrocities app** has been embraced by both Bars with information circulated to their respective members. The app is being used to gather potential evidence of crimes committed during the conflict. The eyeWitness team is in contact on further circulation and usage. A Ukrainian language version has been made available here: www.eyewitness.global/Ukraine-resources-hub
8. Dr Mark Ellis is in weekly contact with the Ukrainian National Bar Association and the Ukrainian Bar Association.
9. **Radio Free Europe** interviewed Dr Mark Ellis: www.evropaelire.org/a/ukraina-ka-nevoje-per-mbrojtje-kolektive-ushtarake/31720645.html?nocache=1
10. Social media posts:
<https://twitter.com/IBAnews/status/1496793648087764995>

<https://www.facebook.com/internationalbarassociation/photos/a.543372659020234/5466263960064388/>

<https://www.linkedin.com/feed/update/urn:li:activity:6902604259490435072>

<https://www.lawgazette.co.uk/news/ukraine-invasion-triggers-lawyers-fury/5111625.article>

11. **IBA Bar Issues Commission's Officers** sent a message to all IBA Member Organisations urging them to issue their own statements criticising Russia's invasion of Ukraine as an act contrary to the rule of law and international norms, and to send these statements to their respective governments.
12. 03 March 2022: **News release issued: Russia's invasion of Ukraine – IBA deplores disregard for life and continued breaches of international law**



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13. 03 March 2022: **Published: IBA Executive Director Dr Mark Ellis' op-ed in *The Times*: 'Russia's attack violates the most sacred principle in international law'** www.thetimes.co.uk/article/russias-attack-violates-the-most-sacred-principle-in-international-law-hdghf5n0m
14. 03 March 2022: The **IBA Healthcare and Life Sciences Law Committee Officers** send a statement to the Committee's members listing medicines and medical supplies needed in Ukraine.
15. **Circulated: A compilation of IBA *Global Insight* articles** on the current Russia-Ukraine crisis, the annexation of Crimea in 2014, the threat to the rule of law, sanctions and other related issues.
16. 03-04 March 2022: During an Urgent Debate on the human rights situation in Ukraine at the **49th Session of the United Nations Human Rights Council**, the International Bar Association's Human Rights Institute (IBAHRI) delivered an **oral statement** in which it called for the establishment of a **Commission of Inquiry** mandated to initiate prompt, independent and impartial investigation into any violations related to the war. Video: <https://media.un.org/en/asset/k1t/k1t3zy1yuk>
17. 04 March 2022: **Published: IBA Executive Director Dr Mark Ellis' second op-ed in *The Ambassador Partnership*: 'Putin's revanchism and the threat to international law'**. www.ambassadorllp.com/ap-insight-143---2022.html
18. Circulated: An **IBA *Global Insight* podcast** that looks at the background to the Ukraine crisis, Russia's hybrid warfare campaign and the role of sanctions in fighting aggression and autocracy. www.ibanet.org/podcasts/Russias-invasion-of-Ukraine
19. **Created: A hub page that pulls together Russia-Ukraine related material** from across the IBA website. www.ibanet.org/Russia-Ukraine-Crisis-2022
20. 9 March 2022: **News release issued: IBA condemns Russian legal organisations' vocal support of Putin's war against Ukraine**



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21. **Circulated: IBA Global Insight** – Russia's invasion of Ukraine: A round-up of coverage detailing the threat to the rule of law in today's world and how democracies can best respond to authoritarian regimes.
22. 08 March 2022: The leaderships of the **IBA Legal Professional Division and Section on Public and Professional Interest** sent mailings to all IBA Committee Officers detailing steps taken by the IBA in response to Russia's invasion of Ukraine.
23. 08 March 2022: **Bar Issues Commission's Chair** advises a good response from IBA Member Bars to the request to issue statements condemning the invasion.
24. The **IBA Rule of Law Forum** is planning a webinar to discuss the invasion, the rule of law and violations of international law and humanitarian law.
25. 10 March 2022: The **eyeWitness Ukraine Resources Hub** is finalised and put online.
26. 11 March 2022: The **IBA Leadership** sent an email to IBA Officers advising: Any individual member of the IBA who advocates against fundamental international legal principles, such as the prohibition of the use or threat of force against another state as set forth in the United Nations Charter, will be subject to the process for expulsion or suspension because of conduct which undermines the core values of the Association.
27. 14 March 2022: **Published: IBA Global Insight news analysis – 'Ukraine: Devastation prompts calls for accountability in international courts'**.
28. 15 March 2022: **Published: IBA Global Insight in-depth article – 'Ukraine at war'**.
29. 15 March 2022: The **IBA and the Ukrainian Bar Association sent a joint letter to the Heads of Oblast Military Administrations** to draw their attention to the *eyeWitness to Atrocities* app and the importance of documenting relevant potential evidence that can be used to bring any perpetrators to justice in national and international proceedings.
30. 16 March 2022: **Published: IBA Global Insight news analysis – 'Ukraine - The UN: words, but no teeth'**.
31. 16 March 2022: The **IBAHRI hosted a webinar: 'Harnessing law in times of war'**. IBAHRI Director Baroness Helena Kennedy QC moderated the discussion. Experts in geopolitical affairs and international law discussed the consequences of Russia's invasion of Ukraine from human rights and humanitarian law perspectives and explored possible avenues for accountability and the role of law at this stage of the conflict. www.ibanet.org/conference-details/CONF2207
32. 16 March 2022: In-depth **interview** with IBA Director Dr Mark Ellis published by *The Los Angeles Review of Books* <https://lareviewofbooks.org/article/russias-blatant-violation-of-international-law/>
33. **17 March 2022: News release issued: Russia-Ukraine war: eyeWitness to Atrocities app captures evidence for future trials**



Russia-Ukraine war: eyeWitness to Atrocities app captures potential evidence for trials

34. 18 March 2022: **Interview of eyeWitness to Atrocities' Director Wendy Betts** aired by **United States broadcaster ABC News** on the importance of using the app in Ukraine to capture potential evidence to assist in bringing justice to victims of Russia's invasion of Ukraine. <https://abcnews.go.com/International/video/uk-based-charity-works-verify-images-war-ukraine-83535086>
35. 19 March 2022: **BBC Radio 5 Live interviewed** IBA Director Dr Mark Ellis on former United Kingdom Prime Minister Gordon Brown's calls for Vladimir Putin to face a Nuremberg-style trial for war crimes committed by Russia in Ukraine.

36. 21 March 2022: **IBA Immigration and Nationality Law Committee, supported by the New York State Bar Association's International Section**, hosted a webinar: *The global response to the Ukraine refugee crisis* www.ibanet.org/conference-details/CONF2211
37. 21 March 2022: IBA provided additional **financial support to the Ukrainian Bar Association for legal assistance** to residents of Ukraine on various war-related issues, including deaths and injuries from shelling, migration, mobilisation, property damage and all business-related issues.
38. 21 March 2022: **IBA Professional Ethics Committee** reveals plan for webinar on 10 May – ‘*Professional Ethics in Times of War*’. It will examine ethical issues relevant to the legal profession that are raised by the Russia-Ukraine conflict. **Register here:** www.ibanet.org/conference-details/CONF2226
39. 23 March 2022: **Meeting** held between the representatives from the **Office of the Prosecutor General of Ukraine** and IBA Executive Director and *eyeWitness to Atrocities* Director. They discussed how the *eyeWitness* app can assist in bringing any perpetrators to justice.
40. 24 March 2022: **Article published by *The Times of London* [Britain provides £1m boost for efforts to prosecute war criminals](#)** (Subscription required). *eyeWitness to Atrocities* app referenced.
41. 24 March 2022: **Article published by Ukrainian website *LB.ua*: [International Bar Association to suspend members if they back Russia war on Ukraine](#)**
42. 24 March 2022: **IBA War Crimes Committee** launched a ‘[Ukraine Crisis Legal Resources](#)’ section on its webpage providing information on select efforts to document and collect evidence at a criminal law standard, ways for lawyers to contribute through pro bono efforts, as well as temporary protection options around the world for Ukrainians fleeing the conflict.
43. 30 March 2022: The **Government of Ukraine Announces the creation of the ‘Legal Task Force on Accountability for Crimes Committed in Ukraine’** to support the country’s authorities in delivering justice for victims of any international crimes committed by Russia in Ukraine. Baroness Helena Kennedy QC, Director of the IBA’s Human Rights Institute is on the Task Force at the request of Ukraine’s Government. www.ibanet.org/IBAHRI-Director-joins-Ukraine-government-Task-Force-on-Accountability
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44. 29 March 2022: The **IBA Law Firm Management Committee, supported by the IBA Rule of Law Forum** held the first session of a **two-part webinar: *The Russian invasion of Ukraine: How law firms and lawyers are responding*** www.ibanet.org/conference-details/CONF2213.
45. 01 April 2022: News release issued: [IBAHRI welcomes UN’s Commission of Inquiry on Ukraine into human rights abuses](#)
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46. 01 April 2022: The IBA’s Human Rights Institute Director, Baroness Helena Kennedy QC, was **interviewed by *Law.com*** on how to secure criminal accountability and reparations in national jurisdictions for crimes committed in Ukraine, when Russia has not ratified the statute of the International Criminal Court.
47. 03 April 2022: ***Al Jazeera*** interviewed IBA Executive Director Dr Mark Ellis on its ***Newshour*** programme.
48. 05 April 2022: **New Zealand broadcaster, *TVNZ Breakfast***, interviewed IBA Executive Director Dr Mark Ellis on the **alleged war crimes** being committed by Russian troops in Ukraine. www.youtube.com/watch?v=BJxVzAWGBAY
49. 05 April 2022: **United Kingdom’s *Politics Home*** interviewed IBA Executive Director Dr Mark Ellis on the process of investigating alleged **Russian war crimes, including genocide**.
50. 06 April 2022: The **IBA Law Firm Management Committee, supported by the IBA Rule of Law Forum** held the second of the **two-part webinar *The Russian invasion of Ukraine: How can the legal***

profession provide support to Ukraine? www.ibanet.org/conference-details/CONF2214

The two webinars raised donations of 4,650 GBP. All proceeds will go directly to supporting humanitarian aid for Ukraine. A **matching donation has taken the total to £9,300.**

51. 06 April 2022: Published on the IBA website an in-depth article: *Ukraine conflict: Russia's crackdown on dissent escalates in wake of invasion*. It examines two new laws that have brought about the most draconian crackdown on civil liberties witnessed in the country for more than 30 years: Both fast-tracked through the Duma – one criminalising participation in anti-war protests and the other banning reporting or disseminating information on the conflict. www.ibanet.org/Ukraine-conflict-Russias-crackdown-on-dissent-escalates-in-wake-on-invasion
52. 07 April 2022: **IBA's European Regional Forum (ERF) conducted an exclusive interview with Anna Babych**, Vice-Chair of the ERF Public Policy Group and executive partner of Ukrainian law firm Aequo. She provides a personal experience of life in Ukraine since Russia invaded. www.ibanet.org/ERF-interview-anna-babych-aequo
53. 07 April 2022: **United States' National Public Radio (NPR)**, published its interview with IBA Executive Director Dr Mark Ellis, who provided insights around prosecution of perpetrators of **alleged war crimes** being committed in Ukraine. www.npr.org/2022/04/07/1091487854/russian-forces-alleged-murder-rape-and-torture-of-civilians-may-count-as-war-cri
54. 11 April 2022: *IBA Global Insight* published a **podcast with Professor Philip Leach: War and accountability**. The immediate Past Director of the European Human Rights Advocacy Centre and a professor of human rights law at Middlesex University discusses the challenges of prosecuting war criminals as Russia's invasion of Ukraine shines a light on the issue. www.ibanet.org/podcasts/war-accountability



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55. 11 April 2022: **Published: IBA Global Insight news analysis – 'Invasion of Ukraine prompts law firms to exit Russia en masse'**
56. 11 April 2022: **Published: IBA Global Insight news analysis – 'Russia's invasion of Ukraine brings anti-money laundering into sharp focus'**
57. 12 April 2022: *Al Jazeera* again interviewed IBA Executive Director Dr Mark Ellis on its *Newshour* programme.
58. 17 April 2022: The media continues covering the *eyeWitness to Atrocities* app including **BBC** and **AFP** coverage: www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-wales-61011855 and <https://uk.news.yahoo.com/tech-battles-show-worth-ukraine-152033000.html>
59. 18 April 2022: **Robert F. Kennedy Human Rights, Robert F. Kennedy Human Rights UK, the United States Institute of Peace and the Nizami Ganjavi International Center** convened a conversation on holding Russian President Vladimir Putin accountable for alleged war crimes and human rights violations in Ukraine. IBA Executive Director Dr Mark Ellis participated alongside **Iryna Venediktova, Prosecutor General of Ukraine** and **Kateryna Yushchenko, former First Lady of Ukraine**. Video: <http://tinyurl.com/mr3wuw2j>
60. 19 April 2022: **Published: IBA Global Insight news analysis – 'Ukraine: Refugee crisis emphasises need for coordinated international response'**
61. 20 April 2022: *IBA Global Insight* pulled together a collection of its podcasts, news analysis and features focused on the Russia-Ukraine war. *'The Ukraine crisis'* includes conversations around the role and effectiveness of sanctions, accountability for international crimes and how the displacement

of people from a conflict zone is managed, among other things. Distributed by email the collection is also on the [IBA Global Insight app](#).

62. 20 April 2022: The **Global Human Rights Defence** invites IBA Executive Director Dr Mark Ellis to participate in a webinar on universal jurisdiction, the International Criminal Court's limited jurisdiction in regard to Russian military leaders and the crime of aggression committed against Ukraine.
63. 22 April 2022: The **IBA Immigration and Nationality Law Committee** published a series of articles covering different national responses to the Ukraine refugee crisis. Countries involved included [Italy](#), [the Netherlands](#), [Australia](#), [Poland](#), [Canada](#) and [Spain](#).
64. 25 April 2022: **Law for the Lay** interviewed IBA Executive Director Dr Mark Ellis on what constitutes a war crime and how to hold individuals and countries accountable.
www.youtube.com/watch?v=yfP_d2HsDjo
65. 25 April 2022: The **IBA Anti-Corruption Committee** published an article on the role law firms can play in holding Russia to account for its invasion of Ukraine: '[Mind your client: law firms must choose to be responsible gatekeepers.](#)'
66. 28 April 2022: **IBA Global Insight** publishes '[The Ukraine refugee crisis](#)' a podcast on the plight of Ukrainian refugees and the need for a coordinated, compassionate international response, and assesses the situation for displaced people from other conflict zones, such as Afghanistan.



67. 01 May 2022: **Il Sole 24 Ore** published an article '*Crimini di guerra: in campo le squadre a caccia delle prove*' (War crimes: on the field teams chasing evidence). **IBA Secretary General Claudio Visco** contributed details on the IBA-developed **eyeWitness to Atrocities app**.
68. 04 May 2022: The **IBA Banking Law Committee** published an article on the response of the Ukrainian banking sector to the Russia-Ukraine conflict, including in respect to how it has supported Ukrainian businesses: '[The response of the Ukrainian banking sector to the Ukraine-Russia conflict](#)'
69. 10 May 2022: The **IBA Professional Ethics Committee** hosted the webinar [Professional ethics in times of war A webinar](#). Discussed were the many ethical issues that have arisen relating to human rights and the rule of law following Russia's invasion of Ukraine.
70. 21 May 2022: **Valentyn Gvozdiy, Vice President of the Ukrainian National Bar Association**, addressed the IBA Council at the request of Sternford Moyo and Mark Ellis.
71. 22 May 2022: IBA Executive Director, Dr Mark Ellis outline to **Valentyn Gvozdiy, Vice President of the Ukrainian National Bar Association (UNBA) the IBA's next steps of support**, including:
 - Providing training to selected lawyers who will be defending any accused in the national war crimes trials, in person/virtually. As we discussed, defending in war crimes trials requires some unique insight.
 - Creating a module training course to be embedded in the UNBA training platform to provide lawyers with ongoing training in defending in the area of international criminal law.
 - Providing support in educating the public on the important role the legal profession plays in ensuring anyone accused of an atrocity crime is provided representation.
72. 23 May 2022: **Reuters News Agency** interviewed IBA Executive Director Dr Mark Ellis and published article on the first trial of a Russian soldier to conclude in a Ukrainian court. [Russian soldier jailed for life in first war crimes trial of Ukraine war](#).
73. 24 May 2022: The **IBA transferred 28,166 USD to the Ukrainian Bar Association** to cover two months of operational costs.
74. 26 May 2022: **Published: IBA Global Insight news analysis – '[Ukraine: First war crime conviction against Russian soldier](#)'**.
75. 27 May 2022: Dr Ewelina Ochab was interviewed by Becky Anderson, **CNN**, on the NewLines Institute report on genocide in Ukraine.

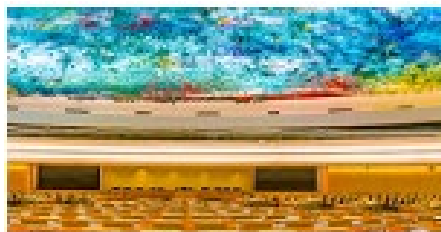


76. 31 May 2022: News release: [eyeWitness to Atrocities app reaches 10,000 milestone of verifiable photos and videos relating to war in Ukraine](#). At the start of August the figure had increased to 15,000.



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77. 08 Jun 2022: The June/July edition of [IBA Global Insight](#) published a collection of columns, features and news analyses focused on the Russia-Ukraine war, including: [The future of refugee protection](#); [From atrocities to accountability](#); [Battling the kleptocrats](#); [Lawfare against justice](#); and [Prisoners of war in the age of social media](#).
78. 13 Jun 2022: Dialogue began between the Ukrainian Bar Association's Chief Executive Officer, Inna Liniova, who wrote to the Co-Chairs of the European Regional Forum, Christine Blaise-Engel and Chris Owen, to suggest cooperation with regard to secondment of Ukrainian lawyers affected by the war.
79. 13 Jun 2022: Published: [IBA Global Insight](#) news analysis – [‘Russia’s invasion of Ukraine: Finland and Sweden bid to join NATO’](#).
80. 14 Jun 2022: Published in the IBA Maritime and Transport Law Committee’s June 2022 newsletter: [Breaches of international maritime laws in Russia’s war against Ukraine](#)
81. 15 Jun 2022: Published: [IBA Global Insight](#) news analysis – [‘Ukraine: Invasion both bolsters and tests Russia’s relationship with China’](#).
82. 16 Jun 2022: During At the 50th session of the United Nations Human Rights Council, the IBA’s Human Rights Institute participated in the Interactive Dialogue with the High Commissioner with an oral intervention calling on the international community to support Ukraine and to coordinate on legal avenues of justice and reparations, including the establishment of an ad hoc tribunal for the crimes of aggression: [IBAHRI takeaways from the 50th session of the United Nations Human Rights Council](#)



83. 17 Jun 2022: The **Ukrainian National Bar Association** officially certified and registered IBA Executive Director, Dr Mark Ellis to practise law in Ukraine as a foreign lawyer.
84. 18 June 2022: IBA Creative Director Tim Licence participated in [Endure 24 Reading](#) to raise funds for the [DEC Ukraine Humanitarian relief appeal](#).
85. 30 June 2022: IBA Executive Director Dr Mark Ellis participated in a virtual **discussion on compensation mechanisms for victims of the war in Ukraine**. Louisa Long of [The John Smith Trust](#) organised the discussion in support of one of the Trust’s Ukrainian Fellows, **Oleksandr Vodyannikov**, a consultant at Ukraine's Law Reform Commission, which advises President Zelensky on the country's

legal system. After setting out his vision a compensation system for the people of Ukraine to bring against the Russian Federation for violations of international law, Vodyannikov has also been invited to join the Justice Working Group of the National Council for Post-War Reconstruction of Ukraine – an advisory body established by President Zelensky. A 'working group', led by Oleksandr, on possible enforcement mechanisms to be established.

86. 05 Jul 2022: At the request of the Ukrainian Bar Association's Chief Executive Officer, Inna Liniova, Ukrainian news site, **Babel**, interviewed IBA Executive Director Dr Mark Ellis. ['Lawyer Mark Ellis worked with the tribunals and tells what it takes to convict the Russian elite for the war'](#).
87. 07 Jul 2022: IBA Ukraine Anti-Corruption Task Force, led by Legal Practice Division Chair Peter Bartlett, convened first meeting. Includes representation from the Ukrainian Bar Association, the Ukrainian National Bar Association and the OECD Working Group on Bribery in International Business Transactions. The Task Force aims, *inter alia*, to provide online training in areas like whistleblowing, internal investigations, conflicts of interest; write to organisations and governments supplying funds and equipment to Ukraine setting out the risks of corruption; and advise on best practice in international compliance systems and post-war reconstruction efforts.
88. 12 Jul 2022: The IBA Anti-Corruption Committee held a webinar, ['Anti-corruption law and policies: the future for Ukraine'](#).
89. 14 Jul 2022:, Nazar Chernyavsky, Vice-Chair of the IBA Technology Law Committee, interviewed by the Director of the IBA's Legal Policy & Research unit, Sara Carnegie about how life and work has changed for Ukrainian lawyers since the start of the Russian invasion: [Sustainable Law in Action: How to be a lawyer in wartime – an interview with Ukrainian lawyer Nazar Chernyavsky](#)



90. 15 Jul 2022: Published: **IBA Global Insight** news analysis – ['Russia: Expropriation fears rising as companies exit'](#)
91. 18 Jul 2022: The IBA Art, Cultural Institutions and Heritage Law Committee announced a webinar scheduled for 20 September: [Art in a time of war: the sanctions landscape.](#)
92. 19 Jul 2022: IBAHRI Director, Baroness Helena Kennedy of the Shaws QC, held a **Parliamentary briefing in the United Kingdom's House of Lords: The Situation of Children in Ukraine: The Need for A Comprehensive Action Plan**. Some of the issues covered: Children remaining in Ukraine facing war-related risks, including death, injury, hunger, neglect and abuse; those leaving Ukraine facing the risk of being trafficked; concerns on the cross-border evacuation of Ukrainian children without adequate protection and safeguards and the forced displacement of children into Russia. The session was chaired by Lord Dubs who came to the UK on Kindertransport from Czechoslovakia. Moderated by Ewelina Ochab.



93. 21 Jul 2022: The IBA announced partnership with the Ukrainian National Bar Association (UNBA) to host a series of online seminars and held the first on defence. IBA Executive Director Dr Mark Ellis and **Sava Kuzmenko, Director, High School of the Ukrainian National Bar Association, Kyiv** co-

moderated. More than 400 people attended the webinar on Zoom, approximately 700 watched on Youtube, and over **10,000** streamed it on Facebook. News release: [IBA and Ukrainian National Bar Association partner to deliver a series of training seminars for lawyers](#).

English recording: <https://youtu.be/GBf5vydTAPM>.


Ukrainian recording: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nKNNPYpyBPQ>



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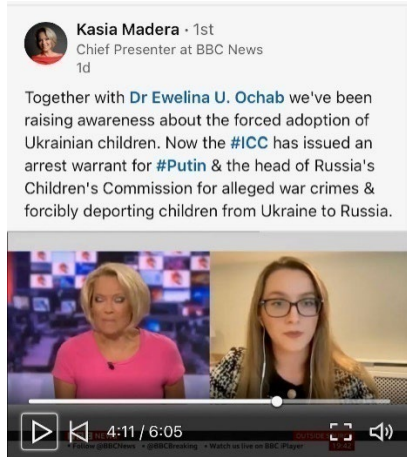
94. 26 Jul 2022: The IBA and the Ukrainian National Bar Association (UNBA), supported by the UNBA's Higher School of Advocacy, held second legal training session. The focus was on international criminal law and was moderated by IBA Executive Director Dr Mark Ellis. News release: [International criminal law is the focus of the second in series of joint IBA and Ukrainian National Bar Association seminars](#). English recording: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0dQ4ViLLX0o>. Ukrainian recording: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3n_Vyy_44MA
95. 27 Jul 2022: The **International Legal Assistance Consortium (ILAC)** – of which the IBA is a founding organisation – announced the publication of a new report, with IBA research contribution, on the impact of the five-month Russia-Ukraine conflict on the Ukrainian justice system. [Ukraine: New ILAC report surveys impact of war on justice institutions](#).
96. 29 Jul 2022: **Published: IBA Global Insight news analysis – ‘Ukraine conflict highlights legal issues surrounding international commercial surrogacy’**.
97. 05 Aug 2022: **Published: IBA Global Insight podcast – ‘Holding Russia to account’**. It examines how both the corporate world and the international justice system can hold perpetrators of war crimes and the crime of aggression to account, and assesses the failures of international systems to provide security.



 Holding Russia to account

98. 09 Aug 2022: The **System Communication Agency** and the **National News Agency of Ukraine (Ukrinform)** invited IBA Executive Director Dr Mark Ellis to be a key speaker at their 07 September event in Kyiv, Ukraine to speak on the complex issue of creating effective mechanisms for holding Russia accountable for crimes of genocide, war crimes and crimes against humanity and aggression. **Maryna Stavnychuk, former Member of the Venice Commission** is to moderate the related session. Dr Ellis will meet with Ukrainian dignitaries during a planned trip in September.

99. 10 Aug 2022: Dr Ewelina Ochab was interviewed by Kasia Madera, **BBC**, on the issue of the abduction of children from Ukraine and their illegal adoption in Russia.



100. 17 Aug 2022: The Ukrainian Bar Association acknowledged IBA support as it launched its Hotline website offering legal assistance to war victims: <https://hotline.uba.ua/en> 'This website has been developed with the support of the International Bar Association.'
101. 17 Aug 2022: **Published: IBA Global Insight news analysis – 'Food security: Grain deal 'partially addresses' food export challenges for Ukraine'**.
102. 23 Aug 2022: News release issued: [IBA condemns detention of Russian lawyer who spoke out against Russia's invasion of Ukraine](#)



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103. 25 Aug 2022: The IBA continues to financially support **Ukrainian Bar Association** and **Ukrainian National Bar Association** law and humanitarian initiatives. A total of USD 73,166 has been spent thus far.
104. 29 Aug 2022: **Colombia's 'Testigo Directo TV** interviews IBA Executive Director Dr Mark Ellis.
105. 01 Sep 2022: **Bloomberg Kyiv** interviews IBA Executive Director Dr Mark Ellis.
106. 04 Sep 2022: Dr Mark Ellis begins official visit to Ukraine: [IBA Executive Director arrives in Ukraine for a week of high-level meetings focused on expanding IBA's support.](#)
107. 05 Sep 2022: IBA Executive Director Dr Mark Ellis meets with the leadership of the **Ukrainian National Bar Association Council**.
108. 08 Sep 2022: IBA Executive Director Dr Mark Ellis met with **President Kniaziev of Ukraine's Supreme Court**.
109. 9 Sep 2022: **Published: IBA Global Insight news analysis – 'Nuclear weapons: Review of non-proliferation treaty ends without consensus amid fears over Zaporizhzhia power plant'**.
110. 12 Sep 2022: **President Kniaziev of Ukraine's Supreme Court proposes future cooperation with the IBA** in the following areas: training of Ukrainian judges; training in separating cases between domestic courts, International Criminal Court, Special tribunal on Crime of Aggression, Special commission or tribunal for recovering civil damages recovery from the Russian Federation and using the **eyeWitness to Atrocities** app to record civil damages.
111. 12 Sep 2022: **The Ukrainian Bar Association publishes interview** with IBA Executive Director Dr Mark Ellis, from when he was in Kyiv: www.linkedin.com/posts/ukrainian-bar-association_couldnt-watch-the-live-interview-with-activity-6975046199456247808-UL3F?utm_source=share&utm_medium=member_desktop

112. 14 Sep 2022: **News release** issued: [Ukraine: IBA Anti-Corruption Committee creates taskforce to aid reconstruction efforts](#)



113. 15 Sep 2022: **Ukraine's Prosecutor General Andriy Kostin** talks with IBA Executive Director Dr Mark Ellis about the of the global legal community's role in creating the Special International Tribunal and posts to social media: <https://twitter.com/AndriyKostinUa/status/1570364642064756736>
114. 17 Sep 2022: **News release** issued: [Ukraine's Prosecutor General welcomes IBA help during meeting with IBA Executive Director on expanding support.](#)
115. 21 Sep 2022: **IBA Group Member firms sponsor a breakfast for the Ukrainian Bar Association** at the IBA Annual Conference in Miami. The theme: Open Ukraine: Courage. Freedom. Justice.
116. 24 Sep 2022: Dr Ewelina Ochab was interviewed by Kasia Madera, **BBC**, on the issue of CRSV in Ukraine and the findings of the UN Col on Ukraine.
117. 22 Sep 2022: IBA Executive Director Dr Mark Ellis participates in panel discussion: *Russia's Responsibility for Crimes in Ukraine: Institutions, Procedures and the Role of Lawyers. The ICC and/or a new international tribunal.*
https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1Sz7aqm0Y2XkaWkjV_mb_eQYKq_5NrEjl?usp=sharing
118. **27 Sep 2022: eyeWitness, founded by the IBA,** submits information to the **Independent International Commission of Inquiry on Ukraine**. The first submission addresses incidents that resulted in damage to, or destruction of, residential areas, educational facilities, cultural heritage sites, and commercial properties in the Chernihiv oblast. The second, a joint submission with **Physicians for Human Rights, Insecurity Insights, and Ukrainian Healthcare Centre**, called for an investigation into attacks on hospitals in Ukraine.
www.eyewitness.global/eyewitness-submitted-evidence-of-human-rights-violations-committed-in-Chernihiv-to-UN
119. 30 Sep 2022: **Published: IBA Global Insight news analysis – 'Russia's invasion of Ukraine: elections wielded as weapon of war'.**
120. 04 Oct 2022: News release published: [eyeWitness to Atrocities app surpasses collection of 20,000 verifiable items of potential human rights violations in Ukraine, and group submits evidence to UN COI](#)



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121. 5 Oct 2022: **Published October/November edition of IBA Global Insight. Cover featured, Ukraine: From the USSR to the EU, focus on what Ukraine needs to do to become a fully-fledged member of the EU.**
122. 10 Oct 2022: **Los Angeles Review of Books publishes interview** with IBA Executive Director Dr Mark Ellis <https://lareviewofbooks.org/article/russia-has-committed-war-crimes-in-ukraine/>

123. 13 Oct 2022: News release: [IBA condemns Russia's disregard of civilian life and international law amid intensified shelling of Ukraine](#)



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124. 13 Oct 2022: Published: [IBA Global Insight news analysis – 'Ukraine: IBA supports legal profession's push for accountability'](#).
125. 13 Oct 2022: IBA Executive Director Dr Mark Ellis participated in the Ukrainian National Bar Association's seminar: The Prospect of Obtaining Civil Damages in Foreign Jurisdictions
Ukrainian recording: https://youtu.be/awR_D-POGLg
126. 17 Oct 2022: The Ukrainian National Information Agency (Ukrinform) publishes synopsis of paper on international justice by IBA Executive Director Dr Mark Ellis www.ukrinform.net/rubric-politics/3573019-nuremberg-for-putin-or-how-to-guarantee-responsibility-for-war-crimes-in-ukraine.html
127. 17 Oct 2022: The IBA Annual Conference in Miami held various Ukraine-related sessions, including:
- [Fireside chat on impacts of the Russian invasion of Ukraine on minerals supply](#)
 - [Ambassador Beth Van Schaack and Prosecutor General of Ukraine, Andriy Kostin](#)
 - [IBA Showcase: atrocity prevention – from Rwanda to Ukraine, why international law still matters](#)
 - [Best practices in supply chain in the post \(or continuing\) Covid environment, the war in Ukraine and the impact of digitisation](#)
 - [Do 'bad' clients deserve 'good' lawyers?](#)
 - [Rule of Law Symposium: Ukraine - the role and rule of law in modern conflict](#)
 - [Rule of Law Forum and LexisNexis Lifetime Achievement Award to last living Nuremberg prosecutor Benjamin Ferencz](#)
128. 18 Oct 2022: The Ukrainian National Bar Association held a training seminar sponsored by the IBA and moderated by IBA Executive Director Dr Mark Ellis: *Historically Successful Mechanisms for the Enforcement of Civil Damages and Considerations for Ukraine*.
129. 20 Oct 2022: The leadership of the Ukrainian National Bar Association and the IBA held private talks, moderated by IBA Executive Director Dr Mark Ellis, on mechanisms for victim protection and representation before the International Criminal Court and other tribunals.
130. 27 Oct 2022: IBA news release: [IBA and Office of the Prosecutor General of Ukraine announce signing of Memorandum of Understanding](#)



131. 27 Oct 2022: Office of the Prosecutor General of Ukraine publishes news release announcing MOU with the IBA: www.gp.gov.ua/ua/posts/ofis-generalnogo-prokurora-ta-iba-zayavili-pro-pidpisannya-memorandumu-pro-vzajemorozuminnya



132. 28 Oct 2022: **Published: IBA Global Insight news analysis - [UN to appoint Special Rapporteur to investigate human rights abuses in Russia](#)**

133. 30 Oct 2022: **Specially recorded message from President Volodymyr Zelensky** played to IBA delegates attending the IBA Annual Conference in Miami.

Video: [Ukraine's President Volodymyr Zelensky's video address](#)



134. 30 Oct 2022: At the Opening Ceremony of the IBA Annual Conference in Miami **Special Awards for Extraordinary Leadership and Dedication in Protecting Human Rights and the Rule of Law in Ukraine** were presented to **Anna Ogrenchuk, President of the Ukrainian Bar Association, and Valentyn Gvozdiy, Vice President of the Ukrainian National Bar Association** by IBA President Sternford Moyo and IBA Executive Director Dr Mark Ellis.

Video: www.ibanet.org/Miami2022/Ukraine-Bar-Associations-Awards?fbclid=IwAR2i_ejgeZxLfffg1Za_4A_v00N78VGzh2yn6XIVDP6IUBVnU2vQcwsCYSg



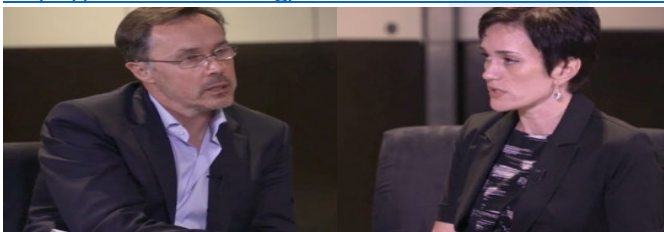
135. 31 Oct 2022: During the IBA Annual Conference in Miami, **the Ukrainian Bar Association and the IBA hosted a breakfast meeting: *ReOpen Ukraine in Miami: International Justice and Postwar Economic Transformation for Ukraine.***

Video: <https://2022.uba.ua/en/important-en/reopen-ukraine-in-miami-international-justice-and-postwar-economic-transformation-for-ukraine/>



136. 31 Oct 2022: **Evgenia Kara-Murza** – wife of Russian political activist Vladimir Kara-Murza, who is currently imprisoned in Russia for speaking out against Russia's invasion of Ukraine – was interviewed by IBA Director of Content James Lewis during the IBA Annual Conference in Miami.

<https://www.ibanet.org/Miami-2022-interview-with-Evgenia-Kara-Murza>



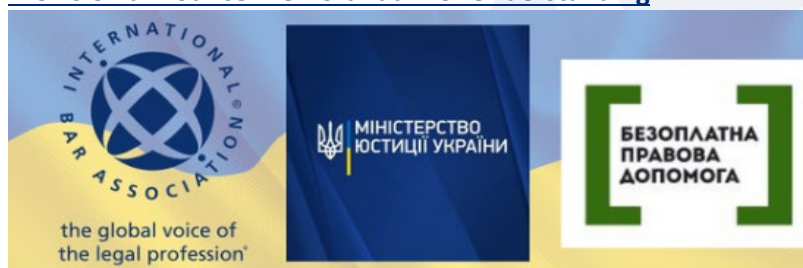
137. 01 Nov 2022: **Dr Beth Van Schaack, Ambassador-at-Large for Global Criminal Justice in the United States, and Andriy Kostin, Prosecutor General of Ukraine** (via video link) were guests of IBA Executive Director Dr Mark Ellis' *'A conversation with...'* Video: www.ibanet.org/Miami2022/Conversation-with-Beth-Van-Schaack-and-Andriy-Kostin



138. 01 Nov 2022: At the IBA Annual Conference in Miami, IBA Executive Director Dr Mark Ellis and IBA War Crimes Committee Advisory Board Member **Professor Leila Sadat** co-moderated a Showcase session on ensuring that those who commit atrocity crimes are brought to justice. The expert panel discussed issues including justice through the International Criminal Court, universal jurisdiction, the UN Security Council, the Responsibility to Protect principle, and other accountability mechanisms.

Video: [IBA Showcase: atrocity prevention – from Rwanda to Ukraine, why international law still matters](#)

139. 31 Oct-04 Nov 2022: Sessions at the IBA Annual Conference in Miami, Ukraine-related included:
- [Fireside chat on impacts of the Russian invasion of Ukraine on minerals supply](#) – IBA Mining Law Committee (Lead)
 - [Best practices in supply chain in the post \(or continuing\) Covid environment, the war in Ukraine and the impact of digitisation](#) – IBA International Commerce and Distribution Committee (Lead)
 - [Do 'bad' clients deserve 'good' lawyers?](#) – IBA Regulation of Lawyers' Compliance Committee (Lead)
 - [Showcase video: Rule of Law Symposium: Ukraine - the role and rule of law in modern conflict](#) – Rule of Law Forum (Lead)
140. 11 Nov 2022: **Published: IBA Global Insight news analysis – Law firms have 'key role to play' in response to Ukraine, says regulator**
141. 17 Nov 2022: IBA Executive Director Dr Mark Ellis participates in a webinar hosted by the **Boston Bar Association, Ensuring Accountability for Atrocity Crimes in the War in Ukraine**. He talks Dr Ioannis Kalpouzos, Visiting Professor at Harvard Law School about the international legal effort to establish and implement accountability mechanisms for atrocity crimes committed in the Russia-Ukraine war, and the important technology of the IBA-founded *eyeWitness to Atrocities app* that allows individuals to collect evidence and secure chain of custody information.
- Video: <https://vimeo.com/772135119>
142. 25 Nov 2022: News Release: [IBA, Ukraine's Ministry of Justice and Coordination Centre for Legal Aid Provision announce Memorandum of Understanding](#)



143. 26 Nov 2022: The **Prosecutor General of Ukraine Andriy Kostin** (right) travels to London and meets with IBA Executive Director Dr Mark Ellis. They discuss the **establishment of the Special Tribunal for the Crime of Aggression and the International Compensatory Mechanism**, among other things. Also present is the Legal Attaché of Embassy of Ukraine – London, Valeriia Budakova.

<https://twitter.com/AndriyKostinUa/status/1596836239717863424>



144. 29 Nov 2022: The **First Lady of Ukraine Olena Zelenska** opens **Russian War Crimes Exhibition**, at Portcullis House, Westminster, London. In his welcome remarks to United Kingdom parliamentarians, IBA Executive Director Dr Mark Ellis reiterated IBA support for Ukraine.

Interfax-Ukraine article: [Victor Pinchuk Foundation opens Russian War Crimes Exhibition at the UK Parliament](#)



145. 30 Nov 2022: Dr Ewelina Ochab curated a UK Parliamentary session on 'CRSV On European Soil: Putin's Atrocities in Ukraine'.
146. 06 Dec 2022: The Center for Truth and Justice invited IBA Executive Director Dr Mark Ellis invited to address May 2023 conference.
147. 07 Dec 2022: **IBA President Sternford Moyo** urges states to increase support and resources for the International Criminal Court as the Court's workload increases, including investigating alleged war crimes and crimes against humanity in Ukraine.

News release: www.ibanet.org/IBA-urges-states-to-increase-support-and-resources-for-the-International-Criminal-Court



148. 07 Dec 2022: Dr Ewelina Ochab curated a parliamentary session 'Not Leaving Genocide Prevention to Chance', British Group Inter-Parliamentary Union, the International Bar Association's Human Rights Institute, and the Coalition for Genocide Response.



149. 08 Dec 2022: **IBA Global Insight publishes** an exclusive article in which **Prosecutor General of Ukraine Andriy Kostin** covers the Genocide Convention, forced deportation of Ukrainian children and their adoption in Russia, sexual violence, destruction of cultural and historic sites and accountability.
English: www.ibanet.org/The-world-must-not-turn-a-blind-eye-to-genocidal-intent
Ukrainian: www.ibanet.org/document?id=IBA-Global-Insight-article-Ukraine-Prosecutor-General-Andriy-Kostin-Dec2022-UKRAINIAN
Russian: www.ibanet.org/document?id=IBA-Global-Insight-article-Ukraine-Prosecutor-General-Andriy-Kostin-Dec2022-RUSSIAN



150. 09 Dec 2022: Dr Ewelina Ochab spoke at a Twitter space event on ‘Russia’s Genocide in Ukraine’, organised by the Montreal Institute for Genocide Studies.
151. 14 Dec 2022: The **IBA participated in an environmental experts’ group coordination meeting** at the invitation of the Prosecutor General of Ukraine’s Office. IBA Executive Director Dr Mark Ellis represented the Association.
152. 23 Dec 2022: **eyeWitness gave a briefing about eyeWitness to approximately 20 members of staff from the Prosecutor General’s Office** at the request of the Prosecutor General of Ukraine. The briefing explained how the eyeWitness system worked. The participants were keen to understand the process for requesting footage from eyeWitness for the PGO’s investigations and cases.



153. 2022: Dr Ewelina Ochab published various op-eds in online Forbes throughout the year, regarding the war in Ukraine. <https://www.forbes.com/sites/ewelinaochab/>



Dr. Ewelina U. Ochab - Ewelina Ochab
Dr. Ewelina U. Ochab's stories. Dr. Ewelina U. Ochab is a lawyer, human rights advocate, and author.
www.forbes.com

154. 09 Jan 2023: The Economist published an in-depth eyeWitness to Atrocities-related article: ‘Proving a photo is fake is one thing. Proving it isn’t is another – But, for the reporting of war crimes, it matters’ www.economist.com/science-and-technology/2023/01/09/proving-a-photo-is-fake-is-one-thing-proving-it-isnt-is-quite-another
155. 12 Jan 2023: The **Office of the Prosecutor General** invited the IBA to attend the **inaugural United for Justice (U4J) Conference** taking place in March 2023. IBA Executive Director Dr Mark Ellis will represent the Association.
156. 15 Jan 2023: The **Ministry of Defense of Ukraine** drafted a **Memorandum of Understanding** between it, the **All-Ukrainian Non-Governmental Organisation** «Ukrainian Bar Association» and the IBA on the improvement of the legislative framework and ensuring proper defence in cases concerning military crimes. IBA signatories will be **IBA President Almudena Arpón de Mendivil y Aldama** and **IBA Executive Director Dr Mark Ellis**.

157. 01 Feb 2023: **Mykola Stetsenko** of the **Ukrainian Bar Association** (UBA) travelled to Washington DC for high-level meetings with United States officials arranged by the Director of the IBA North America Regional Office, Michael Maya (pictured far right). Present were representatives of **Ambassador Beth van Schaak's Office of Global Criminal Justice**, the **US Department of State's Bureau of Democracy, Human Rights and Labor**, and its **Bureau of International Narcotics and Law Enforcement**, the **United States Agency for International Development**, the **National Endowment for Democracy**, and the **District of Columbia Bar Association**. The **US Department of State hosted the meeting on its premises**. Discussions included: the UBA's work on documenting war crimes and crimes against humanity, including through the dissemination of the **eyeWitness to Atrocities** app; the UBA's idea of creating a Human Rights Institute; the defence work for those accused of treason, war crimes etc; trial monitoring; and training advocates to represent more effectively alleged war criminals, terrorists, etc.



158. 01 Feb 2023: Published: **IBA Global Insight** in-depth article assessing the implications the war has had on oil and gas supplies – [Ukraine and the energy markets](#).



159. 21 Feb 2023: eyeWitness founded by the IBA, publishes a joint report with Physicians for Human Rights, Insecurity Insight, Ukrainian Healthcare Centre, and Media Initiative for Human Rights regarding attacks against Ukraine's healthcare infrastructure since Russia's full scale invasion. www.eyewitness.global/eyewitness-and-partners-launch-new-report-on-attacks-on-ukraines-health-care-system



160. 23 Feb 2023: Dr Ewelina Ochab spoke at a webinar organised by René Cassin - the Jewish Voice for Human Rights on 'Ukraine: How the law can hold Putin to account'
161. 24 Feb 2023: The IBA marked the anniversary of Russia's 2022 illegal invasion of Ukraine in a news release: Ukraine one year on: IBA reiterates condemnation of Russia's invasion and looks ahead. www.ibanet.org/Ukraine-one-year-on-IBA-reiterates-condemnation-of-Russias-invasion-and-looks-ahead

162. 27 Feb 2023: **IBA Global Insight** distributes, via email, *'Ukraine one year on'* – a round-up of continuing coverage of the Russia-Ukraine conflict and its global repercussions. Included was an exclusive article by **Andriy Kostin, Prosecutor General of Ukraine** (pictured): www.ibanet.org/The-world-must-not-turn-a-blind-eye-to-genocidal-intent
163. 27 Feb 2023: IBA Executive Director Dr Mark Ellis made a 2nd trip to Ukraine for high-level governmental talks, as well as discussions with the legal profession. He first went to Kyiv and met with, *inter alia*, Ukraine's **Prosecutor General Andriy Kostin**, as well with representatives from different departments of the **Prosecutor General's Office**; the **Ministry of Foreign Affairs' Ambassador Anton Korynevych**; **Ukraine's Ombudsman, Dmytro Lubinets**; and the **President of the Ukrainian National Bar Association (UNBA) Lidiya Izovitova** and her team.



Andriy Kostin (left) and Dr Mark Ellis

164. 01 Mar 2023: **Interfax-Ukraine** (Ukraine News Agency) publishes an article on the meeting between the **Defense Minister of Ukraine Oleksiy Reznikov** (pictured) and IBA Executive Director Dr Mark Ellis. [Ukrainian Ministry of Defense to cooperate with Ukrainian, foreign organizations in legal field](#)



165. 02 Mar 2023: **Ukrinform.net** publishes an article on the meeting between **Ukraine's Deputy Head of the Presidential Office, Andrii Smyrnov** and IBA Executive Director Dr Mark Ellis. www.ukrinform.net/rubric-polytics/3677149-iba-executive-director-supports-creation-of-special-tribunal-for-russia-presidents-office.html

166. 03 Mar 2023: In Lviv, Ukraine's **President Volodymyr Zelenskyy** (pictured) hosted the **United for Justice Summit**, which brought together leading legal international experts. In his opening remarks he said: *'The world needs a real embodiment of the rule of law to protect humanity from the source of all aggressions'*: www.president.gov.ua/en/news/svit-potrebuye-realnogo-vtilennya-verhovenstva-prava-yake-ub-81417. IBA Executive Director Dr Mark Ellis was a panellist on the session *'Prosecuting international crimes – lessons and legacies of the international, hybrid and national mechanisms/tribunals'*.



167. 03 Mar 2023: Participants attending the **United for Justice Summit** received a printed '**Factbook**' that included reference to the **eyeWitness to Atrocities app** stating the tool will provide expert assistance in the implementation of effective investigative strategies.
168. 06 Mar 2023: **IBA Officers Andre Monette** (Council Member of the Energy, Environment, Natural Resources and Infrastructure Law Section) **and, Brigit Inder as an IBA Task Force** looking at potential legal options for Ukraine to seek civil remedies and/or criminal prosecution for damages to the environment caused by the Russian Federation's (RUF) actions in Ukraine since 2014 published their analysis. Including legal actions to prosecute individual RUF actors for environmental crimes and to obtain compensation from the RUF as a form of reparations for damages to the environment. The memorandum also provides practical guidance on collecting evidence and building a case for damages.



169. 13 Mar 2023: The **New York Times'** **Marlise Simons** interviewed IBA Executive Director Dr Mark Ellis for the article: '**International Court to Open War Crimes Cases Against Russia, Officials Say** – The cases before the International Criminal Court would accuse Russia of abducting Ukrainian children and of deliberately targeting civilian infrastructure.'

www.nytimes.com/2023/03/13/world/europe/icc-war-crimes-russia-ukraine.html

170. 16 Mar 2023: **Canada's Broadcasting Corporation (CBC) News Network's Ian Hanomansing** interviewed IBA Executive Director Dr Mark Ellis. Discussed was the International Criminal Court's announcement that it had issued an arrest warrant for Russia's President Vladimir Putin:

www.cbc.ca/player/play/2183430211565



Other interviews included: **Deutsche Welle** and **CNN International**

171. 16 Mar 2023: **Channel 4 News' Krishnan Guru-Murthy** interviewed Baroness Helena Kennedy KC, Director of the International Bar Association's Human Rights Institute (link and photo below). Other interviews included: **BBC Radio Five Live** and **Times Radio**.

www.channel4.com/news/putins-travel-will-be-limited-for-rest-of-his-life-after-icc-arrest-warrant-human-rights-lawyer-says



172. 17 Mar 2023: **CBC The National** interviewed IBA Executive Director Dr Mark Ellis.

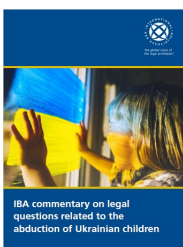
173. 20 Mar 2023: At the **52nd Session of the United Nations Human Rights Council**, the International Bar Association's Human Rights Institute (IBAHRI) welcomed the adoption of a resolution renewing the mandate of the Commission of Inquiry (COI) on Ukraine. In an [oral statement](#) during the Interactive Dialogue with the COI, the IBAHRI stated that it was appalled by the findings of the investigations, which indicated the commission of war crimes and possible crimes against humanity by Russian forces. Francesca Restifo, IBAHRI Senior Human Rights Lawyer and UN representative, was invited to speak on behalf of the IBA and IBAHRI at a side event organised by the **Ukrainian authorities and the Human Rights House Foundation** on accountability measures for war crimes in Ukraine.
174. 27 Mar 2023: Inna Liniova, Executive Director of the Ukrainian Bar Association, published interview with IBA Executive Director Dr Mark Ellis: www.youtube.com/watch?v=wWS0UDDkaPs



175. 28 Mar 2023: **TV Rain** (banned independent Russian media, operating from Latvia), aired interview with IBA Executive Director Dr Mark Ellis: www.youtube.com/watch?v=kVPsazv34c0



176. 28 Mar 2023: Dr Ewelina Ochab spoke at a Parliamentary event on 'The Ad hoc-tribunal for the crime of aggression on Ukraine' organised by the Accountability Unit.
177. 30 Mar 2023: **Memorandum of Understanding signed between the National School of Judges of Ukraine (NSJU) and the IBA**. IBA President Almudena Arpón de Mendivil Aldama and IBA Executive Director Dr Mark Ellis have agreed to provide support to the NSJU in its aim to ensure effective judicial procedures in cases concerning domestic war crimes trials.
178. 13 Apr 2023: **Il Dubbio** (magazine of the Italian Bar Association) published **Gennaro Grimalizzi's** interview with IBA Executive Director Dr Mark Ellis on the International Criminal Court issuing arrest warrants for Russia's Vladimir Putin: www.ildubbio.news/interviste/il-mandato-di-arresto-per-putin-puo-accelerare-la-caduta-del-suo-regime-njs5lnvm#Echobox=1681382824
179. 19 Apr 2023: **The IBA War Crimes Committee and the IBA Family Law Committee** provided expertise to Ukraine's Prosecutor General Office on specific legal questions relating to the abduction of Ukrainian children. The guidance addressed issues including what constitutes unlawful deportation or transfer, and the obligations of the Russian Federation towards unaccompanied Ukrainian children on Russian territory.



180. 21 Apr 2023: The IBAHRI issued a news release condemning the conviction of the dual Russian British national journalist Vladimir Kara-Murza. www.ibanet.org/IBAHRI-condemns-conviction-of-Russian-journalist-and-opposition-activist-Vladimir-Kara-Murza



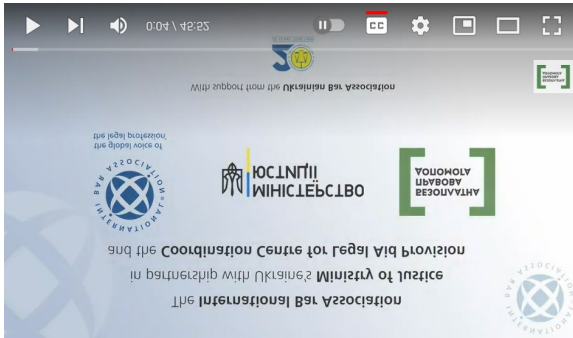
181. 05 May 2023: *IBA Global Insight* published: *South Africa, the ICC and President Putin*, an article on South Africa's dilemma as host of the BRICS (Brazil, Russia, India, China and South Africa) conference due to take place in August. If Russian President Vladimir Putin attends and with the International Criminal Court having issued a warrant of arrest against him for allegedly kidnapping Ukrainian children and transporting them to Russia what will South Africa do? www.ibanet.org/south-africa-icc-putin
182. 15 May 2023: **Case Western University** taped the current series of *Talking Foreign Policy: 'The Indictment of Vladimir Putin'*. IBA Executive Director Dr Mark Ellis was invited to participate and introduced by the program's host, **Professor Michael Scharf**, as having worked closely with the **Prosecutor General of Ukraine to prepare for prosecution of Russian war crimes cases**.
183. 16 May 2023: The Ukrainian Bar Association requested IBA assistance regarding a project that would monitor judicial proceedings in war crimes cases in Kyiv courts between 01 June and 30 August 2023. **Justice Richard Goldstone, Dr Ewelina U Ochab, Steven Kay KC, Mark Stephens CBE and Dr Mark Ellis**, provided the expertise.
184. 18 May 2023: **IBA Group Member Firm Sorainen** participated in the Ukrainian Bar Association's first session of the **XVII FORUM 'DEVELOPMENT OF THE LEGAL SERVICES MARKET'**. Mr Laimonas Skibarka, partner at the firm addressed senior managers of leading law firms, heads of legal departments of the largest legal entities, state officials, leading specialists in the field of jurisprudence and marketing attending the conference.
185. 22 May 2023: **Ukraine Legal Aid** announced joint series of lectures on war crimes with the IBA: International standards on the rights to a fair trial and competent defence in war crimes cases. Included an introduction by IBA Executive Director Dr Mark Ellis. <https://legalaid.gov.ua/novyny/mizhnarodni-standarty-prav-na-spravedlyvyj-sud-ta-kompetentnyj-zahyst-v-spravah-shhodo-vijskovykh-zlochyniv-rozpochato-seriyu-lekczij-dlya-advokativ/>



186. 22 May 2023: **Ukraine Ombudsman's office** holds call on *eyeWitness* with Ukraine regional representatives, **eyeWitness Director Wendy Betts** and **IBA Executive Director Dr Mark Ellis**.
187. 22 May 2023: *IBA Global Insight* published an article titled: How Russia's aggression is revitalising international criminal justice. www.ibanet.org/How-russias-aggression-is-revitalising-international-criminaljustice



188. 23 May 2023: **Ukraine Legal Aid** uploaded the first lecture in the series: *'The role of the lawyer in war crimes trials with David Hooper KC'* www.youtube.com/watch?v=imUpQ_Be4JM&t=3s. It was held by the IBA in partnership with **Ukraine's Ministry of Justice** and the **Coordination Centre for Legal Aid Provision** with support from the **Ukrainian Bar Association**. **USAID Justice for All Activity** provided the Ukrainian translation.



189. 25 May 2023: The **Ukrainian Bar Association** launched an online charitable auction on LinkedIn selling a variety of items, including dinner with IBA Executive Director Dr Mark Ellis. www.linkedin.com/posts/ukrainian-bar-association_togetherabrouabrvoiceabrisabrlouder-ubaabrcharityabrauction-activity-7064208417787174912-bry-?utm_source=share&utm_medium=member_desktop
190. 27 May 2023: **IBA Council** unanimously passed a resolution calling for the creation of a special United Nations-backed criminal tribunal for the crime of aggression against Ukraine. **Andriy Kostin, Prosecutor General of Ukraine**, tweeted the news: <https://twitter.com/IBANews/status/1662385935756013569>
191. 29 May 2023: Presented by the **IBA Human Rights Law Committee** and co-sponsored by the **Rule of Law Forum and Access to Justice and Legal Aid Committee** a webinar: *Challenging the prosecution of anti-war expressions at the Russian Constitutional Court*. Watch here: www.ibanet.org/conference-details/CONF2402?utm_source=SAPHybris&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=3333&utm_term=2402%20-%20HRI%20webinar_Book%20online&utm_content=EN
192. 31 May 2023: **BBC News** reporter **Jeremy Howell** interviewed IBA Executive Director Dr Mark Ellis for as part of the live reporting on the war: **Is it a war crime to attack dams?** www.bbc.co.uk/news/live/world-europe-65816109/page/4
193. 31 May 2023: IBA outlines dates for the 2nd of a project to train Ukraine defence lawyers 22, 23 and 29 June. The programme, *The Role of the defence lawyer in war crimes trials*, is to include the topics of
- Challenge authenticity, admissibility and relevance of evidence
 - How to decide what to challenge and what not (agreed facts)
 - Advocating for the presumption of the client's innocence even in the face of national opposition – responding to pressures from the public
194. 05 Jun 2023: Roundtable discussion held as a side event to the IBA ICC Moot Court Competition in The Hague: **Accountability for War Crimes in Ukraine and the Crime of Aggression**. The panellists were: **Prof. Michael Scharf, Prof. Milena Sterio, Ms Myroslava Krasnoborova, and Dr Mark Ellis**.



195. 13 Jun 2023: **Oksana Kovalenko** interviewed IBA Executive Director Dr Mark Ellis for Ukrainian news publisher **Babel**: <https://babel.ua/en/texts/94555-the-us-agrees-that-putin-should-be-tried-for-the-war-against-ukraine-but-there-s-no-agreement-to-the-special-tribunal-why-and-how-to-change-this-interview-with-mark-ellis-a-lawyer-who-has-worked-with->
196. 22 Jun 2023: With attention focused on actionable steps to help Ukraine build back better and revive its economy, IBA Executive Director Dr Mark Ellis was invited to attend the by-invitation-only Ukraine Recovery Conference hosted by the governments of Ukraine and the United Kingdom. The event was held in London over two days: <http://tinyurl.com/f3e98ay9>



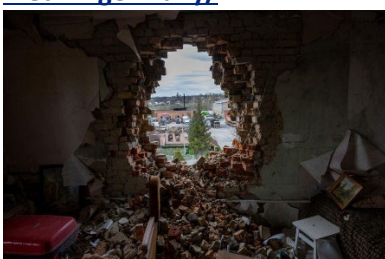
197. 25 Jun 2023: For its project **Digitization of the archives of the Ukrainian National Bar Association to ensure the security and accessibility of essential data**, the UBNA is to receive, in three instalments, USD 38,150 from the IBA in support. **Lidiya Izovitova**, UBNA President, stated in the agreement that the project will include the preservation of unique data on Ukrainian advocates, which is under threat of destruction due to the war in Ukraine; ensuring effective coordination and exchange of information between regional and central bar self-government bodies; and strengthening the bar's self-government infrastructure and improving the quality of services for advocates and citizens of Ukraine.
198. 29 Jun 2023: The IBA held a series of three online events on 22, 23 and 29 June on *The Role of the defence lawyer in war crimes trials*. Simultaneous translation was provided for the audience, which constituted Ukrainian defence lawyers and representatives and staff from Ukraine's Ministry of Justice. The expert panellists included, Judge Orié, Peter Robinson, Caroline Buisman, Michael Newton, Kevin Heller, Haydee Dijkstal, Kirsty Sutherland, Iain Edwards and Mylene Dimitri. Moderating was George Artley, IBA Bar Issues Commission Project Lawyer. The sessions can be watched at the below links:

- Session #1 22 June – <https://tinyurl.com/43ad9w7x>
- Session #2 23 June – <https://tinyurl.com/yc32vnb8>
- Session #3 29 June – <https://tinyurl.com/3z6hzb22>

199. 03 Jul 2023: *Jurist – Legal News and Commentary* published an article on the destruction of the Nova Kakhovka Dam authored by IBA Executive Director Dr Mark Ellis. www.jurist.org/commentary/2023/07/kakhovka-dam-war-crimes/



200. 09 Jul 2023: Forbes Magazine printed: Criminal Complaint Against Russian Military Filed In Germany by regular Forbes contributor and International Bar Association's Human Rights Institute's Programme Lawyer, Dr Ewelina U Ochab. www.forbes.com/sites/ewelinaochab/2023/07/09/criminal-complaint-against-russian-military-filed-in-germany/



201. 27 Jul 2023: The [Civil, family and inheritance committee of the Ukrainian Bar Association](#) together with the [IBA Family Law Committee](#) held a webinar: *The War in Ukraine and 1980 Hague Convention: to return or not to return? That is the question*. Opening remarks were given by Oleksandr on behalf of the UBA and by Elisabeth H Loukas, Chair of the IBA Family Law Committee. The discussion focused on the recent developments of the case law on the return of children to Ukraine under the Hague Convention on International Abduction of Children of 25 October 1980 in the context of the ongoing war in Ukraine.
202. 08 Aug 2023: The first meeting of **The Consultative Council of the National School of Judges of Ukraine in Adjudicating International Crimes by Domestic Courts**. The Consultative Council was established in January 2023 by the **National School of Judges of Ukraine** with the support from the **USAID Justice for All Program** to strengthen the capacity of Ukrainian judges to fairly, impartially, and timely consider international crimes cases. Dr Mark Ellis participated.
203. 14 Aug 2023: **Professor Michael B Scharf's *Talking Foreign Policy*** was aired on Cleveland's NPR station with contributions from guests including Ambassador Beth Van Schaack and IBA Executive Director Dr Mark Ellis. The panel's discussion centred on *The age of the strongman – standing up to the world's tyrants* and is now available as a podcast at: [Talking Foreign Policy | School of Law | Case Western Reserve University](#).
204. 15 Aug 2023: ***The Gaze*** – 'a Ukrainian media project commissioned by the government of Ukraine, which is designed to tell the whole world about the war in Ukraine' interviewed IBA Executive Director Dr Mark Ellis on trying Russia's President, Vladimir Putin, for the crime of aggression and the challenges of doing so.
205. 21 Aug 2023: A conference organised by the **Office of the President of Ukraine** and the **Working Group on the Establishment of the Special Tribunal** held the ***Tribunal Conference: Special International Tribunal for the Crime of Aggression against Ukraine***. The objectives of the event included broad discussion on the current status of the tribunal establishment process and challenges faced and to unite the participants of the event around the topic of advocacy for the establishment of the tribunal. IBA Executive Director Mark Ellis participated (by video) at the invitation of **Andrii Smyrnov, Deputy Head of the Office of the President of Ukraine**.



206. 28 Aug 2023: IBA Executive Director Dr Mark Ellis returned to Ukraine to attend a series of high-level meetings in Kyiv.
207. 30 Aug 2023: **Andriy Kostin, Prosecutor General of Ukraine**, posted thanks on social media to IBA Executive Director Dr Mark Ellis for bringing the expertise of the IBA's Committees and his extensive network of contacts to discussions on holding Russia to account for its invasion of Ukraine and any resulting transgressions.

On X (formerly Twitter): <https://twitter.com/AndriyKostinUa/status/1696491001202749562>

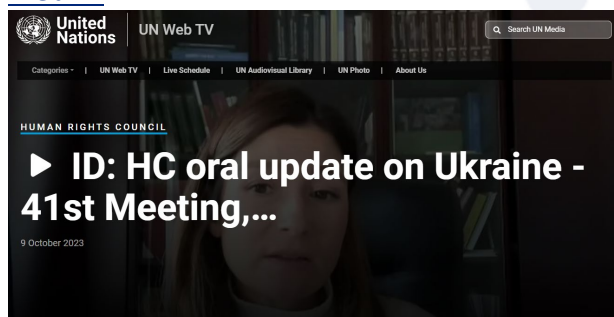


208. August 2023: **IBA Family Law Committee** provides legal assessment to **Ukraine Ombudsman** on status of children in selected European countries.
209. 02 Sep 2023: **The New York Times** interviewed IBA Executive Director Dr Mark Ellis. The interview centred on Ukraine and establishing a 'hybrid tribunal' to judge Russia's crime of aggression.
210. 14 Sep 2023: Members of the **IBA Human Rights Committee**, **IBA War Crimes Committee**, and former ICC judge **Alphons Orié** provided detailed war crime trial analysis for **Inna Liniova, Executive Director of the Ukrainian Bar Association**, and **Oleksandr Baranov, Director, Coordination Center for the Provision of Legal Assistance, Ministry of Justice of Ukraine**. The analysis centred on how the trial process and procedures compared with best international standards for war crime trials.
211. 19 Sep 2023: The **Conflict and Resilience Research Institute Canada** (CRRIC) held a webinar as part of its Peace Days 2023 series: **War crimes in Ukraine and importance of documentation for prosecution of atrocities**. IBA Executive Director participated to contribute details on how the IBA-founded eyeWitness to Atrocities app is being used in Ukraine to capture potential evidence to ensure accountability and justice in future national and/or international trials.
<https://www.youtube.com/live/YX1yG2S3R70?si=g8gsCEeLjWauUFh>
212. September 2023: **IBA Arbitration Committee and Mediation Committee** had a series of meeting with the **Ukrainian MoD** to discuss assistance on contract resolution for non-payment of services/products to Ukraine.
213. 4 Oct 2023: **Helena Kennedy KC**, Director of the **International Bar Association's Human Rights Institute (IBAHRI)** is announced by **Andriy Yermak, Head of the Ukraine President's Office**, as Co-Chair of **Bring Kids Back UA** – a high-level group of experts focused on returning forcefully deported children to Ukraine.



214. 5 Oct 2023: **Valona Tela** interviewed IBA Executive Director Dr Mark Ellis for **Radio Free Europe**, based in Prague.
215. 9 Oct 2023: High Commissioner Oral Update on Ukraine – 41st Meeting, 54th Regular Session of Human Rights Council, which included comments from the **International Bar Association's Ms. Francesca Restifo**

[ID: HC oral update on Ukraine - 41st Meeting, 54th Regular Session of Human Rights Council | UN Web TV](#)



216. 19 Oct 2023: Valentyn Bohunov interviewed Executive director of the IBA Dr Mark Ellis for the **Law and Business Newspaper**, based in Ukraine. [Ukrainian lawyers are facing the unchartered territory, - executive director of the IBA \(zib.com.ua\)](#)
217. 21 Oct 2023: **USAID Justice for All Activity** held their **Conference on the domestic adjudication of war crimes cases by Ukrainian courts**. The IBA Executive Director participated in the session **The Role of Defense Counsel in Safeguarding Fair Trial Standards**.

218. 29 Oct 2023: **Just Mundi**, after being approached by the **IBA Arbitration Committee**, confirmed that they would allow the International Arbitration Division of the Main Directorate of Military Justice, of the Ministry of Defence of Ukraine complimentary access to their AI-powered legal research tools on Jus Mundi & Jus Connect to support their ongoing efforts in handling arbitral matters.

219. 30 Oct-03 Nov 2023: **Sessions at the IBA Annual Conference in Paris, Ukraine-related included:**

- [Fair Trails in wars](#) – IBA Judges' Forum (Lead)
- [Defending and restoring global rule of law: lessons learned from Russia's war of aggression against Ukraine](#) – Rule of Law Forum (Lead)
- **A Conversation with video:** [A conversation with...Prosecutor General of Ukraine Andriy Kostin](#)
- **A Conversation with video:** [A conversation with... Ambassador Mark Brzezinski](#)
- [Distressed M&A involving closely held companies](#) – IBA Closely Held Companies Committee (Lead)
- [Standing on the side of hope: China and the globalisation - a review of recent trends and future of investment activities between Europe and China](#) – IBA Asia Pacific Regional Forum (Lead) and IBA China Working Group (Lead)
- **A Conversation with video:** [A conversation with... Karim A. A. Khan KC](#)
- [Asset recovery and the war in Ukraine](#) – IBA Asset Recovery Committee (Lead)
- [Economic crisis, unforeseen circumstances and contract rebalancing](#) – IBA International Construction Projects Committee (Lead)
- [Advancing accountability in Ukraine and beyond?](#) – IBA War Crimes Committee (Lead)
- [Finding the balance between decarbonisation, security of supply, a just energy transition and the right economics](#) – IBA Oil and Gas Law Committee (Lead)
- **Showcase video:** [Rule of Law Symposium: accountability and justice](#) – Rule of Law Forum (Lead)



220. 1 Nov 2023: During the IBA Annual Conference in Paris, **the Ukrainian Bar Association and the IBA hosted a breakfast meeting: ReOpen Ukraine 2023:** https://www.ibanet.org/session-details/se_162002

221. 27-28 Nov 2023: **International Bar Association's Executive Director, Dr Mark Ellis, Helena Kennedy KC, Director of the International Bar Association's Human Rights Institute (IBAHRI) and Dr Ewelina Ochab** participated in the **International Conference on Justice and Accountability for the War In Ukraine**, held in Brussels, which was supported by IBA, IBAHRI and Ukrainian Bar Association.



222. 1 Dec 2023: As part of the **JUSTICE Ukraine Series**, chaired by the **Rt. Hon. Lord Bony**, Dr Mark Ellis participated in the panel discussion **Future War Crime Trials**.

223. 4 Dec 2023: The **International Bar Association**, as part of its continuous efforts to support Ukraine, reached out to their membership and invited experienced lawyers-mediators to participate in a pro bono program aimed at providing legal support in various matters crucial to Ukraine's interests.

224. 7-10 Dec: Dr Mark Ellis attended a conference organised by the **American Society of International Law (ASIL)** that was held in Lviv titled **Stand Tall for the Rule of Law** and it marked the 75th Anniversaries of the Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide and the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.
225. 8-9 Dec 2023: Executive Director Dr Mark Ellis participated in the moderated discussion panel on **Criminal Justice in the context of war**, which was held as part of the **International Conference on the Role of the judiciary in overcoming challenges of war**, in Lviv, Ukraine.
226. 14 Dec 2023: The **Global Council for Political Renewal (GCPR)** held a virtual meeting on Human Rights & Relief, the guest speakers included Dr Mark Ellis.
227. 1 Feb 2024: Olena Kurenkova interviewed Dr Mark Ellis for Ukrainian public broadcast service **Suspilne Media** regarding the IL-76 aircraft incident
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bJBUC90EE98&t=1s>
228. 1 Feb 2024: Dr Mark Ellis participated in the conference on **the Special International Tribunal for the crime of aggression against Ukraine** organised by **Justice and Accountability for Ukraine**.
229. 27 Feb 2024: The UBA has provided an in-country consultant to work on the LPRU Gender project in Ukraine.
230. 27 Feb 2024: Dr Mark Ellis spoke at the Florida State University International Law Students Association discussion on **International Criminal Law During the Ukraine War** with Inna Liniova of the Ukrainian Bar Association.



231. 4 Mar 2024: Dr Mark Ellis spoke at a Frontline event on a panel discussing **The Future of War Crimes Justice**.



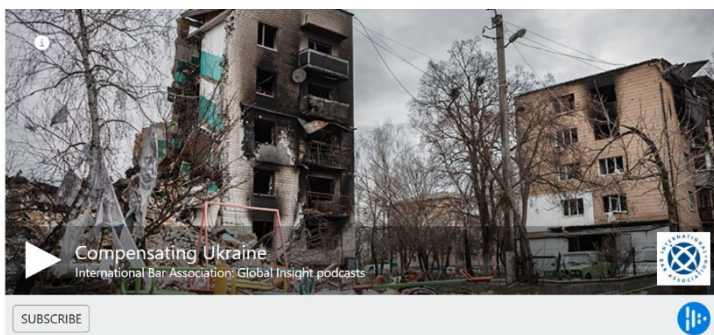
232. 6 Mar 2024: Olena Kurenkova interviewed Mark Ellis for Ukrainian public broadcast service **Suspilne Media** regarding arrest warrants for commanders of the Russian Army
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2F172I9FIDE>
233. 13 Mar 2024: Dr Mark Ellis was interviewed by Ukrainian **1+1 TV Channel** for a documentary project **“From Nuremberg to The Hague”**.
234. 16 Apr 2024: IBA Executive Director Dr Mark Ellis returned to Ukraine to attend a series of high-level meetings in Kyiv, including with Iryna Mudra, Deputy Head, Office of the President of Ukraine
235. 25 Apr 2024: Soledad Atienza Becerril, Co-Chair of the **Future of Legal Services Commission** took part in the **UBA’s annual forum “Development of the Legal Services Market”**.

236. 02 May 2024: **Published: Iryna Mudra, Deputy Head, Office of the President of Ukraine, Anton Korynevych, Ambassador-at-large, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Ukraine and IBA Executive Director Dr Mark Ellis’ op-ed: ‘Urgently advocating for the establishment of the Special Tribunal for the Crime of Aggression against Ukraine’** <https://www.ibanet.org/Urgently-advocating-for-the-establishment-of-the-Special-Tribunal-for-the-Crime-of-Aggression-against-Ukraine>



Deputy Head of the Office of the President Iryna Mudra and Executive Director of the International Bar Association Mark Ellis discussed international mechanisms for restoring justice for Ukraine.

237. 14 May 2024: **Published: IBA Global Insight podcast – ‘Compensating Ukraine’.** In April, Ukraine’s Register of Damage started taking claims relating to residential property – a first step in the international compensation mechanism, a framework established in response to recommendations by the UN. The podcast considers the significance of the Register and the compensation mechanism, and the legal and logistical obstacles to overcome.



238. 14 May 2024: The IBA provided comments to the Ukraine Prosecutor General’s Office on their strategy for prosecuting wartime environmental damage.
239. 11-14 Jun 2024: The IBA in partnership with the Ukrainian Bar Association organised for a group of Ukrainian legal professionals to visit The Hague to attend training sessions and build capacities and expertise in international criminal justice.



240. 27 Jun 2024: The IBA along with other civil society organisations urged the Core Group on accountability for the crime of aggression against Ukraine to accelerate the process of establishment of the Special Tribunal: [Civil society organisations urged the Core Group on accountability for the crime of aggression against Ukraine to accelerate the process of establishment of the Special Tribunal - News - Ukrainian Bar Association \(uba.ua\)](#)
241. 25 July 2024: The IBA organised in collaboration with JustTalk and the Coordination Center for Legal Aid Provision, a two-hour hybrid event in Kyiv focusing in particular on fair trials.
242. 15 Aug 2024: Olena Kurenkova interviewed Dr Mark Ellis for Ukrainian public broadcast service **Suspilne Media** regarding the Ukrainian movement in the Kursk region of Russia. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dAmSNrk9YHk&t=14s>

243. 2 Sep 2024: IBA Executive Director Dr Mark Ellis made a trip to Ukraine for high-level governmental talks, as well as discussions with the legal profession. He met with, *inter alia*, Ukraine's **Prosecutor General Andriy Kostin**, as well with representatives from different departments of the **Prosecutor General's Office**; the **Ministry of Foreign Affairs' Ambassador Anton Korynevych**; and the **Office of the President of Ukraine Deputy Head Iryna Mudra**.
244. 5 Sep 2024: Olena Kurenkova interviewed Dr Mark Ellis for Ukrainian public broadcast service **Suspilne Media** on bringing to justice those who have committed war crimes in Ukraine and what we can learn from previous post-war tribunals
<https://youtu.be/voAwBZO7jAA?si=7R9lGyYrdLUQ-zye>
245. 5 Sep 2024: Dr Mark Ellis was interviewed by the largest Ukrainian National broadcaster INTER TV channel regarding Mongolia ignoring the ICC arrest warrant for Vladimir Putin
<https://youtu.be/jLQZaQKGBMg?si=dHoRa9b-sS60eeV->
246. 5 Sep 2024: Leo Chiu interviewed Dr Mark Ellis for Ukrainian newspaper **Kyiv Post**
247. 17 Sep 2024: **Liev Schreiber, and Andriy Kostin, Prosecutor General of Ukraine** (via video link) were guests of IBA Executive Director Dr Mark Ellis' **'A conversation with...'** Video:
<https://www.ibanet.org/A-conversation-with-Andriy-Kostin-and-Liev-Schreiber>

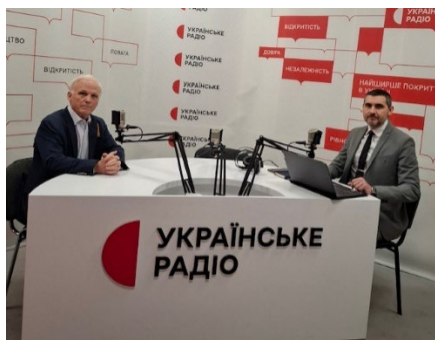


248. 30 Sep 2024: The IBA led an Environmental Crimes training week in Poland for 22 Ukrainian prosecutors



249. 7-8 Oct 2024: The IBA, the CEELI Institute, and the Center for International Law and Policy in Africa held a conference in Prague on "Universal Jurisdiction: Accelerating Progress on Justice and Accountability for the War in Ukraine and Beyond." The conference brought together leading legal minds to identify good practices for translating the theory of universal jurisdiction into practice for international crimes.
250. 12 Nov 2024: The IBA contributed a donation to the Ukrainian National Bar Association for their project 'Supporting the mental health of Ukrainian advocates during the war'
251. 14 Nov 2024: The IBA organised in collaboration with JustTalk and the Coordination Center for Legal Aid Provision, a two-hour hybrid event in Kyiv focusing in particular on victims of war crimes.
252. 2 Dec 2024: The IBA contributed a donation to the Ukrainian Bar Association to support the newly established UBA Human Rights Institute.
253. 4 Dec 2024: eyeWitness to Atrocities in collaboration with the Ukrainian Bar Association and the National School of Judges organised a webinar to discuss "eyeWitness to Atrocities as a tool for collecting digital evidence of atrocity crimes in Ukraine"
254. 1 Jan 2025: Dr Mark Ellis has joined the Supervisory Board of the UBA Human Rights Institute
255. 8 Jan 2025: **Published: IBA Executive Director Dr Mark Ellis op-ed: 'Abandoning Ukraine Could Spell the Surrender of International Law'** <https://www.jurist.org/commentary/2025/01/abandoning-ukraine-could-spell-the-surrender-of-international-law/>

256. 9 Jan 2025: **The Ukrainian National Information Agency** (Ukrinform) interviewed Dr Mark Ellis on the issues of international responsibility for Russia's military aggression and the possibilities of digital technologies for collecting evidence during war <https://www.ukrinform.ua/rubric-ato/3946587-mark-ellis-vikonavcij-direktor-miznarodnoi-asociacii-advokativ-iba.html>
257. 20 Jan 2025: Yulia Akimova of RBC-Ukraine held a wide-ranging interview with IBA Director, Mark Ellis <https://newsukraine.rbc.ua/interview/mark-ellis-international-bar-association-1738312066.html>
258. 20 Jan 2025: Dr Mark Ellis was interviewed by Sergiy Stukanov of The National Radio Company



259. 10 Feb 2025: The Ukrainian Bar Association, the IBA, Global Accountability Network, the International Section of the New York State Bar Association, Raoul Wallenberg Centre for Human Rights and Robert H Jackson Center organised a webinar on the “Special Tribunal on the Crime of Aggression against Ukraine: where are we now?”
260. 6 Mar 2025: Dr Mark Ellis was interviewed by Maria Kahal of Ukrainian media outlet Novyny.LIVE
261. 19 Mar 2025: The IBA and Ukraine’s **JustTalk** convened a conversation with national and international law experts on the prosecution of crimes against humanity, including challenges, approaches and international experience <https://www.buzzsprout.com/1166444/episodes/16868796>
262. 1 May 2025: Footage captured in war-torn Ukraine using the IBA-founded eyeWitness to Atrocities controlled-capture phone app has been used to fortify four cases before the country’s courts. Three cases adjudicated by the Commercial Court of Kharkiv in Ukraine relate to compensation claims for damage to non-residential property in Kharkiv. The fourth case, held in the Kharkiv District Administrative Court, relates to the challenge of a tax decision on the grounds that the bombing of the plaintiff’s office, which resulted in the destruction of vital financial documents and IT infrastructure, delaying timely tax filing.

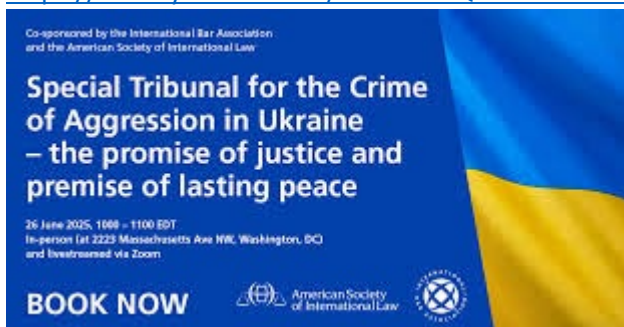


263. 7 May 2025: The **Office of the Acting Prosecutor General** invited Dr Mark Ellis to attend the **United for Justice** (U4J) Conference and participate in a panel
264. 14 May 2025: Dr Mark Ellis was interviewed by Anastasia Kupriets of Polish TV, TVP, Ukrainian department Sława TV <https://youtu.be/qZ4uAgQZs5M?si=2LrdjPBpoD1HalxS>
265. 1 June 2025: The IBA contributed a donation to the Ukrainian Bar Association for their project ‘Continued Trial Monitoring in War Crimes Cases in Ukraine and dissemination of Monitoring Findings to the Wider Public’
266. 3 June 2025: Dr Mark Ellis was interviewed by Nataliia Yarmola, Ukrainian correspondent from 1+1 TV about Hungary’s decision to withdraw from the Rome Statute
267. 3 June 2025: The Ukrainian Ministry of Justice contacted the IBA to request assistance with enforcing arbitration awards in the US and UK. The IBA has provided email introductions to Pro Bono Counsel from Norton Rose Fulbright and A&O Shearman

268. 4 June 2025: The IBA and [JustTalk Ukraine](#) hosted an event in Kyiv to explore the use and efficacy of new technologies in military conflict. Titled **‘Technology in the fight against war crimes: challenges and paths to justice’** the event brought together experts, practitioners and international partners, including the IBA-founded [eyeWitness to Atrocities](#) (eyeWitness), to discuss the experience, risks and future of integrating technology into justice https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pS_vnsdFU4k



269. 10 June 2025: Dr Mark Ellis was interviewed by RBC Ukraine <https://newsukraine.rbc.ua/analytics/countdown-to-putin-s-tribunal-who-will-face-1749551192.html>
270. 16 June 2025: A lecture on “Prosecuting Russian Environmental War Crimes” took place as part of the IBA ICC Moot Court Competition in The Hague
271. 26 June 2025: The International Bar Association co-sponsored an event with the American Society of International Law on the “Special Tribunal for the Crime of Aggression in Ukraine – The Promise of Justice and Premise of Lasting Peace.” IBA Executive Director Mark Ellis participated <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QGFXcFHZlo4&t=9s>



272. 4 July 2025: A jointly organised event by the PMs of Ukraine, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, the Netherlands, International Bar Association, International Bar Association’s Human Rights Institute and No Peace Without Justice was held at a side event at the 59th Session of the Human Rights Council on the “Special Tribunal for the Crime of Aggression: Delivering Justice and Protecting Human Rights in the Context of Russia’s War Against Ukraine.” IBA Executive Director Dr Mark Ellis participated (by video).
273. 8 July 2025: The Ukrainian Bar Association launched a pilot mentorship programme for Ukrainian judges, prosecutors and defence lawyers working on war crimes cases in partnership with the IBA <https://www.ibanet.org/IBA-and-the-Ukrainian-Bar-Association-launch-mentoring-programme-to-support-war-crimes-legal-professionals-in-Ukraine>
274. 18 August 2025: With the support of the IBA, the Criminal Justice Summer School 2025 organised by JustGroup Ukraine will be taking place over 5 days in Kyiv



275. 24 August 2025: On Ukraine’s Independence Day, President Zelenskyy chose to honour Baroness Kennedy of The Shaws KC with the Order of Merit of Ukraine. The award is not only a symbol of the deep gratitude of the Ukrainian people – it is also a recognition of Baroness Kennedy’s lifelong commitment to justice, human rights, and the rule of law.

276. 17 September 2025: The IBA and Ukraine's [JustTalk](#) convened a conversation on the future defendants of the Special Tribunal for the crime of aggression against Ukraine.



277. 18 September 2025: Dr Mark Ellis met with members of the Interfactionary Union, which unifies and aligns the collaborative efforts of MPs, the Office of the President, law enforcement agencies and international partners.



278. 29 September 2025: Leading legal and diplomatic experts gathered in The Hague to discuss the establishment and operationalisation of the Special Tribunal for the Crime of Aggression in Ukraine (the Special Tribunal). The event was jointly hosted by the IBA, the Embassy of Ukraine to the Kingdom of the Netherlands and the Kingdom of the Netherlands.
279. 3 November 2025: The IBA co-organised with the Human Rights Institute of the Ukrainian Bar Association a breakfast conversation held during the IBA's Annual Conference in Toronto on post-war reconciliation and Ukraine's legal transformation.
280. 4 November 2025: Dr Mark Ellis and Dr Ewelina Ochab took part in a panel event during the IBA's Annual Conference with the Ukrainian Bar Association on *The Legal Profession's Role in Ukraine's Response to Aggression.*"



281. 20 November 2025: In an extensive interview with Asymmetrical Haircuts, Dr Mark Ellis discusses the urgency of establishing the Ukraine Special Tribunal for the Crime of Aggression, its monumental implications around holding those responsible for the crime accountable; trials in absentia; lifting immunity protections for high-level political and military leaders; President Trump's disengagement from international justice mechanisms; and US exceptionalism.

https://www.asymmetricalhaircuts.com/episodes/justice-update-ukraines-special-tribunal-in-practice/?utm_source=chatgpt.com

- 282. 1 December 2025: At the **24th Session of the Assembly of State Parties**, the IBA co-hosted a side event on accountability for the crime of aggression against Ukraine.
- 283. 9 December 2025: The IBA's Human Rights Institute hosted a Parliamentary reception marking the UN Genocide Day, including a testimony from Alisa Kovalenko, a survivor of CRSV perpetrated by the Russian military.
- 284. 19 January 2026: The IBA led an Environmental War Crimes training week in Poland for 23 representatives of the Ukrainian Prosecutor General's Office.
- 285. 19 January 2026: Mark Ellis travelled to Kyiv for high-level meetings with the Office of the President, the Prosecutor General's Office and the Interfacionary Union.
- 286. 28 January 2026: Dr Ewelina Ochab participated in a parliamentary roundtable on justice and accountability in Ukraine, organised by the All-Party Parliamentary Group on Ukraine. Dr Ochab presented the topic of universal jurisdiction and how legal reforms in the UK could open the door to investigate and prosecute alleged Russian perpetrators for their involvement in Rome Statute crimes.
- 287. 11 February 2026: The Australian National University's (ANU) Centre for European Studies hosted an event on 'Accountability in War: Ukraine's Experience and Global Implications,' speakers included Mykola Yurlov and Justin Esiobu from the Ukrainian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Mark Ellis.
- 288. 23 February 2026: The **Office of the President of Ukraine** invited Mark Ellis to attend the **Justice Conference** and participate in a panel on the 'Accountability for the Crime of Aggression: When and How Will Justice Be Delivered?'
- 289. 24 February 2026: IBA Executive Director Mark Ellis participated in an event with the American Society of International Law on "Russia's Aggression Against Ukraine: Where Do We Stand?"

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- 290. 13 March 2026: At the **61st Session of the UN Human Rights Council**, the IBA co-hosted a side event on "Comprehensive Accountability for Ukraine: Human Rights Council's Perspectives on The Special Tribunal for the Crime of Aggression"

INVITATION

Co-Organisers: United Nations Human Rights Council, European Union, OSCE, IBA, and others.

Side-Event in the margins of the 61st session of the UN Human Rights Council

Comprehensive Accountability for Ukraine: Human Rights Council's Perspectives on The Special Tribunal for the Crime of Aggression

13h00-14h00 (CET), Friday 13 March 2026, Room III, Palais des Nations, Geneva

The event will feature a panel of experts from the IBA, including Mark Ellis, and other international law experts. The event will be held in the margins of the 61st session of the UN Human Rights Council.

Co-Sponsors: European Union, OSCE, IBA, and others.

- 291.** 17 March 2026: The IBA contributed a donation to the Ukrainian Bar Association to support a mentoring programme for Ukrainian legal professionals engaged in war crimes trials
- 292.** 18 March 2026: The IBA and Ukraine's [JustTalk](#) convened a conversation on Documentation to Evidence: The Role of Journalists and Civil Society in War Crimes Investigations