

Dear Members of the UBA International Law Committee,

Re: Program for Development of the UBA International Law Committee for 2026–2027

I hereby submit my program for the development of the Committee and my nomination for the position of Deputy Head of the Board. Below, I outline my proposed priorities with a particular focus on international cooperation, networking initiatives, educational events, and conferences that I would aim to implement during the upcoming term.

To begin, a few words about myself. I am an associate in the arbitration group of White & Case, an international law firm. I spent five years in the firm's Paris office and one year in London.

I joined UBA eleven years ago, in 2014. Over the past five years, I have been actively involved in the activities of the UBA Committee on International Law and, for the past two years, in the ADR Committee's activities as well. I've organised five events including, most recently, a Committee on International Law's hybrid panel on the ECtHR judgment in *Ukraine v. Russia* and a joint ADR and International Law Committees' webinar on bankruptcy in arbitration attracting hundreds of attendees and speakers from Ukraine and abroad.

As an international lawyer practising dispute resolution in London, I see my role in the 2026–2027 Board as contributing to the strengthening of international cooperation and enhancing the Committee's representation abroad—particularly in the United Kingdom and across Europe, as summarised below.

1. Priorities for International Cooperation and Education (2026–2027)

- Unite UBA members currently based in the United Kingdom and create a social networking platform to strengthen connections and encourage collaboration.
- Organise a joint event with the UCL Ukrainian Student Society focused on international legal career opportunities for Ukrainian student members of UBA in the UK.

2. Proposed Events and Conferences

My thematic focus will remain international investment and commercial arbitration, as well as public international law.

I propose that the Committee prioritise the following events in 2026–2027:

- A hybrid in-person/online lecture by Dr. Martins Paparinskis on the work of the International Law Commission, the development of international law, and Ukraine's role in shaping peace and accountability processes.
- Development of an annual UBA International Law Forum—similar in stature to other UBA forums—dedicated each year to a selected theme in international law. While it remains difficult to convene foreign speakers in Ukraine at present, circumstances permitting, I would aim to organise this forum in autumn 2026 in honour of Sir Hersch Lauterpacht, a renowned international lawyer of Ukrainian roots.
- A Committee event on the enforcement of international arbitral awards against Russia, analysing both political and legal constraints. This event could be held as part of Paris

Arbitration Week 2026 or London International Disputes Week 2026 (in spring or summer, respectively).

In addition, I seek to further strengthen cooperation between the UBA Committee on International Law and other UBA committees—notably the ADR Committee—by continuing to organise joint webinars and collaborative activities.

I am nominating myself for the position of Deputy Head of the Committee in order to take a more active role in shaping its strategic direction and implementing its initiatives. I would welcome the opportunity to discuss these and other ideas with the members of the UBA International Law Committee and hope for your support.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Nataliia Tuzheliak', with a large, sweeping checkmark-like flourish at the end.

Nataliia Tuzheliak