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**INTRODUCTION.**

**DEFINING AND IMPLEMENTING STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES**

The main tasks of the National School of Judges of Ukraine in 2022 (hereinafter referred to as the NSJU, the School) are determined by the Law of Ukraine "On the Judiciary and the Status of Judges", the Strategy for the Development of Judicial Education in Ukraine for 2021-2025, approved by the decision of the Scientific and Methodological Council of the National School of Judges of Ukraine on December 18, 2020, and the NSJU Research and Methodological Work Plan for 2022.

In the context of martial law imposed as a result of the full-scale invasion of Ukraine by Russian troops, the NSJU proceeded from the premise that its key tasks were to organize judicial education on issues related to international humanitarian law, war crimes, crimes against humanity, crimes against national security and defense, and to ensure the diversity of types of training products, flexibility in their use, and improvement of training and alternative forms of training, crimes against humanity, crimes against national security and defense, as well as ensuring a variety of types of training products, flexibility in their use, improvement of training and alternative forms and methods of judicial education, including distance learning.

This required a revision of both the plan of training activities of the National School of Judges and a significant adjustment of the timing and forms of judicial education, in particular, a shift to short-term events (especially in the first months of the war), with priority given to the organization of justice under martial law, judicial security, psychological support, and the organization of inter-judicial dialogue.

At the same time, the educational and organizational goals of the NSJU were aimed at its institutional development, the use of forms and methods of education adapted to wartime conditions, and the optimization of the structure and number of NSJU staff.

Improvement of the National Standards of Judicial Education during this period included updating the content and ensuring innovation of judicial education, introducing systems for monitoring the quality of judicial education and improving the system of regular evaluation of judges based on the results of training, strengthening scientific and methodological support of the educational process and the psychological component in the training of judges, judicial assistants and other categories of court staff.

Thus, in 2022, judges of the High Anti-Corruption Court and the HACC Appeals Chamber were trained, as well as **44** specialized thematic trainings and one workshop, which were mandatory for judges of local and appellate courts of all jurisdictions. During the reporting period, **28** all-Ukrainian thematic seminars were held on war crimes, crimes against humanity and crimes against the foundations of national security of Ukraine, which were attended by judges of local and appellate courts from all regions of Ukraine.

In total, **235**  and refresher classes were held during this period at the expense of the State Budget of Ukraine and international organizations, which covered **10**,**158** judges in various forms of training, which is significantly higher than in previous years.

The training programs for all categories of judges focused on responding to the new challenges facing Ukraine, in particular: organizing the work of courts during martial law, improving and unifying judicial practice in cases of war and war crimes, crimes against humanity, and applying the case law of the European Court of Human Rights in the course of judicial proceedings.

In these circumstances, the National School of Judges of Ukraine made significant efforts to strengthen and deepen international cooperation, further develop inter-judicial dialogue in order to implement international legal standards for judicial training, and learn from the experience of European countries on issues of liability for international crimes and the application of international humanitarian law by courts. This made it possible to involve well-known foreign experts in teaching: scholars, judges, lawyers of the International Criminal Court, judges and prosecutors from leading European countries and special war crimes tribunals.

Today, the National School of Judges cooperates on the administration of justice with institutions and agencies from a number of foreign countries, including Canada, Italy, France, the United States, the Netherlands, Poland, and Bulgaria, as well as with 32 international technical assistance projects and programs.

Thus, during the current year, a number of the following training events were held: "Peculiarities of interrogation and questioning of a child of different procedural status: legal and psychological aspect", "Administration of justice in times of war: problems, challenges, solutions", "Criminal proceedings under martial law", "Criminal law responses to the challenges of martial law in Ukraine", "Responsibility for war crimes and other violations of IHL: Possible Models of Trial of Such Cases in Ukraine", "Judicial Protection of Internally Displaced Persons and Persons Affected by Armed Aggression in the Territory of Ukraine", "The Crime of Genocide: Criminal Law Qualification", "Fundamentals of the Application of International Humanitarian Law in Court Practice", "International Mechanisms for Investigation and Trial of Criminal Proceedings for War Crimes", "International Legal Responsibility for War Crimes", "Interpretation of Court Evidence. DNA Examination in the Context of War Crimes", "Forensic Investigation of Mass Graves", "Operational Indicators of International Asset Forfeiture and Investigation Techniques", "Electronic Court Services", "Neuroscience and Peculiarities of the Judicial Decision-Making Process", "Online Dispute Resolution in Ukraine"

In 2022, the implementation of new training modules continued, improving the quality and efficiency of judicial education. Special attention was paid to development of blended and distance learning, development of new courses and manuals for teacher-trainers and future judges.

The National School of Courts of Ukraine continued to train employees of the Court Security Service and improve their skills. In particular, in 2022, the NSJU conducted 83 thematic classes, which trained **4,145 CSS** employees. A significant part of the training concerned the proper organization of the work of judicial institutions under martial law. In addition, an e-learning course "Anti-Corruption Legislation of Ukraine. Declarations" was developed and tested, and the training "The Role of Judicial Protection Service Employees in Court Operations in Emergency Situations" was finalized.

In order to save the budget funds allocated for the maintenance of the National School of Judges in 2022, a significant number of employees were put on forced idle mode, vacant positions were not filled, and 19 employees were dismissed. At the same time, the intensity of judicial education activities has increased significantly to meet the needs of judges. Thus, from January to December 2022, **10,158** judges, **24,110** court staff, and **4,145** employees of the Judicial Protection Service, or **38,413** students in total, were trained at the National School of Judges of Ukraine.

In the reporting period, the NSJU intensified its work on developing legislative proposals for Ukrainian parliamentarians. In particular, in May 2022, at a meeting of the group on proper financing of the judiciary in Ukraine under the Verkhovna Rada Committee on Legal Policy, the National School of Judges of Ukraine presented draft legislative changes to regulate the procedure for appointing judges with five-year terms to positions aimed at overcoming the shortage of judicial personnel that has arisen in the judicial system as a result of the termination of the powers of the High Qualification Commission of Judges of Ukraine and other factors that have negatively affected the number of judges.

To summarize, the National School of Judges of Ukraine is guided by the principle that judicial education is a key to the democratic development of society, a prerequisite for the administration of justice based on the rule of law, and for ensuring everyone's right to a fair trial.

**I. TRAINING OF JUDGES TO MAINTAIN THEIR QUALIFICATIONS, PERIODIC TRAINING OF JUDGES TO IMPROVE THEIR SKILLS**

In 2022, the National School of Judges continued to implement the main tasks of maintaining and improving the qualifications of judges under martial law in accordance with the Law of Ukraine "On Approval of the Decree of the President of Ukraine "On the Introduction of Martial Law in Ukraine" , Decree of the President of Ukraine "On the Introduction of Martial Law in Ukraine" No. 64 of February 24, 2022.

In 2022, the NSJU continued to focus on modernizing the training of highly qualified judicial personnel. This process was aimed at ensuring the rule of law in the administration of justice under martial law, timely response to changes in criminal and criminal procedure legislation, other branches of law, case law of national courts and the European Court of Human Rights.

The training and periodic education of judges to improve their qualifications in the NSJU was carried out in accordance with the calendar plans for training and periodic education of judges to maintain their qualifications, standardized programs and training programs for the relevant categories of judges, which are formed in accordance with the Regulation on Training and Periodic Education of Judges.

The training programs, including distance learning, for all categories of judges devoted significant space to the study of anti-corruption legislation, judicial ethics and disciplinary liability, and the identification of topical issues in the application of the European Court of Human Rights case law in the course of judicial proceedings.

Under the current circumstances, the NSJU is implementing distance learning opportunities, online classes, trainings, webinars, etc.

Thus, **in 2022, 44 specialized trainings and workshops were held**, which are mandatory for judges of local and appellate courts of all jurisdictions.

In particular, trainings were held on the following topics:

* "Current issues of application of economic procedure legislation";
* "Seizure and Confiscation of Assets;
* "Guarantees of Labor Rights Protection: Court Practice and Novelties of Legislative Regulation during Martial Law";
* "Access to Public Information in the Light of the Council of Europe Convention on Access to Official Documents";
* "Emotional competence as a component of mental health of judges";
* "Language of court decisions";
* "Certain Aspects of Consideration of Applications for Special Proceedings and Applications for Restoration of Lost Court Proceedings under Martial Law";
* "Peculiarities of Proceedings on Criminal Misdemeanors";
* "The Right to Respect for Private and Family Life: Application of Article 8 of the Convention for the Protection of Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms;
* "The practice of consideration by commercial courts of court disputes arising out of credit legal relations";
* "Problems of effective judicial defense in administrative proceedings";
* "Problematic issues of compensation for damages in civil proceedings";
* "Procedural time limit as a component of the principle of legal certainty";
* "Psychological features of effective communication in the work of judges";
* "Consideration of applications for special proceedings and applications for restoration of lost court proceedings: established court practice and problematic issues of resolution under martial law";
* "Socio-economic competence of a judge";
* "Disputes in bankruptcy cases of legal entities";
* "Judicial discretion in administrative proceedings";
* "Interpretation of legal norms in administrative proceedings";
* Workshop: "Judicial discretion in administrative proceedings";
* Seminar-workshop "Criminal liability of military personnel: peculiarities of qualification and sentencing";
* Workshop "Pre-trial investigation and court proceedings under martial law: challenges of today";
* Workshop "Peculiarities of economic proceedings under martial law";
* Workshop "Interpretation of legal norms in administrative proceedings";
* Seminar "Emotional competence as a component of mental health of judges";
* Seminar "Special regime of pre-trial investigation and court proceedings under martial law: challenges of today";
* Seminar "Judicial Protection of Labor Rights: Challenges of Today";
* Seminar "Observance of the rights of asylum seekers and stateless persons during martial law: in cases of forced return, expulsion and establishment of facts of legal significance".

And also testing of trainings:

* "Seizure and Confiscation of Assets;
* "Communication of courts under martial law".

In the first half of 2022, an open seminar was held on the NSJU website on the topic: "Anti-Corruption Legislation: Declaration Campaign 2022", which was attended by all interested judges from all regions of Ukraine.

**The National School of Courts** also **conducted training for judges of the High Anti-Corruption Court** with the support of the USAID Justice for All Program, the European Union Anti-Corruption Initiative in Ukraine, the OSCE Project "Ensuring Respect for Human Rights in the Administration of Justice", the German Foundation for International Legal Cooperation, , and the Council of Europe Project "Strengthening Measures to Combat Money Laundering and the Financing of Terrorism in Ukraine". As a result of the training program, **38 judges of the High Anti-Corruption Court received certificates**.

In 2022, the National School of Judges strengthened its cooperation with international projects. This made it possible to involve well-known foreign experts in teaching: scholars, judges, lawyers of the International Criminal Court, judges and prosecutors from leading European countries and special war crimes tribunals.

The main areas of training activities in 2022 are training activities related to the consequences of the war: war crimes, crimes against humanity, compensation for damage caused by the Russian Federation, war crimes, qualification of crimes against the foundations of Ukraine's national security, and mechanisms for implementing criminal liability for war crimes.

***In cooperation with and with the support of international technical assistance projects and international non-governmental organizations, a number of training events and relevant webinars*** were held ***for judges and court staff, among others:***

* a series of webinars on "Peculiarities of interrogation and questioning of a child of different procedural status: legal and psychological aspects" *(UNICEF Ukraine, International Cooperation Department, additional category of listeners - civil servants of courts*);
* a series of webinars on "International Mechanisms for Investigation and Trial of Criminal Proceedings for War Crimes*" (National Institute of Justice of Bulgaria)*;
* round table: "Judicial protection of internally displaced persons and persons affected by armed aggression in Ukraine" *(Council of Europe Project "Internal Displacement in Ukraine: Developing Durable Solutions")*;
* Webinar: "Fundamentals of Application of International Humanitarian Law in Court Practice" *(USAID Justice for All Program)*;
* International Conference "International Legal Responsibility for War Crimes*" (Pravo-Justice Project);*
* "Electronic Court Services", "Neuroscience and Peculiarities of the Court Decision-Making Process", "Online Dispute Resolution in Ukraine" *(National Judicial College in Reno, USA, with the assistance of the USAID Justice for All Program)*;
* "Interpretation of Forensic Evidence. DNA Examination in the Context of War Crimes", "Forensic Investigation of Mass Graves*" (Center for Training of Judges and Prosecutors of the Netherlands)*;
* "Operational Indicators of International Asset Forfeiture and Investigation Techniques*" (Italian Higher School of Justice)*;
* "The system of preventive measures for the seizure and confiscation of illegal assets. Management of Seized Assets*" (Italian School of Magistracy)*;
* Training course "Investigation and Trial of International Crimes and Gross Human Rights Violations" (*jointly with the European Union Project "Pravo-Justice"*);
* "Protection of Labor and Social Rights of Internally Displaced Persons and Persons Affected by Armed Aggression: European Standards and National Legislation" (*Council of Europe Project "Internal Displacement in Ukraine: Developing Durable Solutions. Phase II"*).

In May 2022, an international roundtable on "Criminal Law Responses to the Challenges of Martial Law in Ukraine" was held for judges and court staff, during which the issues of individual criminal liability for international crimes, the legal basis for the application of the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court and the qualification of crimes committed during the Russian aggression in Ukraine were discussed.

In December 2022, in Warsaw, Poland, a training for judges on "War Crimes: Substantive and Procedural Aspects" was held (*in cooperation with the project "Judicial Capacity Building in Ukraine" funded by the Foreign and Commonwealth Office of the United Kingdom*), which addressed the issues of genocide, war crimes, crimes against humanity, crimes of aggression, rape and sexual crimes, and practical exercises on writing judgments.

The National School of Judges, with assistance from the USAID Justice for All Program, held a webinar for judges and judicial assistants of the High Anti-Corruption Court on "Sanctions Policy of Ukraine", which addressed issues of sanctions policy, personal sanctions, and the case law of the European Court of Human Rights under Article 1 of Protocol 1 of the Convention for the Protection of Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms.

The National School of Judges of Ukraine, together with the Yaroslav Mudryi National Law University, held a series of training events for judges and court staff on "Qualification of High Treason and Related Crimes Against the Fundamentals of National Security of Ukraine", "Qualification of Violation of the Laws and Customs of War and Related General Criminal Offenses", "National and International Mechanisms for Implementing Criminal Liability for War Crimes", and an international roundtable on "Law and

A number of seminars were also held for judges and court staff, during which issues of criminal liability for war crimes, compensation for damage caused by the Russian Federation, war crimes, administration of justice in war, and others were discussed:

* "Peculiarities of the trial of war crimes";
* "The Crime of Genocide: Criminal and Legal Qualification";
* "Consideration of criminal proceedings under martial law";
* "Administration of justice in times of war: problems, challenges, solutions";
* "Criminal liability of military personnel: peculiarities of qualification and sentencing";
* "International Cooperation in Criminal Proceedings;
* "Special regime of pre-trial investigation and court proceedings under martial law: challenges of today";
* "Certain Aspects of Consideration of Applications for Special Proceedings and Applications for Restoration of Lost Court Proceedings under Martial Law";
* "Russian military aggression against Ukraine: national and international judicial protection";
* "Judicial Protection of Labor Rights: Challenges of Today";
* "Protection of Housing Rights: Fundamentals, Principles, Guarantees, Court Practice and Peculiarities of Legal Regulation under Martial Law";
* "Peculiarities of economic proceedings under martial law in Ukraine";
* "Military administrative offenses: qualification issues and some procedural aspects";
* "Certain Criminal Offenses Against Peace, Human Security and International Law and Order";
* "International and Internal Migration in the Context of Military Conflict: Legal Challenges, Restrictions and Psychological Peculiarities".

In the second half of 2022, the National School of Courts of Ukraine held an online seminar for the National Police of Ukraine on combating and preventing domestic and gender-based violence, which was attended by 150 officers of the National Police of Ukraine.

To ensure interactive and distance learning, the National School of Judges uses the Internet, modern personal computers (laptops), flipcharts, video cameras, multimedia projectors, screens, electronic clicker systems, interactive whiteboards, and other auxiliary tools.

**In 2022, as part of the periodic training of judges to improve their skills, the National School of Judges held quarterly all-Ukrainian one-day thematic seminars.** All judges of local and appellate courts who expressed a desire to improve their knowledge, skills and abilities based on individual needs participated in these seminars on the relevant topic, registered on the website, and then groups of students were formed regardless of the principle of territorial assignment. **A total of 28 such seminars were held.**

**The NSJU is actively implementing distance learning for periodic training of judges.** In cooperation with the departments of the National School of Judges (Information Technology, Judicial Training Department, and Teacher Training Department), **26 distance courses were conducted and successfully completed by 400 students**. The following distance courses were held for judges: "Problematic Issues of Proof in Civil Proceedings", "Dispute Resolution with the Participation of a Judge", "Demystifying Cybercrime", "Demystifying Virtual Currencies", "Application of the Convention for the Protection of Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms and the Case Law of the European Court of Human Rights for Judges of Administrative Courts", "Application of the Convention for the Protection of Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms and the Case Law of the European Court of Human Rights. Pre-trial Investigation", "Application of the Convention for the Protection of Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms and the Case Law of the European Court of Human Rights. Trial", "Application of the Convention for the Protection of Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms and the Case Law of the European Court of Human Rights in Civil Proceedings", "Protection of Human Rights in the Armed Conflict in Ukraine. Introduction to the International Protection System", "Protection of the Rights and Interests of the Child in Resolving Family Disputes", "Communications in the Activities of a Judge", "Probation in Ukraine: Its Role in the Process of Judicial Proceedings and Execution of Criminal Sentences", "Psychological Peculiarities of Communication with Participants in the Judicial Process with Experience of Psychotraumatic Impact", "Psychological Peculiarities of Communication with Minors/Minor Participants in the Judicial Process", "Consideration of Criminal Proceedings related to domestic violence", "The language of judicial procedure", "Judicial ethics", "Courtroom management", "Time management in judicial activity", "Socio-economic competence of a judge", "Evidence and proof in administrative proceedings", "Practice of consideration by courts of criminal proceedings under Art. 130, 132 of the Criminal Code: Problematic Aspects", "Consideration of Cases on Crimes Against Sexual Freedom and Sexual Inviolability", "Basic Mediation Course", "Topical Issues of Application of Commercial Procedural Law", "Ensuring Gender Equality".

**In total, 235 training and periodic education sessions for judges were held** in **2022 at the expense of the State Budget of Ukraine and international organizations**:

* 1877 judges to maintain their qualifications, including those elected to administrative positions;
* 8281 judges in periodic training to improve their skills.

The activities of the National School of Judges on judicial education in 2022 are characterized by the statistical data presented in the form of diagrams.

Based on the results of the training, a survey was conducted to provide feedback and improve the training process.

The results of the survey of judges are summarized below.

Pursuant to the Law and in order to ensure a unified procedure for accounting for judges who have undergone training and periodic education at the National School of Judges, in 2016 **the Register of Judges** (electronic database) **was created and maintained**, which is filled with data from 2012 to the present.

****Despite the quarantine restrictions, judicial training has intensified. Online classes for judges and distance learning courses were held, and the **number of judges who received training and periodic education in 2022 increased significantly compared to 2021**. ***In total, 10158 judges were covered by various forms of training in 2022, which is 2076 more judges than in 2021*** (Annex 1).

To accomplish its tasks, the NJSU widely engages the intellectual and financial capabilities of international projects, NGOs, and foundations. Such cooperation contributes to the in-depth study of national legislation and conventional provisions of international law by Ukrainian judges, as well as to enriching other countries with positive experience in the application of law.

The NSJU conducts classes on topical issues of judicial proceedings, the topics of which are mostly determined in accordance with the Law of Ukraine of February 24, 2022 No. 2102-IX "On Approval of the Decree of the President of Ukraine "On the Introduction of Martial Law in Ukraine". The timing and topics of training, the size of the training groups are agreed with the leadership of the courts and international projects.

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**II. TRAINING OF COURT STAFF**

**AND IMPROVING THEIR SKILLS**

The legislatively defined tasks of the National School of Judges include training of court staff and improvement of their qualifications. Such training is carried out in accordance with the Procedure, standardized programs, calendar plans for training and advanced training of judge assistants and court staff, as well as calendar plans for distance learning.

The educational process of court staff of various categories includes: training lasting 3-5 days, all-Ukrainian seminars, one-day (two-day) thematic seminars, workshops, trainings, round tables, webinars, lectures, distance learning courses, and participation in international conferences.

The further implementation of distance learning courses and online curricula is due to the continuation of quarantine restrictions and the introduction of martial law in the country. Nevertheless, this format allows us to reach a larger number of court staff and increase the number of students in each training course.

**In 2022, the National School of Judges organized 544 events for court staff**, in particular: 270 events were held by the central office and Vinnytsia Training Center, 274 - by five regional offices, namely: 73 online trainings, 23 all-Ukrainian online seminars, 255 one-day (two-day) online seminars, 49 online webinars, 20 online workshops, 29 online trainings - (additional 8 trainings as part of the training), 10 online roundtables, 22 online lectures, 62 distance learning courses, 1 international conference, which covered **24110 court staff members** (Annex 2).

***Since June 2022, the training of judge assistants has been classified as a special category, conducted according to a separate training and professional development calendar, where the programs are as close as possible to the training programs for judges.*** Since June 2022, 251 events have been held for judge assistants, including 134 at the central office and 117 in four regional offices, namely 19 online trainings, 19 all-Ukrainian online seminars, 109 one-day/two-day online seminars, 9 online workshops32 webinars, 1 international online conference, 4 online roundtables, 11 online lectures, 16 online trainings, and 31 distance learning courses, which covered **4125 judge assistants**.

***In 2022, in cooperation with the High Anti-Corruption Court and the Supreme Court, the National School of Judges trained judge assistants and court reporters, as well as held thematic seminars for judge assistants and staff members.***

The Departments of Judicial Training, Scientific Research on Judicial Proceedings and Scientific and Methodological Support of Judicial Education, and Training of Teachers (Trainers) for Judicial Assistants ***conducted an online test of the training "Communication of Courts under Martial Law"***. Together with the Department for Training Lecturers (Trainers***), the workshop "Judicial Protection of Labor Rights: Current Challenges" was tested***.

***In the reporting period, with the support of international technical assistance projects, international non-governmental organizations***, and in cooperation with the specialized departments of the National School of Judges***, a number of training events were held*** for judge assistants***, a list of which is provided below***

* a series of webinars on "Peculiarities of interrogation and questioning of a child of different procedural status: legal and psychological aspects" *(UNICEF Ukraine, International Cooperation Department, additional category of listeners - civil servants of courts*);
* a series of webinars on "International Mechanisms for Investigation and Trial of Criminal Proceedings for War Crimes*" (National Institute of Justice of Bulgaria)*;
* round table: "Judicial protection of internally displaced persons and persons affected by armed aggression in Ukraine" *(Council of Europe Project "Internal Displacement in Ukraine: Developing Durable Solutions")*;
* Webinar: "Fundamentals of Application of International Humanitarian Law in Court Practice" *(USAID Justice for All Program)*;
* International Conference "International Legal Responsibility for War Crimes*" (June 2022, Pravo-Justice Project)*.

In connection with the Russian armed aggression against Ukraine, the application of international humanitarian law and the consideration of cases related to war crimes and other international offenses is one of the cross-cutting and priority areas of the NSJU's work.

In view of this, the National School of Justice held online seminars "Administration of Justice in Time of War: Problems, Challenges, Solutions" and "Criminal Proceedings under Martial Law", which addressed the following issues: the European system of human rights protection; challenges resulting from the Russian invasion of Ukraine; international humanitarian law as a basis for prosecuting war crimes and crimes against humanity.

In May 2022, an international roundtable on "Criminal Law Responses to the Challenges of Martial Law in Ukraine" was held for judges and court staff, during which the issues of individual criminal liability for international crimes, the legal basis for the application of the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court and the qualification of crimes committed during the Russian aggression in Ukraine were discussed.

The purpose of these training events was to improve the application of international humanitarian law (IHL) and international criminal law (ICL) by Ukrainian courts, taking into account the challenges posed by Russia's full-scale aggression.

In June 2022, the National School of Judges of Ukraine, together with the Ukrainian Helsinki Human Rights Union and Yaroslav Mudryi National Law University, held a series of training events to teach the basics of international humanitarian law, the qualification of war crimes and other international offenses and liability for them.

***Thanks to the support of the international partners*** listed below, ***a number of relevant webinars for judges, judicial assistants, and court staff were possible, followed by online discussions of the material provided, other things:***

* "Interpretation of forensic evidence. DNA Examination in the Context of War Crimes", "Forensic Investigation of Mass Graves*" (Center for Training of Judges and Prosecutors of the Netherlands)*;
* "Electronic Court Services", "Neuroscience and Peculiarities of the Court Decision-Making Process", "Online Dispute Resolution in Ukraine" *(National Judicial College in Reno, USA, with the assistance of the USAID Justice for All Program)*;
* "Operational Indicators of International Asset Forfeiture and Investigation Techniques*" (Italian Higher School of Justice, additional category - court officials)*;
* "The system of preventive measures for the seizure and confiscation of illegal assets. Management of Seized Assets" *(Italian School of Master's Degree)*.

***The imposition of martial law in the country has made additional topics that have become necessary for court staff to study, including this one, more relevant:***

* "Administration of justice under martial law";
* "Psychological and first aid skills in the dimensions of war";
* "Martial law: prohibitions and restrictions";
* "Criminal proceedings under martial law";
* "Psychological adaptation of judges and court staff to work in wartime";
* "Topical issues of the organization of courts and life safety rules during the Russian invasion of Ukraine";
* "Russian military aggression against Ukraine: national and international judicial protection";
* "Amendments to the Criminal Code of Ukraine in connection with the military aggression of the Russian Federation against Ukraine";
* "International and Internal Migration in the Context of Military Conflict";
* "International Mechanisms for Investigation and Trial of Criminal Proceedings for War Crimes";
* "Organization of Labor Relations under Martial Law";
* "Judicial Protection of Internally Displaced Persons";
* "Legal Peculiarities of Consideration of Cases on Application of Sanctions Related to Assets of Individuals".

The above topics were included in the training schedules for judge assistants and court staff, and a series of online seminars and webinars were organized. Experienced judges, psychologists, and trainers were involved in conducting these classes.

Particular attention was paid to studying and improving the skills of psychological training of court staff, which aims to improve the psycho-emotional state and reduce the psycho-traumatic impact of military operations on court staff. Employees of the Department for Scientific and Methodological Support of Psychological Training of Judges conducted classes with court staff on this topic.

**In 2022, 1,484 court staff members were trained through 62 distance learning courses**, including

* "Peculiarities of consideration of citizens' appeals and access to public information in courts" (5 courses for court staff, 271 participants);
* "Application of the Convention for the Protection of Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms and the Case Law of the European Court of Human Rights. Court Proceedings" (6 courses for court staff, 113 participants);
* "Application of the Convention for the Protection of Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms and the Case Law of the European Court of Human Rights in Civil Proceedings" (6 courses for court staff, 138 participants);
* "Application of the Convention for the Protection of Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms and the Case Law of the European Court of Human Rights. Pre-trial Investigation" (6 courses for court staff, 78 students);
* "Application of the Convention for the Protection of Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms and the Case Law of the European Court of Human Rights" (administrative jurisdiction) (6 courses for court staff, 124 participants);
* "Peculiarities of Corporate Dispute Resolution" (3 courses for judge assistants and court reporters of local and appellate commercial courts, local general and appellate courts, 33 students).
* "Trial of Cases on Crimes Against Sexual Freedom and Sexual Inviolability" (2 courses for judicial assistants, 159 students);
* "Ensuring Gender Equality" (5 courses for court staff, 131 participants);
* "Demystifying Virtual Currencies" (2 courses for court staff, 26 participants);
* "Demystifying Cybercrime" (2 courses for court staff, 23 participants);
* "Topical issues of application of commercial procedural law" (1 course for court staff, 22 students);
* "Problematic Issues of Proof in Civil Proceedings" (2 courses for court staff, 46 participants);
* "The practice of litigation arising from credit legal relations" (2 courses for court staff, 29 participants);
* "The Language of Judicial Procedure" (4 courses for court staff, 148 students);
* "Time Management in the Activities of a Judge's Assistant and Courtroom Clerk" (4 courses for judge's assistants and courtroom clerks, 72 students);
* "Dispute Resolution in Transactions: Current Issues of Law Enforcement" (2 courses for court staff, 13 participants);
* "Protecting the rights and interests of children in resolving family disputes" (1 course for judicial assistants, 26 students);
* "Consideration of Criminal Proceedings Related to Domestic Violence" (1 course for judicial assistants, 24 students);
* "Evidence and proof in administrative proceedings" (1 course for judge assistants, 3 students);
* "The practice of consideration by courts of criminal proceedings under Articles 130 and 132 of the Criminal Code of Ukraine: problematic aspects" (1 course for judicial assistants, 5 students).

**In total, 24110 court staff members received training and improved their professional level in the reporting period, which is 41.7% more than in 2020 and 23% more than last year.**

It should be noted that a significant number of students in this category were trained by the central office and Vinnytsia Training Center (6738 people), and by five regional offices (17372 people), which is most likely due to the hostilities in most of these regions.

**The State Budget of Ukraine funded 24066 people, or 99.8% of the students, and international organizations funded 44 people, or 0.2%, respectively**.

***The state of training of court staff during the reporting period is characterized by the statistical data presented in the diagrams below.***

**Funding for training of court staff**

**in 2020-2022**

**Training of court staff**

**by instances and specializations in 2022 (persons)**

The NSJU analyzes proposals for updating course materials for court staff in order to update topics in standardized programs, modernizes and updates the topics of training activities necessary for training and advanced training of court staff to ensure quality training of court staff.

The analysis of questionnaires based on the results of the training and advanced training of court staff in 2022 shows that the following topics remain extremely relevant: organization of court work and administration of justice under martial law, psychological adaptation and motivation of court staff under martial law, improvement of knowledge of Ukrainian business speech and legal writing. The trainees, regardless of their positions, also want to gain more practical knowledge, in particular on the application of substantive and procedural law, ECHR case law, and at the same time support all the initiatives of the National School of Judges aimed at ensuring the proper quality of advanced training for court staff.

The judge assistants who participated in training events in June-December 2022 noted in their questionnaires that the lecturers prepared useful and informative presentations that significantly improve the perception of the material, as well as interesting scientific and theoretical material and practical tasks in distance learning courses. They propose to increase the number of online training activities: workshops, trainings, webinars and lectures on the analysis of case law in higher courts, which are related to the current situation in Ukraine, in particular, improvement of the application of international humanitarian law and international criminal law by Ukrainian courts; judicial protection of labor rights; criminal, civil, commercial and administrative proceedings in the context of martial law.

Thus, the majority of judicial assistants and court staff members in the survey questionnaires indicated that online training and distance learning courses are the only possible way to improve their skills and gain knowledge of new legislation during martial law.

**III. SPECIAL TRAINING OF CANDIDATES FOR THE POSITION OF JUDGE**

The Strategy for the Development of Judicial Education in Ukraine for 2021-2025 defines the areas of activity of the NSJU, which mainly involve the development and improvement of existing developments in judicial education, including the reform of initial judicial education (special training of candidates for the position of judge), and the use of the latest forms and methods of teaching.

To implement the Strategy, the special training program for judicial candidates is being updated, and new courses and methodological manuals are being developed for teacher-trainers and future judges.

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|  | In 2022, the National School of Judges of Ukraine took measures to conduct **special training for judicial candidates in the future.** |

In May 2022, Mykola Onishchuk , Rector of the National School of Judges of Ukraine, presented draft legislative changes aimed at urgently filling vacant judicial positions, overcoming the shortage of judicial personnel in the justice system as a result of the termination of the powers of the High Qualification Commission of Judges of Ukraine, loss of quorum and termination of the High Council of Justice, as well as other factors that negatively

Taking into account the legislative proposals, variants the curriculum and teaching materials for the courses of the draft Program for Special Training of Judicial Candidates (hereinafter - the draft Program) are currently being developed , and conditions are being created for the introduction of new forms of training, including the transition to online learning, in order to adapt to the realities of martial law in Ukraine and to respond adequately to global challenges.

It should be noted that most of the training courses for future judges have already been developed. At the same time, preparations are underway to introduce new interactive forms of training. In 2022**, the development of a new training course "Psychological Features of Effective Communication in the Work of Judges" was completed**. Experienced specialists **are preparing relevant manuals** for judicial candidates**: "Investigating Judge in Criminal Proceedings: Topical Issues of Activity", "Probation in Criminal Proceedings", "Ukrainian Language in Judicial Procedure"**.

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In the process of training future judges, teachers and their level of qualification, skills and teaching abilities play an important role. To ensure unified methodological approaches to the training of judicial candidates, relevant trainings are held for teachers (trainers).

Under martial **law, distance forms of judicial education have developed significantly.** In addition to face-to-face trainings, the educational process takes place online in the Zoom program. This has led to significant efforts to adapt courses for judicial candidates in order to establish distance learning.

To ensure the success of such classes, we continue to study the experience of national and foreign partners gained during the quarantine period.

The National School of Judges of Ukraine maintains readiness to start effective training of judicial candidates by constantly monitoring the processes taking place in Ukraine and, in particular, in the judiciary and the justice system as a whole.

**IV. TRAINING OF COURT SECURITY OFFICERS**

The Strategy for the Development of Judicial Education in Ukraine for 2021-2025 defines **one of the tasks of the National School of** **Judges to develop a comprehensive training program for employees of the Judicial Protection Service (JPS**), which provides for:

• determining the training needs of the Court Security Service employees;

• introduction of local regulation of the content and organization of training for employees of the Judicial Protection Service;

• development of training courses for employees of the Court Security Service;

• training of trainers (lecturers) for employees of the Court Security Service.

The training of CSS employees is carried out in accordance with the training procedure agreed with the Court Security Service.

Classes are held online in all regional branches of the National School of Judges of Ukraine for employees and heads of structural units of the Judicial Protection Service, together with judges and court staff.

In accordance with the 2022 Training Plan for the CCO employees, 83 training events were held (25 trainings, 53 seminars, 14 round tables, and 1 distance learning course), which trained more than 3,000 CCO employees.

The following training activities are included in the 2022 Training Plan for the SSS employees:

**round tables**

* "Legal Principles of the Judicial Protection Service";
* "Taking into custody in the courtroom: an algorithm of actions";

**seminars**

* "Declaration campaign 2022: step-by-step instructions";
* "Effective communication in professional activities";
* "Ukrainian business broadcasting. Paperwork";
* "External and internal communication;
* "Communication of the Court Security Service employees with court visitors.
* "Professional Burnout in the Activities of Judicial Protection Service Employees";
* "Protection of judges and their families as a guarantee of the rule of law";
* "Peculiarities of Public Service by Employees of the Judicial Protection Service";
* "Psychological Principles of Conflict Prevention in the Activities of Judicial Protection Service Employees";

**trainings**

* "Culture of Oral Professional Communication. Formation of Professional Speech of the Judicial Protection Service Employees";
* "Ensuring personal security of judges and their families, court staff. Public safety";
* "Professional Ethics of the Judicial Protection Service Employees";
* "Provision of first aid by employees of the Judicial Protection Service";
* "The Role of Judicial Protection Service Employees in the Work of the Court in Emergency Situations";

**distance course**

* "Anti-Corruption Legislation of Ukraine. Declaration".

In order to properly organize the work of judicial institutions **under martial law, seminars were additionally included in the 2022 SFS Training Plan:**

* "Peculiarities of Service by Employees of the Judicial Protection Service during Martial Law";
* "Secure Information Space in Time of War";
* "Ukrainian language is an effective weapon in the war against Russia";
* "Peculiarities of performing tasks by employees of the Judicial Protection Service in wartime and the necessary skills to overcome Russian aggression";
* "Adaptation to modern living conditions";
* "Psychological and first aid skills in the dimensions of war";
* "Court security under martial law";
* "Overcoming the consequences of psychological trauma: psychological assistance";
* "Improving the Competence Skills of the Judicial Protection Service Employees to Overcome Armed Aggression".

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| C:\Users\snitsarenkodv\Downloads\_6_30_05_2022.jpg | The feedback questionnaires showed that these seminars received positive feedback from the participants and helped to identify relevant issues for further improvement of training. |

The National School of Judges is actively developing new courses to meet the training needs of the Judicial Protection Service. **In 2022, the distance learning course "Anti-Corruption Legislation of Ukraine. Declaration" was developed and tested. The development of the training course "The Role of Court Security Service Employees in Court Operations in Emergency Situations" was completed.** The groups that developed these courses included judges, representatives of NGOs, employees of the Judicial Protection Service, employees of the National Agency for the Prevention of Corruption, and employees of the National School of Judges.

**In 2022, a total of 4,145 employees of the Service underwent training and advanced training at the National School of Judges**.

**V. TRAINING OF TEACHERS (TRAINERS)**

In the reporting period, one of the priority and legally defined tasks of the National School of Judges of Ukraine was to ensure high professional level training of highly qualified personnel for the judicial system.

The leading role in the implementation of this task is played by the work with teachers: their selection, professional development, provision of educational materials and the latest methods.

Within a few weeks after the full-scale invasion of Ukraine by Russian troops, the National School of Judges of Ukraine, through the joint and coordinated efforts of the center's management and regional structural units, using all available opportunities, primarily the Internet, as well as the scientific potential and achievements of seconded judges and judges-teachers (trainers), resumed the development of new training courses for judges, distance learning courses, and trainings in the context of the military and political situation in the country and the world.

The main efforts of the National School of Judges and judges-developers were aimed at developing training materials for resolving cases related to the consequences of the war: war crimes, crimes against humanity, compensation for damage caused by Russian troops, etc. In a short time, a number of seminars were developed and held on these topics:

* "The Crime of Genocide: Criminal and Legal Qualification";
* "Consideration of criminal proceedings under martial law";
* "Administration of justice in times of war: problems, challenges, solutions";
* "Criminal liability of military personnel: peculiarities of qualification and sentencing";
* "International Cooperation in Criminal Proceedings";
* "Special regime of pre-trial investigation and court proceedings under martial law: challenges of today";
* "Certain Aspects of Consideration of Applications for Special Proceedings and Applications for Restoration of Lost Court Proceedings under Martial Law";
* "Russian military aggression against Ukraine: national and international judicial protection";
* "Judicial Protection of Labor Rights: Challenges of Today";
* "Protection of Housing Rights: Fundamentals, Principles, Guarantees, Court Practice and Peculiarities of Legal Regulation under Martial Law";
* "Peculiarities of economic proceedings under martial law in Ukraine";
* "Court practice in disputes arising in the field of corporate legal relations";
* "Business Communication Etiquette";
* "Interpretation of legal norms in administrative proceedings";
* "Judicial control over the enforcement of court decisions".

Separately, a series of seminars were held on the topics of "Ukrainian Language as an Effective Weapon in the War Against Russia," "Let's Speak Ukrainian Correctly: Grammar Norms," and "Let's Speak Ukrainian Correctly: Phonetic, Word Formation, and Lexical Norms" to highlight the potential of the language as a means of combating false Russian narratives about Ukraine's historical and cultural heritage, deepening and broadening knowledge, and developing language culture among the staff of the National School of Judges of Ukraine and the judiciary.

In addition, interactive lectures were developed and delivered for judges and court staff on the following topics: ̈ "Peculiarities of consideration of pension and other social disputes of certain categories of citizens", "General requirements for drafting non-procedural documents", "Grounds for cancellation or amendment of decisions of the court of first instance in the activities of courts of appeal", "Repeated appellate review of commercial cases: court practice", "Peculiarities of consideration by commercial courts of corporate disputes", "Consideration by commercial courts of disputes arising from credit legal relations", "Peculiarities of resolving disputes arising under the current practice of the Supreme Court regarding procedural deadlines", "Procedure and conditions for conducting dispute resolution with the participation of a judge in civil proceedings", "Procedure and conditions for conducting dispute resolution with the participation of a judge in commercial proceedings", "Language of court procedural documents", "General requirements for drafting non-procedural documents", "Military administrative offenses: Qualification issues and some procedural aspects", "Language of court decisions in civil proceedings", "Language of court decisions in criminal proceedings", "Peculiarities of consideration of civil cases with the participation of a foreign element regarding adoption, return of a child to the state of his/her permanent residence", deprivation of parental rights under martial law", "Judicial practice in cases of disputes arising in the field of housing relations", " Labor relations under martial law", "Application of the latest legislation by courts in cases related to labor relations", "Consideration by courts of cases on establishing facts of legal significance: Established Legal Positions and Legislative Novelties", "Jurisdiction of Housing Disputes. Topical issues of court practice in civil cases on the use of residential premises and eviction. Case law of the ECHR and legal positions of the Supreme Court", "Standards for writing a court decision. Structure of a court decision. Preparation of draft judgments, rulings, and resolutions. Entering court decisions into the automated document management system " , "Certain aspects of resolving issues related to remuneration: legislation and court practice", " Restoration of lost court proceedings: legislation, practice and current challenges", "Indisputability of separate proceedings. Peculiarities of consideration of applications for recognition of an individual as missing or declaring him/her dead", "International Justice: bodies, mechanisms, prospects", "Conducting civil proceedings in the context of changing territorial jurisdiction".

Pursuant to the Memorandum of Cooperation between the Training Center for Prosecutors of Ukraine and the National School of Judges of Ukraine, five trainings were held for prosecutors and civil servants of the prosecution bodies on the topic "Thinking, Speaking, Writing in Ukrainian".

Despite the danger caused by the hostilities, the National School of Judges fully supports the judicial community by staying in touch with them through the Internet, organizing online events that help solve their problems and other pressing issues.

Despite the introduction of a special legal regime, the work of the NSJU with teachers (trainers) did not stop during the year. **During this period, 47 trainers were trained and provided 39 seminars and 14 trainings for judges and court staff.**

**VI. RESEARCH AND METHODOLOGICAL ACTIVITIES**

**Training courses for judges**

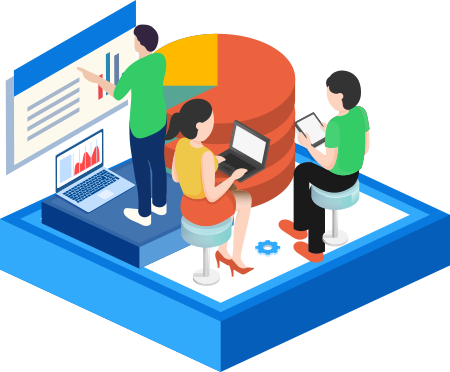
In 2022, the research departments **continued to work on developing, updating, and adapting training courses. They also conducted their testing and trainings for trainers.**

***During the reporting period, 15 trainings were developed for judges***, namely:

* "Disputes over the protection of property rights in business activities";
* "Disputes in bankruptcy cases;
* "International Cooperation in Criminal Proceedings";
* "The Law of Ukraine "On Administrative Procedure" and its impact on administrative proceedings";
* "Topical issues arising in the consideration of disputes on military service and protection of the rights of persons affected by military aggression";
* "Protection of social and other rights of military personnel";
* "Psychological features of effective communication in the work of judges";
* "Seizure and Confiscation of Assets";
* "Digital Rights in the Context of Freedom of Speech Protection: Judicial Aspect";
* "Peculiarities of court proceedings against corruption whistleblowers";
* "Communication of the court under martial law";
* "Language of court decisions in commercial proceedings";
* "Certain Aspects of Consideration of Applications for Special Proceedings and Applications for Restoration of Lost Court Proceedings under Martial Law";
* "Guarantees of Labor Rights Protection: Court Practice and Novelties of Legislative Regulation during Martial Law";
* "Judicial Protection of Internally Displaced Persons and Persons Affected by Armed Aggression on the Territory of Ukraine".

**Nine trainings are in the process of development**, namely:

* "Realization of human rights and fundamental freedoms without discrimination";
* "Notice of Suspicion: Problematic Issues of the Investigating Judge";
* "Approaches and requirements for writing court decisions in civil proceedings";
* "Civil proceedings in the court of first instance: problematic issues";
* "Peculiarities of consideration of cases involving jurors";
* "Dispute Resolution on Violation of Political Finance Rules";
* "International Cooperation in Criminal Proceedings;
* "Consideration by the Courts of Criminal Proceedings on Crimes Against Life";
* "Application of the principle of legal certainty in administrative proceedings".



**We tested 14 training courses:**

* "The Law of Ukraine "On Administrative Procedure" and its impact on administrative proceedings";
* "Disputes over the protection of property rights in business activities";
* "Disputes in bankruptcy cases;
* "International Cooperation in Criminal Proceedings;
* "Language of court decisions in commercial proceedings";
* "Certain Aspects of Consideration of Applications for Special Proceedings and Applications for Restoration of Lost Court Proceedings under Martial Law";
* "Guarantees of Labor Rights Protection: Court Practice and Novelties of Legislative Regulation during Martial Law";
* "Topical issues arising in the consideration of disputes on military service and protection of the rights of persons affected by military aggression";
* "Protection of social and other rights of military personnel";
* "Psychological Features of Effective Communication in the Activities of Judges";
* "Seizure and Confiscation of Assets;
* "Digital Rights in the Context of Freedom of Speech Protection: Judicial Aspect";
* "Peculiarities of court proceedings against corruption whistleblowers";
* "Communication of the court under martial law".

**10 TOTs were conducted:**

* "Protection of Social and Other Rights of Servicemen";
* "Psychological features of effective communication in the work of judges";
* "Disputes over the protection of property rights in business activities";
* "Disputes in bankruptcy cases;
* "Certain Aspects of Consideration of Applications for Special Proceedings and Applications for Restoration of Lost Court Proceedings under Martial Law";
* "Guarantees of Labor Rights Protection: Court Practice and Novelties of Legislative Regulation during Martial Law";
* "Peculiarities of court proceedings against corruption whistleblowers";
* "Seizure and Confiscation of Assets;
* "Peculiarities of application of special confiscation by the courts of Ukraine";
* "Probation in criminal proceedings".

**Training courses for judicial candidates**

**A training for judicial candidates was developed and tested** "Psychological Peculiarities of Effective Communication in the Activities of Judges".

**Trainings for trainers were held:**

* Probation in Criminal Proceedings";
* "Psychological features of effective communication in the work of judges".

**Training courses for court staff:**

**The training** "Etiquette of Business Communication for Court Employees" **was developed and tested**.

**The development of training courses is ongoing:**

* "Preparation of draft court decisions. Entering decisions into the USRCD";
* "The Role of the Chief of Staff in Court Administration".

**Distance learning for judges and court staff**

A separate area of educational work of the National School of Judges of Ukraine is conducting **distance learning** courses.

Thus, **in 2022**, **10 distance learning courses for judges were developed**

* "Practice of consideration by courts of criminal proceedings under Articles 130, 132 of the Criminal Code. Protection of rights of HIV-positive persons and persons suffering from other incurable infectious diseases";
* "Basic distance mediation course";
* "Evidence and proof in administrative proceedings";
* "Practice of consideration by courts of criminal proceedings under Articles 130 and 132 of the Criminal Code: problematic aspects";
* "Basics of̆ remote mediation course";
* "Disputes over transactions in commercial proceedings";
* "Problematic issues of proof in civil proceedings";
* "Peculiarities of consideration of cases on crimes against sexual freedom and sexual inviolability";
* "Practice of dispute resolution arising from credit legal relations in commercial proceedings
* "Psychological examination in civil proceedings".

**We tested 10 distance learning courses:**

* "Practice of consideration by courts of criminal proceedings under Articles 130, 132 of the Criminal Code. Protection of rights of HIV-positive persons and persons suffering from other incurable infectious diseases";
* "Psychological peculiarities of communication with young/minor participants of the trial";
* "Disputes over transactions in commercial proceedings";
* "Practice of consideration by courts of criminal proceedings under Articles 130 and 132 of the Criminal Code: problematic aspects";
* "Basics of̆ remote mediation course";
* "Problematic issues of proof in civil proceedings";
* "Psychological examination in civil proceedings";
* "Evidence and proof in administrative proceedings";
* "Practice of consideration of disputes arising from credit legal relations in commercial proceedings";
* "Peculiarities of consideration of cases on crimes against sexual freedom and sexual inviolability".

 **We are developing 5 distance courses:**

* "Consideration of Land Cases by Commercial Courts: Court Practice";
* "Grounds for opening an exemplary case. Formation and implementation of an exemplary case in court practice";
* "Protection of property rights in civil proceedings";
* "Military administrative offenses: issues of qualification and some procedural aspects" (initiative measures);
* "Application of international labor standards in court practice".

A new area of activity of the National School of Judges of Ukraine is the training of employees of the Judicial Protection Service, a state body in the justice system whose mission is to ensure protection and maintenance of public order in courts. That is why awareness and understanding of the principles of the judicial system, court proceedings, distribution of duties and powers in court by the Court Security Service personnel is a prerequisite for the quality performance of the tasks assigned to it by the legislator.

**For employees of the Court Security Service:**

**Development and testing of a distance learning course was completed** "Anti-Corruption Legislation of Ukraine. Declaration" .

**The development of the training course** "The Role of Judicial Protection Service Employees in Court Operations in Emergency Situations" **is underway**.

**Webinars**

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Together with the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) in Ukraine, **7 webinars were prepared and held for judges and lawyers** on juvenile justice:

* "Psychological characteristics of a child in contact with the law";
* "Protecting the rights and best interests of the child in the justice system";
* "Peculiarities of Interrogation and Questioning of a Child of Different Procedural Status" (parts I and II);
* "Family matters and children's rights: the civil aspect";
* "Selection of Preventive Measures and Sentencing of Minors";
* "Administrative liability of minors".

**Webinars** have also **been developed:**

* "Psychological first aid kit in martial law" (for candidates for the position of judge, judges and staff members);
* "Fundamentals of the Application of International Humanitarian Law in Judicial Practice" (for judges);
* "Crimes against the Fundamentals of National Security of Ukraine" (for judges and judicial assistants);
* "Certain Criminal Offenses Against Peace, Human Security and International Law and Order" (for judges and judicial assistants);
* "Judicial Protection of Internally Displaced Persons and Persons Affected by Armed Aggression on the Territory of Ukraine" (for judges);
* "Peculiarities of war crimes trial" (for judges).

**Seminars and workshops**

One of the innovative forms of training introduced in the process of training candidates for the position of judge, judges and court staff is a workshop. The development and conduct of workshops, as well as courses for judges, is carried out in compliance with the requirements set forth in the Concept of National Standards of Judicial Education, which was approved by the Scientific and Methodological Council of the National School of Judges on December 23, 2014.

**In 2022, the research departments worked on developing workshops for judicial candidates, judges, staff members, and employees of the Judicial Protection Service's territorial offices**, among others:

**The development of 26 workshops has been completed:**

* "Overcoming the consequences of psychological trauma: psychological assistance";
* "Psychological features of effective communication in the work of judges";
* "Court practice in disputes arising in the field of corporate legal relations";
* "Cases on administrative offenses: topical issues of consideration";
* "Business Communication Etiquette";
* "The Crime of Genocide: Criminal and Legal Qualification";
* "Special regime of pre-trial investigation and court proceedings under martial law: challenges of today";
* "Russian military aggression against Ukraine: national and international judicial protection";
* "Judicial Protection of Labor Rights: Challenges of Today";
* "Certain Aspects of Consideration of Applications for Special Proceedings and Applications for Restoration of Lost Court Proceedings under Martial Law";
* "The European system of human rights protection: challenges as a result of the Russian invasion of Ukraine";
* "The Crime of Genocide: Criminal and Legal Qualification";
* "Interpretation of legal norms in administrative proceedings";
* "Judicial control over the execution of court decisions";
* "Application of International Humanitarian Law by National Courts";
* "Peculiarities of application of special confiscation by the courts of Ukraine";
* "Administration of justice in times of war: problems, challenges, solutions";
* "Criminal liability of military personnel: peculiarities of qualification and sentencing";
* "Procedural time limit as a component of the principle of legal certainty";
* "Peculiarities of economic proceedings under martial law in Ukraine";
* "Ukrainian language is an effective weapon in the war against Russia";
* "Ukrainian Business Speech and Speech Etiquette;
* "Let's Speak Ukrainian Correctly: Phonetic, Word Formation and Lexical Norms";
* "Let's speak Ukrainian correctly: grammatical norms";
* "Language of court decisions";
* "Ukrainian business speech. The Art of Legal Writing".

**We are developing 8 workshops:**

* "Gender aspects in the organization of court work";
* "Peculiarities of the trial of criminal proceedings on torture";
* "Land Dispute Resolution: Case Law of the Supreme Court and the European Court of Human Rights";
* "Application of Decisions of the Constitutional Court of Ukraine in Civil Proceedings";
* "Legal grounds for compensation for damages in certain categories of civil cases (road accidents)";
* "Case law on disputes arising in the field of housing and communal services";
* "Enforcement of Court Decisions in Civil Proceedings: Practice of the Supreme Court on Application of the Law of Ukraine "On Enforcement Proceedings";
* "Protection of Housing Rights: Court Practice and Peculiarities of Legal Regulation under Martial Law".

**Standardized lectures for judges**

**We prepared 19 standardized lectures** for judges**:**

* "Peculiarities of consideration of pension and other social disputes of certain categories of citizens";
* "Application of the provisions of the Constitution of Ukraine as norms of direct effect";
* "Deadlines in administrative proceedings: current practice of the Supreme Court on procedural deadlines";
* "General Requirements for Drafting Non-Procedural Documents";
* "Grounds for Reversal or Amendment of Decisions of the Court of First Instance in the Activities of Courts of Appeal";
* "Repeated appellate review of commercial cases: court practice";
* "Peculiarities of consideration of corporate disputes by commercial courts";
* "Consideration by the Commercial Court of Disputes Arising from Credit Relations";
* "Peculiarities of resolving disputes arising in the course of concluding commercial contracts: court practice";
* "Extradition: procedural aspects of criminal proceedings on extradition of persons who have committed a criminal offense";
* "Consideration of Appeals against Decisions on Extradition (Extradition) in Cases Concerning Asylum Seekers";
* "Procedure and Conditions for Conducting Dispute Resolution Procedures with the Participation of a Judge in Civil Proceedings";
* "Standards of proof in civil proceedings";
* "Reasonable time in the context of Article 6 of the Convention for the Protection of Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms by national courts and in national legislation";
* "Current issues of application by the courts of the grounds for exemption from payment of court fees and the procedure for verification of the court fee transfer to the special fund of the State Budget of Ukraine";
* "Court Resolution of Labor Disputes Concerning Suspension, Dismissal and Reinstatement during the Period of Quarantine Restrictions";
* "Procedure and Conditions for Conducting Dispute Resolution Procedures with the Participation of a Judge in Commercial Proceedings";
* "Language of judicial and procedural documents";
* "General Requirements for Drafting Non-Procedural Documents".

**We are in the process of developing 8 standardized lectures:**

* "Understanding the Principles of Administrative Proceedings in the Light of its Task and ECHR Case Law";
* "Topical issues of land disputes consideration: by courts of general jurisdiction";
* "Vindication as a way to protect property rights: court practice";
* "Negative action as a way to protect the rights of the owner: court practice";
* "Restitution as a way to protect the rights and legitimate interests of the owner: court practice";
* "Proceedings in Civil Cases Involving Foreign Persons";
* "Differentiation of procedural form in relation to proceedings and procedures: problematic issues";
* "EU law in the judicial practice of Ukraine".

**Training courses and manuals for teachers (trainers), as well as developers and reviewers of test materials**

**2 trainings are in the process of development:**

* "Organizational support for conducting distance learning courses at the National School of Social Sciences";
* "Methodology for Preparing and Conducting Trainings at the National School of Judges of Ukraine".

**Publication of educational and methodological literature**

**A training manual** "Psychological Peculiarities of Effective Communication in the Activities of Judges" **was prepared** (in paper or electronic format).

**Five textbooks are being prepared:**

* "Ukrainian language in the judicial and procedural sphere";
* "Investigating judge in criminal proceedings: topical issues of activity";
* "The Rule of Law: The Effect of the Rule of Law in the Administration of Justice";
* "Resolving disputes over violations of political finance rules";
* "Probation in criminal proceedings".

**Research and development work,**

**In particular, scientific and methodological support of activities**

**High Qualification Commission of Judges of Ukraine and**

**High Council of Justice,**

**support for psychological training of judges,**

**scientific and methodological support of judicial education**

 One of the priority activities of the National School of Judges of Ukraine is research, in particular, scientific and methodological support of the activities of the High Qualifications Commission of Judges of Ukraine (hereinafter - the

HQCJ) and the High Council of Justice.

**HQCJ and the High Council of Justice**

**Development and review of test materials**

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| **Specialization** | **Test questions** | | | **Practical tasks (model court cases, instructions and evaluation forms)** | |
| **developed** | **censored** | **number of reviews of the database 1200 for appellate courts during the year** | **developed** | **censored (twice)** |
| **civilian** | 52 | 1200 | twice | 4 | 5 |
| **criminal** | 131 | 1200+400 | three times |  | 5 |
| **household** | 245 | 1200 | twice | 5 | 15 |
| **administrative** | 480 | 1200 | three times | 5 | 2 |
| **IN GENERAL:** | **908** | **5200** | **12000** | **14** | **27** |

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| **Knowledge of the state language** | **Test questions** |
| **developed** |
| **Ukrainian language** | 278 |

The development and review of test materials takes into account changes in legislation and court practice, including changes to assessment/examination programs.

**For scientific and methodological support of the High Council of Justice**

**Prepared \_\_\_ opinions on the HCJ's requests** for draft laws on the judiciary, the functioning of the judiciary, and the status of judges:

* on expressing a position on the draft Law of Ukraine "On Amendments to Part 1 of Article 69 of the Law of Ukraine "On the Judiciary and the Status of Judges" regarding the requirements for candidates for the position of judge" (registration No. 6498);
* on the preparation of the Annual Report on the Status of Judicial Independence in Ukraine for 2021 with materials on judicial education measures;
* on expressing a position on the draft Law of Ukraine "On Amendments to the Law of Ukraine "On the Judiciary and the Status of Judges " on Preventing and Counteracting Threats to Ukraine's National Security in the Field of Citizenship" (registration No. 6371 );
* on expressing a position on the draft Law of Ukraine "On Amendments to the Law of Ukraine "On the Judicial System and Status of Judges" regarding the unification of legislation on the organization and operation of the High Court of Intellectual Property" (registration No. 6488);
* on expressing a position on the Draft Law of Ukraine "On the High Court of Intellectual Property" (registration No. 6487).

**Scientific and methodological support for psychological training of judges**

The Department of Scientific and Methodological Support for Psychological Training of Judges **for the first time prepared a webinar** on "Psychological First Aid Kit in Martial Law", which was actively **implemented in the training activities in March 2022**. Subsequently, in response to the urgent need and request of the judicial audience, **a workshop** "Overcoming the Consequences of Psychotrauma: Psychological Assistance" was **developed and** implemented for the **first time** for judges, court staff, and the Judicial Protection Service.

Also, the Department of Scientific and Methodological Support of Psychological Training of Judges recorded a video lecture "Surviving the War Experience. Psychological Assistance" with its subsequent posting on the NSJU website. The lecture contains answers to questions from judges and court staff on the psychological aspects of surviving the experience of war, which were selected from feedback questionnaires.

**The course for judges** "Psychological Peculiarities of Communication with Minors/Minor Participants in Court Proceedings" **was adapted and tested in** a distance format**, as well as the training** "Psychological Peculiarities of Effective Communication in the Activities of Judges".

Employees of the Department of Scientific and Methodological Support for Psychological Training of Judges **continue to actively work on conducting seminars for employees of the Judicial Protection Service**, in particular, focusing on the following topics: "Overcoming the Consequences of Psychotrauma: Psychological Assistance" and "Psychological Adaptation to Work under Martial Law".

**Employees of the Department of Scientific and Methodological Support for Psychological Training of Judges participated in the development of trainings and their implementation as trainers**, namely: "Practical Aspects of Consideration of Criminal Proceedings on Domestic Violence", "Psychological Peculiarities of Communication with Litigants with Experience of Psychotraumatic Impact", "Psychological Peculiarities of Communication with Minors/Minor Litigants", "Socio-Nomic Competence of a Judge".

Employees of the Department of Scientific and Methodological Support for Psychological Training of Judges **continued to test suspended judges.**

**Other scientific and methodological activities of the NSJU**

**Scientific research has been conducted**

**Preparation of informational and methodological materials on the application of the Convention for the Protection of Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms and the case law of the European Court of Human Rights.**

The results of the research on the Convention and ECHR practice are used for:

- reviewing appeals of the acting Commissioner for the European Court of Human Rights regarding the implementation of ECHR judgments and preparing letters of response to appeals;

- accounting of the ECHR judgments on which the acting Commissioner for the European Court of Human Rights received applications (in the form of a table);

- Tetyana Fuley, Head of the National School of Judges of Ukraine, made a presentation "The European System of Human Rights Protection: Challenges as a Result of the Russian Invasion of Ukraine" at the round table "Administration of Justice under Martial Law: Constitutional and Legal Dimension". The event was organized jointly by the Constitutional Court of Ukraine, the National Academy of Legal Sciences of Ukraine, the National School of Judges of Ukraine, the Center for Legal Support of Persons Affected by Military Invasion of the National Academy of Legal Sciences of Ukraine and the Uzhhorod National University (April 12, 2022);

- development of a questionnaire for judges on the application of the Convention for the Protection of Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms and ECHR case law and summarizing its results (May-June 2022);

- developing the concept of the program and preparing presentations for the roundtable "The Role of the ECHR and ECHR Case Law in the Ukrainian Justice System: Experience of a Quarter Century and New Challenges", organized jointly with the Supreme Court and Ivan Franko National University of Lviv and with the support of the OSCE Project Co-ordinator in Ukraine "Guaranteeing Human Rights in the Justice System. Phase II", as well as holding this event, which was dedicated to the 25th anniversary of Ukraine's ratification of the Convention for the Protection of Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms (moderating Session I and speaking at Session III. "The impact of the ECHR case law on the resolution of administrative disputes" (June 10, 2022);

- T. Fuley's speech "National judicial practice in cases of property damage caused by armed aggression" at the round table "Judicial protection of property rights of persons affected by armed aggression", organized jointly with the Council of Europe Project "Internal Displacement in Ukraine: Development of Durable Solutions. Phase II", (June 17, 2022);

- development of materials for the basic training course for judges of local general and district administrative courts "Judicial Protection of Internally Displaced Persons and Persons Affected by Armed Aggression Against Ukraine" and the online course of the same name;

- to develop and submit proposals for the inclusion of new ECHR cases in the Standardized Training Programs for Judges of all levels and specializations for 2023.

**Preparation of informational and methodological materials on the realization of rights without discrimination on any grounds.**

The results of the study are used for:

- preparing information at the request of the High Qualification Commission of Judges of Ukraine to provide information on the status of implementation in 2021 of the National Action Plan for the implementation of the recommendations set out in the concluding observations of the UN Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women to the eighth periodic report of Ukraine on the implementation of the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women for the period up to 2021, approved by CMU Resolution No. 634-p of September 5, 2018, in particular the recommendations provided for in paragraphs 6, 13, 18 (February 2022);

- opening remarks at the online conference "Peculiarities of Victim-Centered Approaches in War Crimes Trials" of the European Union Project "Pravo-Justice" (July 29, 2022);

- participation in the presentation of the report "The Impact of Covid 19 on Women's Access to Justice" (Strasbourg, November 17, 2022).

**Preparation of informational and methodological materials on the social context of the judicial process, including ensuring the principle of gender equality in the administration of justice and the introduction of gender integration into the judicial system.**

The results of the study are used for:

- preparing information at the request of the Ministry of Social Policy of Ukraine to provide information for 2021 on the monitoring indicators of the National Action Plan for the Implementation of UN Security Council Resolution 1325 "Women, Peace and Security" for the period up to 2025, approved by the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine on October 28, 2020, No. 1544 (February 2022);

- preparing information at the request of the Ministry of Social Policy of Ukraine to provide comments and suggestions to the draft order of the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine "On Amendments to the Order of the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine of October 28, 2020 No. 1544-r";

- submission of proposals to national legislation in connection with the ratification of the Council of Europe Convention on preventing and combating violence against women and domestic violence - pursuant to the letter of the Government Commissioner for Gender Policy dated July 21, 2022 No. 14424/0/2-22/57;

- preparing information at the request of the Ministry of Social Policy of Ukraine dated September 1, 2022, No. 8966/0/2-22/57 regarding the approval of the draft order of the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine "On Amendments to the Order of the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine dated October 28, 2020 No. 1544-r";

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- preparation of information at the request of the Government Commissioner for Gender Policy dated September 8, 2022, No. 18356/0/2-22 on reporting on the implementation of the Council of Europe's Gender Equality Strategy and consultations within the Secretariat of the Council of Europe Commission for Gender Equality (GEC);

- Providing information for 2021 on the monitoring indicators of the National Action Plan for the Implementation of UN Security Council Resolution 1325 "Women, Peace and Security" for the period up to 2025, approved by the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine on October 28, 2020, No. 1544 (February 2022);

- participation in the training on the use of standardized reporting tools for the implementation of the National Action Plan for the Implementation of UN Security Council Resolution 1325 "Women, Peace and Security" for the period up to 2025, in the implementation of which is partially involved. The training was conducted by the Ministry of Social Policy (February 4, 2022);

- developing and delivering an interactive lecture on "Gender Competence of a Judge" for training judges of the High Anti-Corruption Court in cooperation with the European Union Anti-Corruption Initiative in Ukraine (February 23, 2022);

- participated in the strategic sessions held on June 7-8 and June 16-17, 2022, organized by the Ministry of Social Policy in pursuance of clause 6 of the order of the Vice Prime Minister of Ukraine O. Stefanishyna of May 19, 2022 № 12494/0/1-22 together with the Government Commissioner for Gender Policy K. Levchenko and with the support of UN Women on amending the Order of the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine of October 28, 2022 № 1544-r "On Approval of the National Action Plan for the Implementation of UN Security Council Resolution 1325 "Women, Peace and Security" for the period up to 2025" on the implementation of the National Action Plan for the Implementation of UN Security Council Resolution 1325 "Women, Peace and Security" for the period up to 2025 (June 7-8, 2022).

**Preparation of information and methodological materials on the establishment and development of judicial education in Ukraine:**

- participation in and presentation on "Judicial Training in Time of War: Why and How?" at the HELP 2022 Conference (Strasbourg, June 30-July 1, 2022);

- Participation in the International Organization for Judicial Training (IOJT 2022) Conference "Effective Judicial Education: Understanding the Needs of Vulnerable Populations" (Ottawa, October 30 - November 3, 2022);

- Providing recommendations to the USAID Justice for All Program team on the report on the results of the judicial needs assessment "War crimes judicial education in Ukraine" (July-August 2022).

**Scientific publications**

In 2022, NSJU researchers **prepared 17 publications** (scientific articles, abstracts, interviews).

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In 2022**, the publication of issue No. 4 (37) 2021** of the national scientific, practical and methodological legal **journal "Word of the National School of Judges of Ukraine"**, , as well as **a special issue of the journal** with the materials of the round table "The Principle of Legal Certainty: Council of Europe Standards and Practice of Ukrainian Courts", organized jointly by the Supreme Court, the National School of Judges of Ukraine and the Council of Europe project "Support to the Judiciary in Ensuring Better Access to Justice", was ensured.

Work on the next issue of the magazine **No. 1-2 (38) 2022** is nearing completion.

Electronic versions of the journal are available on the publication's website. The full content of these copies of the journal is available on its official website - http://slovo.nsj.gov.ua.

**VII. INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION**

**** The international activities of the National School of Judges of Ukraine are aimed at **studying the best international experience in the field of judicial education and its implementation in the educational process for further institutional development and improvement of the educational and scientific components of the institution.** In order to achieve its objectives, **the NSJU cooperates with international organizations, judicial education institutions in other countries, international technical assistance (ITA) programs and projects for Ukraine that work in the field of judicial education**, namely European Union (EU), Council of Europe (CoE), Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE), United States Agency for International Development (USAID), Governments of the Netherlands, Great Britain, United Nations (UN), etc.

The National School of Judges is a member of the International Organization for Judicial Training (IOJT), which unites 125 judicial and prosecutorial education institutions from 77 countries. **At the end of October 2022** (31.10-03.11)**, the X IOJT 2022 Conference "Effective Judicial Education: Understanding the Needs of Vulnerable Populations" was held in Ottawa, Canada, where Mykola Onishchuk, Rector of the National School** of Judges**,** delivered a report "Judicial Education in Times of War: Ukraine's Experience" **and Tetiana Fuley, Head of the National** School of Judges**,**  a report "Training Judges on the Social Context of Vulnerable Populations". At the same time, during the Conference, the Rector of the National School of Judges took part in a meeting of the IOJT General Assembly. The Assembly adopted a new version of the Principles of Judicial Training, taking into account the current experience gained during the global pandemic, and elected a new IOJT President.

The NSJU has observer status in the European Judicial Training Network (EJTN). After the unprovoked attack on Ukraine by the Russian Federation, this organization was the first to express support for Ukraine and respond to the needs of the NSJS that arose during the full-scale war. **In April 2022, M. Onishchuk took part in a meeting of the EJTN Steering Committee**, where much attention was paid to discussing the situation in Ukraine. The Rector of the National School of Judges informed the participants about the activities of Ukrainian schools in training judges and prosecutors in the current environment. Based on the information received, the participants identified areas of assistance that EJTN and European judicial schools can provide to Ukrainian judges and prosecutors. **In June of this year, M. Onishchuk spoke at the events held during the 25th anniversary General Assembly of the EJTN**, where he reported on the organization of training for Ukrainian judges, court staff and other justice system actors after the outbreak of war and temporary occupation of part of the territory of Ukraine. **As a result of the active work in the international arena, the leadership of the National School of Judges of Ukraine involved well-known European experts in the educational and methodological process and research work at the NSJU**, in particular: 14 webinars were held with the participation of teachers from the National Institute of Justice of Bulgaria, the Center for Training of Judges and Prosecutors (Netherlands), the National School of Magistracy of Italy and the French National School of Magistracy on international humanitarian law, consideration of cases related to war crimes and crimes against humanity

The National School of Judges of Ukraine **signed a Cooperation Agreement with the French National School of Magistracy and a Protocol on Cooperation in Implementation of the ITA Program between Kimonix International Inc./USAID Justice for All Program.**

Since the beginning of hostilities on the territory of Ukraine caused by Russian aggression, **international cooperation with the ITA programs and projects, which in 2022 will number about 25, has intensified** through online training events for the judiciary. The ITA projects are actively responding to the training needs of the National School of Judges, trying to accumulate and share international experience in the operation of courts under martial law and the consideration of cases of war crimes and crimes against humanity.

To concentrate and coordinate the efforts of the partners**, the National School of Judges of Ukraine developed a Comprehensive Plan for Improving the Professional Competence of Judges in War Crimes Cases**, which brings together the efforts of the **National** School **of Judges** and the EU, Council of Europe, European Judicial Education Network, and the United States Agency for International Development. **An advisory group of the National School of Judges has been formed to provide scientific and methodological assistance to judges who are considering war crimes cases**.

**The international activities of the NSJU are mediated by the following events that took place in 2022:**

* On October 7, 2022, the National School of Judges of Ukraine together with the State Judicial Administration of Ukraine (on the occasion of the 20th anniversary of the establishment of two such important institutions) ***held a high-level international scientific and practical conference "Ukraine's Justice System in Times of War: National and International Legal Dimension"***. The event was supported by the EU PRAVO-Justice project, the USAID Justice for All Program, and the German Foundation for International Legal Cooperation. Speakers at the conference included representatives of national judicial schools from the European Union - Germany, Bulgaria, France, Italy, the Netherlands, and Canada. With the support of the Council of Europe Office in Ukraine, ***the publication "National School of Judges of Ukraine: To the 20th Anniversary of Judicial Education in Ukraine***" was published;
* On February 21-23, and April 28-29, 2022, the National School of Judges of Ukraine ***conducted in-person and online training for judges of the High Anti-Corruption Court, respectively***. The training program involved leading Ukrainian and international experts, whose participation was made possible through cooperation with ITA programs and projects, namely: The European Union Anti-Corruption Initiative in Ukraine, the EU Pravo-Justice project, the German Foundation for International Legal Cooperation (IRZ), the Council of Europe projects "Strengthening Anti-Money Laundering and Counter-Terrorism Financing Measures in Ukraine", "Respect for Human Rights in the Criminal Justice System of Ukraine" and "Support to the Implementation of Judicial Reform in Ukraine", the USAID Justice for All Program, and the OSCE Project Coordinator in Ukraine project "Ensuring Human Rights in the Administration of Justice. Phase II". The event was attended by all 38 judges of the High Anti-Corruption Court. On December 17, at the request of the HACC, ***a training was held for judges and assistants of the HACC on "Sanctions Policy of Ukraine"****.*
* In cooperation with the Supreme Court and the OSCE Project Co-ordinator in Ukraine, the roundtable discussion "Guaranteeing Human Rights in the Administration of Justice. Phase II" to mark the 25th anniversary of Ukraine's ratification of the Convention for the Protection of Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms (ECHR), ***a roundtable discussion "The Role of the Convention for the Protection of Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms and the Case Law of the European Court of Human Rights in the Justice System in Ukraine: Experience of a Quarter Century and New Challenges" was held*** in Lviv on June 10, 2022.

The project promptly responded to the request of the National School ***of Judges*** and on April 13, with its assistance, ***held a webinar for judges on "Amendments to the Criminal and Criminal Procedure Codes of Ukraine related to military operations***.***"***

* Jointly with the USAID New Justice Program:
* With the participation of experts from the National Judicial College (Reno, USA), ***7 webinars were held for judges and court staff***.
* ***The Rector of the National School of Law spoke at the International Roundtable "Criminal Law Responses to the Challenges of Martial Law in Ukraine"***.
* In June-July, Ukrainian experts participated in ***5 webinars for judges on "Fundamentals of the Application of International Humanitarian Law in Court Practice"***.

***The previously developed training course "Application of International Humanitarian Law and International Criminal Law" was updated,*** a series of working meetings with the Program experts and ***seminars for judges of local and appellate courts*** "Application of International Humanitarian Law by National Courts" ***were held***.

The website of the National School of Judges has a separate section on the basics of international humanitarian law and its application in courts, qualification of war crimes and crimes against humanity, which allows judges to read the recordings of two seminars and five webinars with materials on these topics.

* Joint work with the EU PRAVO-Justice project:
* On 24.06.2022***, an international conference "Accountability for War Crimes and Other Violations of IHL: Possible Models for the Trial of Such Cases in Ukraine" was held***;
* Within the framework of the Model Courts Initiative***, a training course "Training of Trainers on Implementation of Services for Vulnerable Court Users" was held***, which consisted of 8 sessions. ***As a result, the Model Court of the Year ceremony was held - the final event of the second phase of the Model Courts Initiative;***
* ***Three thematic conferences were held*** in September: "Human Resources Management: Adaptation of Courts in Time of War", "Peculiarities of Ensuring Security of Administration of Justice under Martial Law" and "Judicial Communication in Time of War: Anti-Crisis Practices and Ethical Aspects of Coverage of War Crimes";
* ***Two training courses*** (5 and 6 modules respectively) ***were introduced***: "Fundamentals of European Union Law" for judges and judicial assistants and "Investigation and Trial of International Crimes and Serious Human Rights Violations" for judges and prosecutors.
* The National School of Judges of Ukraine, in cooperation with the Council of Europe and the European Union's joint project "Strengthening Measures to Combat Money Laundering and Terrorist Financing in Ukraine," ***developed and tested a training for judges on "Seizure and Confiscation of Assets***."
* With the support of the Council of Europe project "Support to the Judiciary of Ukraine in Ensuring Better Access to Justice"***, the development of a training course on the interpretation and practical application of the principle of legal certainty in judicial practice is being finalized***. In addition, ***the Rector of the National School*** of ***Judges took part in consultations on optimizing the procedures for selecting and appointing judges*** (to courts of first and second instance) ***and disciplinary proceedings against judges***. ***A roundtable*** discussion of Ukrainian judicial practice in the context of the implementation of the European Convention on Human Rights since its ratification (dedicated to the 25th anniversary of Ukraine's ratification of the ECHR***) and 3 webinars for judges were held***: "Protection of Personal Data and Access to Information in Time of War", "ECHR Case Law under Articles 2, 3 and 5 of the ECHR in Cases of Armed Conflict", "Case Law of the European Court of Human Rights in the Context of Armed Conflict: Derogation from Obligations under the European Convention on Human Rights".
* In cooperation with the Council of Europe project "Internal Displacement in Ukraine: Developing Durable Solutions. Phase II", ***a roundtable discussion "Judicial Protection of Internally Displaced Persons and Persons Affected by Armed Aggression in Ukraine" and 7 webinars/modules of the course "Judicial Protection of the Rights of Internally Displaced Persons and Persons Affected by Armed Aggression against Ukraine" were held***, recorded and posted on the NSPS distance learning platform.
* ***Cooperation with the United Nations Children's Fund in Ukraine (UNICEF) was focused on conducting a series of 9 events for judges and lawyers*** on the following topics: "Psychological characteristics of a child in contact with the law", "Protection of the rights and interests of a child in the justice system", "Peculiarities of interrogation and questioning of a child of different procedural status: Legal and Psychological Aspects" (Part I and Part II), "Family Cases Involving Children's Rights" (civil aspect), "Preventive Measures and Sentencing for Minors", "Administrative Liability of Minors", "Barnahus Model for Children Who Have Suffered or Witnessed Violence", and "Restorative Approaches to Justice for Children".
* Active cooperation between the National School of ***Law*** and the European Union Advisory Mission and its missions continues, ***with seminars on "Crimes of Genocide: International Experience" and "Participation of Victims and Witnesses in War Crimes Cases***".
* ***Representatives of the National School*** of Judges ***took part in the annual HELP 2022 Network Conference,*** during which the regional representative of the HELP Program from the National School of Judges spoke on the topic "Judicial Training in Time of War: Why and How" during the session "Council of Europe's Response to the War in Ukraine".
* The National ***School of Judges***, together with the British Embassy in Ukraine***, held a webinar for judges and staff of local and appellate courts on "Cyberhygiene and the Basics of Modern Social Engineering***.***"***

Participation of NSJU representatives and coaches in events abroad:

* At the invitation of EUAM***, four representatives of the National School of Judges participated in a study visit to the National Judicial Administration of Sweden and the Swedish Judicial Training Academy to learn from*** their experience.
* ***Two people took part in*** events organized by the Council of Europe project "Women's Access to Justice: Compliance with the Istanbul Convention and Other European Standards for Gender Equality", namely: a ***meeting of the project Steering Committee to present a report on the impact of Covid 19 on women's access to justice***.
* ***Three trainers of the National*** School ***of*** Judges, members of the group of trainings for judges and court staff, ***took part in a training on judicial ethics*** held in Krakow, Poland, with the support of the MATRA project "Judiciary and Society in Ukraine".
* Thanks to the Folke Bernadotte Academy's project "Local Self-Government and the Rule of Law in Ukraine", they ***took part in the final seminar in Stockholm for project partners and stakeholders***.
* Due to the joint project of the European Union and the Council of Europe CyberEast***, a representative of the NSJS took part in an in-depth training for judges and judge-trainers on the use of electronic evidence*** (Suceava, Romania).

In total, in cooperation with ITA projects, a total of 2022 was conducted in 2022:

* **20 *meetings of training / webinar / manual development teams***;
* ***More than 80 training events*** (conferences, roundtables, webinars, trainings for trainers, trainings for judges, court presidents, court staff, employees of the territorial offices of the Judicial Protection Service, testing of developed training courses).
* During the reporting period***, more than 30 meetings were held***, including online, with the participation of the Rector, Vice-Rectors, Heads of Departments, and leading experts of the National School of ***Judges with the heads of ITA projects and foreign judicial education institutions, authorized representatives and experts of international organizations***, and expert missions to expand relevant ties, support and develop the above areas of cooperation, and formulate long-term cooperation plans.

**VIII. INFORMATION SUPPORT OF ACTIVITIES**

**In 2022, information support of the National School of Judges of Ukraine was provided taking into account further development of communication processes, improvement of forms and deepening of the content of judicial training, and introduction of modern information technologies into the educational process**.

Given the difficult situation in the country, the introduction of martial law due to the military aggression of the Russian Federation, the ***information policy of the National School of Judges during this period focused on covering the development and conduct of training courses aimed at special training of judges on war crimes, crimes against humanity and national security, and the application of international humanitarian law.*** Information support for the activities of the National School of Judges was due to the growing attention of the public and the media to the work of the institution in connection with the training of judges of the Supreme Court and the High Anti-Corruption Court of Ukraine.

In the reporting period, there was an increase in the number of information products. Thus, in 2022***, the official website of the National School of Judges of Ukraine published more than 3,500 news*** items on judicial training, special training of judicial candidates, training of court staff, innovations in the activities of the institution, events involving the School's management, important facts and materials on scientific activities, judicial education and qualifications. ***The sections "To Assist the Teacher (Trainer)", "Diary of Special Training of Judicial Candidates", and "Plan of Main Events of the National School of Judges of Ukraine" for the current week have become permanent.***

In cooperation with the media, including well-known professional legal publications, the NSJU systematically informs the public about the most relevant news in judicial education, and prepares interesting analytical materials and interviews on relevant topics. ***The form for submitting information is constantly being improved and the sections of*** the National School of Judges' ***website are being modernized*** to make the news more interesting and the search more convenient for users.

It is worth noting that ***the official Facebook page of the National School*** of Judges ***continues to develop as an alternative source of information,*** allowing for prompt tracking of the most relevant events related to the training of representatives of the Ukrainian judiciary. Over a year of operation, more than 4000 posts were made on Facebook. Today, ***the School's webpage serves as a platform for dialogue with stakeholders and prompt feedback from the readership, which currently has more than 6,000 regular users and reaches up to 35,000 readers per month***. The number of "likes" of the materials posted on the social network has already exceeded 5 thousand.

The National School of Judges***' YouTube channel is actively developing,*** posting videos about the activities of the National School of Judges, the work of its management and department staff. Thus, ***online broadcasts of certain training events*** have already ***become traditional, a library of training videos is gradually being formed,*** and new initiatives are being prepared.

Among the promising areas of development of the information sphere of the National School of Judges of Ukraine is ***the work on creating its own TV channel*** that will cover news events in the field of justice, broadcast topical legal programs, interviews with well-known legal scholars, interesting personalities, etc.

**IX. ORGANIZATIONAL, FINANCIAL AND ECONOMIC SUPPORT OF ACTIVITIES**

In order to ensure the organizational activities of the National School of Judges of Ukraine in 2022***, 58 agreements on economic issues and 36 additional agreements to them were drafted and concluded***.

***In 2022, 151 civil law contracts were concluded*** to engage judges and other persons in teaching activities.

During the reporting period, ***the legal review of 1008 draft orders was conducted to ensure their compliance with current legislation***.

In 2022***, 2 memoranda of bilateral cooperation were signed*** to implement joint projects in the field of professional training and advanced training of judges and court staff, research, exchange of experience and information*.*

In 2022***, the authorized person held 48 meetings and drew up a corresponding number of protocols on the work of the authorized person, 28 tender procedures and 61 simplified procurement procedures through the ProZorro electronic system.***

Represented the interests of the National School of Judges of Ukraine in **3** court proceedings.

During the reporting period, the NSJU ***processed 5138 documents***, including 788 incoming letters and other documents, 1163 outgoing letters, 18 orders from the Rector and vice-rectors, 43 outgoing registers, 112 incoming registers, 432 memos, 64 requests for information and appeals from citizens. In 2022***, 1973 orders on core activities and administrative and economic issues were registered, checked and edited***, ***and*** 180 information was published on the institution's website. In total, 365 incoming documents were taken under control and 362 were removed from control due to their execution.

The number of permanent storage files organized in 2020 is 18.

2 meetings of the Commission for Examining the Value of Documents were held to amend the Consolidated Nomenclature of the NSJU Cases for 2022 and approve the Consolidated Nomenclature of the NSJU Cases for 2023.

**52 plans of the main activities of the NSJU were prepared**, the Information on the work of the NSDC for the first half of 2022, the Information and Analytical Report on the activities of the NSDC in 2022 were summarized, and the NSDC Work Plan for 2023 was summarized and approved.

In 2022**,** the Law of Ukraine "On the State Budget of Ukraine for 2022**" allocated estimated allocations of UAH 118,444 thousand** to ensure the operation of the National School of Judges of Ukraine**: UAH 114,193.8 thousand for the general fund and UAH 4,250.8 thousand for the special fund**

During 2022, the National School of Judges of Ukraine reduced **its** estimated appointments by certificates of amendments to the budget for 2022 in the total amount of **UAH 22,664.9 thousand.**

**In total, the estimated allocations to the National School of Judges of Ukraine for 2022 amount to UAH 84,779.7 thousand: UAH 80,528.9 thousand for the general fund and UAH 4,250.8 thousand for the special fund.**

In particular:

remuneration with accruals - UAH 78,934.0 thousand,

Expenses for goods and services amounted to UAH 4,200.8 thousand,

business trip expenses - UAH 50.0 thousand,

expenses for utilities amounted to UAH 1,594.9 thousand.

Within the approved allocations, the timely payment of salaries to the institution's employees was ensured in 2022.

# To ensure the smooth operation of the National School of Judges of Ukraine, payments were made for rent, Internet, communications, utilities and other services.

# In 2022, the National School of Judges of Ukraine received material and technical assistance totaling UAH 680.7 thousand. In particular:

# The UNDP donated computer equipment under a donation agreement totaling UAH 69.3 thousand;

# The OSCE Project Co-ordinator in Ukraine transferred equipment (network switch, cyber defense systems) under a donation agreement totaling UAH 92.9 thousand;

# Kimonix International Inc. transferred licenses for the right to use Zoom software (1 year) under the Act of Acceptance - Transfer of the Right to Use Software (17 licenses) for a total amount of UAH 130.0 thousand.

# The Council of Europe transferred inventory under the agreement on the free transfer of inventory totaling UAH 147.7 thousand;

# The OSCE Project Co-ordinator in Ukraine handed over computer equipment and printers totaling UAH 168.8 thousand under the contract;

# The OSCE Project Co-ordinator in Ukraine handed over toners for printers totaling UAH 72.0 thousand according to the act of acceptance of the transfer of property.

As of January 1, 2023, there are accounts payable to the special fund in the amount of UAH 58,783.60 for services rendered. The debt arose due to payments made by the State Treasury Service of Ukraine in accordance with the Resolution of the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine No. 590 dated 09.06.2021 "On Approval of the Procedure for Exercising Powers by the State Treasury Service in a Special Regime under Martial Law" and taking into account the resource provision of the single treasury account.

As of January 1, 2023, there is a receivable for the general fund in the amount of UAH 5,644.38 for prepayment of the planned cost of natural gas for December 2022 in accordance with the agreement with Gas Supply Company Naftogaz Trading LLC in accordance with the Resolution of the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine dated 20.12.2022 No. 1413 "On Amendments to Clause 15(1) of Resolution of the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine No. 641 dated 22.07.2020" and Order of the State Judicial Administration No. 13 "On Prepayment" dated 13.01.2022 as amended.