

PERSONAL INFORMATION **Rostyslav Gerasymov**

## WORK EXPERIENCE

(from 29/08/2019- current)

**Parliamentary counsel**

To Member of Parliament - Deputy chairperson of Education, Science and Innovation Committee, Parliament of Ukraine – Constituency #140 (Odessa oblast)

drafting bills, policy proposals and executive acts; expert support for parliamentary scrutiny of implementation and application of laws; dealing with structural or unyielding implementation problems via inter-agency efforts

**Business or sector** Law-making

(from 7/11/2005 - current), **Attorney-at-law**

Independent practice

Court and administrative cases (mostly pro bono), without particular specialization, from criminal trials to international sanctions delisting, from judicial review of withdrawal of business licenses to disciplinary proceedings against judiciary.

**Business or sector** Law practice

(from 15/04/2020 - current)

**Co-founder and Research Director**

Kistiakowsky Institution for Civilized Ukraine

Conducting critical review of 30 years of Ukrainian Statecraft. Developing new, alternative political programme for Ukraine, with focus chapters on Foreign Affairs; Internal Affairs, Constitutional Framework, Legal System, State Institutions: Judiciary, Government, Law Enforcement, Economic Planning and Business Regulation, Educational, Health, Culture, Information and Science Policies. Preparing series of Youtube lectures on more effective foreign and domestic policy for Ukraine with concrete and detailed policy proposals, semi-complete.

**Business or sector** Politics and Collective Action.

From 05/07/2006 to 05/03/2015

**Lead counsel, then Chief counsel,**

High Council of Justice of Ukraine

Inspecting disciplinary compliance by judiciary, drafting reasoning for disciplinary action, expert contribution to the framework for execution of judgments of the European Court of Human Rights by Member States.

**Business or sector:** Judiciary

From 25/05/2006 to 28/09/2019 **Parliamentary counsel**

To Member of Parliament - Chairperson of Judiciary Committee, Chairperson, member of Rule of Law and Judiciary Committee,

drafting new constitution and amendments to Constitution in force, bills, policy proposals, international documents; directing drafting groups, moderating expert panels, expertise and representation of judicial reform with international donors, crisis planning, conflict negotiation

**Business or sector:** Law-making

**General counsel**

From 02/04/2010 till 05/02/2017 to Ukrainian deputy-member, member in the European Commission for Democracy through Law (the Venice Commission)  
drafting expert comments and contributions to Commission opinions, expert support to Ukrainian representation during Commission's plenary work, preparing data for Commission's secretariat, participation in country visit

**Business or sector:** Diplomacy. Work of International Organizations

From 01/05/2010 till 21/02/2014 **Counsel**

to Ukrainian deputy member, member of the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe (PACE)  
expert contribution to reform of framework for execution of judgments of the European Court of Human Rights by States-Parties

**Business or sector:** Diplomacy. Work of International Organizations

From 01/09/2001 till 31/09/2003 **Assistant Lecturer, then Senior Lecturer**  
then from 01/09/2004 till 31/04/2009 National university 'Kyiv-Mohyla Academy' (NaUKMA) and Odessa national academy of law /for 5 years/

Developing courses, lecturing, conducting seminars, supervising master dissertations, training student moot court teams and assessing competences in International and Comparative Law

**Business or sector:** Higher Education and Scholarship.

From 03/05/2001 till 01/10/2001, **In-house lawyer**

Then 02/10/2001 till 30/06/2002 'Alive' manufacture and trading house (dairy produce), then 'Kashtan' sole proprietorship (listed buildings restoration and construction, home improvement store operator)  
Drafting contracts, dealing with contract disputes, Doing communications, legal audit and paperwork for foreign investment projects, doing paperwork and communication for licensing, realty development procedures and securing administrative permits.

**Business or sector:** Business (Legal services to)

From 01/03/2001 till 01/05/2001 **Junior legal expert**

Department of International Law,  
Institute of Municipal Democracy and Human Rights

Research in International Law and International Relations.

**Business or sector:** Civil society (Expert support)

## EDUCATION AND TRAINING

From: 01/09/2001 – to  
31/09/2003,

Then from: 01/08/2004 - to  
08/10/2008

### 'Kandidat Nauk' [Candidate of Scholarship] in Jurisprudence

European  
Qualification  
Framework level 7

Odessa National Law Academy and Specialized academic college with the Research service institute of the Parliament of Ukraine

- Public International Law (Treaties, 'Soft Law', Making and Implementation thereof, Denial of Justice, Extradition and Rendition, cross-border Aviation Security and Anti-terrorism regulation), International Relations (co-operation and confrontation with regard to Aviation Security, Anti-Terrorism), International Organizations (ICAO, IATA, Eurocontrol)

From: 1/10/2003 – to 31/7/2004,

### Magister Juris in European and Comparative Law

European  
Qualification  
Framework level 7

Faculty of Law, University of Oxford,

Public International Law, Settlement of International Disputes, International Environmental Law, International Treaty Law

From 3/7/2002 to 14/8/2002

### Visiting scholar

N/A

Lauterpacht Centre for International Law, Faculty of Law, University of Cambridge  
Corpus of knowledge of Public International Law and thematic research skills.

From: 01/09/2000 – to  
21/06/2001

### Specialist in Jurisprudence

European  
Qualification  
Framework level 7

Odessa National Academy of Law /Ukraine/

Public International Law. Customs Regulation and Procedures.

From: 3/7/2001 – to 21/7/2001, Then from: 23/7/2001 – to 10/8/2001	<b>N/A</b> Hague Academy of International Law (the Netherlands) ▪ Private International Law. Public International Law.	N/A
From: 7/6/1999 – to: 30/08/1999, then from: 9/1/2001 – to: 28/2/2001	<b>Trainee</b> Revenue Service of Ukraine (Tax police in Odessa city, Investigations division) Customs Service of Ukraine (Black Sea regional division, Odessa sea port unit) Learning standard operating procedures, forms and work skills for policing and prosecuting criminal Tax Fraud and Smuggling of Goods	N/A
From: 01/09/1996 – to 1/7/2000	<b>Bachelor of Law</b>  Odessa National Academy of Law (Ukraine) ▪ Expanded university curriculum for law	European Qualification Framework level 6
From: 01/09/1986 – to 31/05/1996,	<b>Matura (Certificate of complete secondary education)</b>  General comprehensive secondary schools No.62 and No.24 in the city of Odessa (Ukraine) ▪ Primary, Basic and Senior secondary education	European Qualification Framework level 4

**PERSONAL SKILLS**

Mother tongue(s) Ukrainian

Other language(s)

	UNDERSTANDING		SPEAKING		WRITING
	Listening	Reading	Spoken interaction	Spoken production	
Russian	C2	C2	C2	C2	C2
English	C2	C2	C2	C2	B2

[APTIS](#), Final Scale Score 'C', taken 2016.

Levels: A1/2: Basic user - B1/2: Independent user - C1/2 Proficient user  
Common European Framework of Reference for Languages

**Job-related skills** Abstract reasoning. Critical thinking. Constitutional, legal and policy design. Organizational engineering.  
Drafting of norms (laws/statutes, executive orders and resolutions, treaties). Writing of court judgments. Drafting of policies. Writing of expert reports.  
Courtroom and political rhetoric  
Research applied and scholarly.  
Dealing with stakeholders in government and business. Diplomacy. Advocacy. Other government Relations.  
Putting together, informing and co-ordinating working groups, expert panels. Designing and convening forums.  
Organization of grassroots civic structures and local collective action  
Crisis management. Functioning under pressure. Dispute Resolution. Peace-making.  
Teaching, tutoring and supervision.

**Communication skills** ▪ good communication skills gained through experience as government counsel, parliamentary officer, court lawyer, educator, crisis and conflict negotiator, cross-strata and cross-country

**Organisational / managerial skills** ▪ leadership, management (managing direct reports and groups of 2 to 40 people) in varied contexts: drafting working groups, expert panels, university subject groups, learning groups, student moot court teams.

**Computer skills** ▪ good command of Microsoft Office™ tools, Cloud computing (google drive, one drive),  
Videoconferencing (Zoom, MS Teams, Cisco Web, Skype)

**Other skills** Quick learning. Efficient navigation of geographical, cultural, religious, philosophical and historical contexts. Amateur singing.

**Research and Study Interests** Politics, Statecraft, Strategy, Constitutional Design, Social Engineering. Philosophy, especially Stoic, Epicurean and newer that has utility. History. Legal engineering and drafting. Political Economy and Business. Classical Civilizations. Systems. Psychology.

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

## Selected Publications

- 'Review of 14 national systems of assessment of learning results in vocational education and training: focus on ECVET, European credit system for vocational education and training.' (in Ukrainian/co-authorship) *Ridna Scuola*. Vol.2-4 (2020) at 6-13.
- 'Aspects of Assets Seizure under new Criminal Procedure Code of Ukraine' (in Ukrainian, English annotation) *Journal of National School of Judges of Ukraine*. Vol.4(5) (2013), at 186-194
- 'Ukraine's Compliance with International Obligations on the Use of Its Airspace for Transportation and the Safeguarding of Civil Aviation' in V Denisov (ed) *Implementation of International Law in Ukraine* (Justinian Publishers Kyiv 2005) at 467-520.
- 'International Law Commission's drafting of Articles on Responsibility and Obligations of States with respect to Transboundary Harm to the Environment.' (in Ukrainian, English annotation) *Ukrainian Journal of International Law*. Vol.1/6 (2003), at 62-71
- 'Acquis of International Regulation of Suppression of Unlawful Acts against Security of Civil Aviation and the Problem of International Terrorism.' (in Russian). *Russian Yearbook of International Law*. Vol.13 (2003), at 283-291
- 'International Law on Suppression of Unlawful Acts of Interference with International Civil Aviation.' (in Ukrainian). *Yearbook of the National Academy of Sciences of Ukraine*. Vol.14 (2001), at 370-376
- 'Capital Punishment in Ukraine: Public Interests and International Obligations' (in Ukrainian/co-authorship). *Herald of Odessa Police Academy*. Vol.3 (1999), at 18-28
- 'Reform of the Control Machinery on the European Convention for the Protection of Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms and its Influence on the Human Rights Protection in Ukraine.' (in Ukrainian). *Law Herald /Odessa National Law Academy/*. Vol. 4 (1998), at 130-137

## Selected Projects

(Teamwork, halted while incomplete) Development of package of policy documents on reform of vocational education and training system in Ukraine (Parliament of Ukraine, 2020)

(Teamwork, completed) Drafting Law on Secondary Education [of Ukraine] (Inter-agency: Parliament of Ukraine, Ministry of Education and Science of Ukraine, 2019, 2020)

(Teamwork, completed) Drafting Law on Judiciary and Status of Judges of Ukraine (Parliament of Ukraine, 2006-2009)

(Teamwork, completed) Drafting New Constitution for Ukraine (2008, 2009)

Development of International Legal Principles and Norms concerning Security and Safety of Civil Aviation ('Kandidat nauk' in Law dissertation, High Attestation Commission of Ukraine, 2008)

International Anti-Terrorism Treaties and Aviation Security (Magister Juris Dissertation, University of Oxford, 2004)

Customs Operations in a Free-Trade Zone (Specialist in Jurisprudence Dissertation, Odessa National Academy of Law, 2001)

## Presentations, Conferences, Seminars

Several hundred, in the fields of Constitutional Affairs, Parliamentary Affairs, Foreign Affairs, Statecraft, Judicial Reform, Judicial Systems, Court Rules, International Law and Human Rights

## Honours and awards

Open Society Institute/UK Foreign and Commonwealth Office Chevening scholar (2003), Cambridge Colleges' Hospitality Scheme scholar (2002), NUFFIC (Netherlands Ministry for Scientific, educational and cultural affairs) scholar (2001) Top-speaker trophy at NATO-Ukraine national debating championship (2001) recipient of Stipend of the President of Ukraine (2000, 2001), recipient of Professor Nudel Memorial Stipend for Studies in International Law (1999)

## Memberships

Kistiakowsky Institution for Civilized Ukraine (since 2020). Ukrainian Bar (effectively since 2005, formally since 2019).

## References

- Serhiy Kobileshyn, Member of Parliament, Deputy chairperson of Education, Science and Innovation Committee. Chairperson, Presidential council on development of secondary education in Ukraine
- Serhiy Kivalov, former Member of Parliament in five convocations, some time chairperson of Judiciary, Rule of Law Committees, former president of High Council of Justice, former chairperson of Central Electoral Commission, former Ukrainian Member of the Venice Commission

As of 9/6/2022.