

Chamber Involvement in Judicial Reform Process

I. Priority directions for involvement

List developed on the base of results of surveys, conducted by the Chamber throughout the year and main issues that were discussed during the Committee meetings.

- Supporting anti-corruption initiatives, aimed at decreasing corruption in judicial system.
- Supporting creating unified approaches by judicial bodies.
- Introduction of transparent procedure of appointment and dismissal of judges according to international standards, which minimizes political influence on this process.
- Preventing further restrictions of the right of access to court (by setting higher court fees and restricting right for representation in courts).
- Reforming system of enforcement of judgments (adoption of Draft Laws #2506a and #2507a, aimed at introduction of private enforcement system).
- Reforming procedural legislation.
- Preventing introduction of monopoly for representation in courts.
- Improvement of pre-trial investigations procedures.

II. Key activities for further involvement

- Developing clear and unified position of the Chamber regarding priority items (if not done yet) and communicating them to the main stakeholders.
- Strengthening cooperation with main stakeholders (Council of Judicial Reform under President of Ukraine; Constitutional Council under the President of Ukraine; Parliamentary Committee on Legal Policy and Justice).
- Involvement in Working Groups that are working on issues, related to justice.
- Developing cooperation with international organizations and technical assistance projects, working in this sphere.
- Making public statements regarding priority issues.

III. Preliminary activities, conducted within the judicial reform priorities:

- Internal meetings on issues, on which the Chamber haven't finalized its position:

Reform of procedural legislation

Needed anti-corruption measures in the sphere of justice

- Small working meetings, aimed at establishing cooperation and communicating priorities:

International organization and projects

Government stakeholders, cooperation with which needs strengthening: President's Administration, Parliamentary Committee on Legal Policy and Justice

- Round table discussions and other events for broader audience (open Committees) with participation of main stakeholders, devoted to discussing and communicating position.