



Serhiy Chorny

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Biography

Serhiy Chorny is Baker McKenzie Kyiv Office's Managing Partner for the last 7 years, and is heading Baker McKenzie's Representative Office in Ukraine. Serhiy also leads the Office's Banking, Finance and Capital Markets Practices. Baker McKenzie is among Ukraine's leading law firms since 1992. The Kyiv Office and Serhiy individually are consistently top ranked by key international and domestic directories of legal services providers.

Serhiy obtained LL.M. with honors in International Law (1987) from the Kyiv State University and C.Sc. in Law (1992) from the Institute of State and Law of the Ukrainian Academy of Sciences. He also received an LL.M. with distinction at the University of Essex, United Kingdom (1994) and a diploma at Institut International des Droits de l'Homme, Strasbourg, France (1993). Prior to joining Baker McKenzie in 1993, Serhiy worked as a research fellow at the Institute of State and Law of the National Academy of Sciences of Ukraine. He is a Partner at Baker McKenzie since 1998.

Why do you think Membership in the American Chamber of Commerce in Ukraine is important for business operating in Ukraine?

The Chamber is the most influential association of those businesses in Ukraine which believe in the rule of law and operate according to the international standards of business ethics. If a company adheres to the principles of law compliance and business ethics and wishes to promote such principles in Ukraine, there is no better collective platform for doing so than the Chamber.

What motivates you to be a Chamber Board Member?

I believe that I have professional knowledge and experience necessary to support the Board in guiding the Chamber's activities for the benefit of all the Membership.

**Why do you feel you are qualified to serve on the Chamber Board?
What skills would you bring to the Board?**

I will bring to the Board the skills of a lawyer with a significant experience of resolving complex legal situations as well as managing an international business in Ukraine. In addition, I will aim to reflect the position of a Ukrainian citizen for whom the future of the country is his own future, and who understands the significance and problems of foreign or international businesses in Ukraine.

**How have you been active in the Chamber over the course
of the last two years?**

I served on the Chamber's Board for the last five years. Since 2014, I served on the Board's Membership Committee as well as assisted the President and the Board in reviewing and resolving legal issues arising in the Chamber's operations. Last but not the least, I ensured that lawyers and other employees of Baker McKenzie actively participate in the work of the Chamber's Committees and Working Groups and in all Chamber's events.

**What activity or Committee would you participate in and
be responsible for?**

Primarily (but not exclusively) the Legal Committee and its Working Groups.