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Biography

Maksym Lavrynovych is the Managing Partner at "Lavrynovych & Partners Law Firm" - one of the TOP 20 law firms in Ukraine (law firms rated by "Yurydychna Praktyka", 2016), which was established in 2004 and has offices in Kyiv and Vienna. He has 18 years of experience in International Investment, Corporate and M&A, Competition and other practices, playing the leading role in legal support of multimillion-dollar deals. Since 2004 he has been Managing Partner of Lavrynovych & Partners Law Firm. Before that, in 2001-2004 Maksym was a Senior Associate at Arthur Andersen (since 2002 - Ernst & Young). From 1999 to 2001 he worked as an in-house legal counsel for several leading Ukrainian companies. Maksym is a member of the Ukrainian National Bar Association, Ukrainian Arbitration Association, European Business Association and American Chamber of Commerce.

Maksym Lavrynovych has been repeatedly honored by professional Ukrainian ratings and reputable foreign publications. His awards include the Badge of Honor by the High Council of Justice of Ukraine in 2009, "Lawyer of the Year" in the category "Lawyer, Representative of a Private Law Firm" and an Honorary Title by the Union of Lawyers of Ukraine in 2011, "Lawyer of the Year" in the program "Person of the Year" in 2014. He is recommended in Corporate and M&A, Dispute resolution and Tax by The Legal 500: Europe, Middle East & Africa guides in 2013-2016 and in Commercial, Corporate and M&A in 2017. The Best LawyersTM ranking recommends him in Ukraine in Corporate Law and International Arbitration areas. He was included to "Client's Choice: The Top 100 Best Lawyers of Ukraine" in 2015-2016 and named as one of the best investment lawyers in 2017. Maksym holds a Master of International Law and a Bachelor of International Relations degree.

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

Being a corporate lawyer, we deal with legal issues both for international and Ukrainian companies which represent various industries. Based on our experience, one of the major challenges for companies in Ukraine has been extremely changeable legislation along with overall high level of corruption. For decades American Chamber of Commerce has served as one of the most efficient platforms for business to work out common position, suggested effective solutions for various issues and informed the government and lawmakers about them directly. Moreover, it is hard to overestimate the opportunities for business development which member companies gain. Therefore the membership is extremely valuable for any business which want to thrive and develop together with Ukraine.

What motivates you to be a Chamber Board Member?

Knowing various industries and companies, understanding what challenges they have to face in Ukraine and thinking of my personal experience as a lawyer and a businessman, I see what needs to be improved in order to make business environment in Ukraine favorable and more attractive for foreign investors. It is hard and challenging task which requires time and common effort. The perspectives of working together with highly professional managers who are able to drive positive changes in Ukraine motivate me the most.

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

I find challenges as a motivating factor. I established Lavrynovych and Partners Law Firm 13 years ago and have been leading it since then to become one of the TOP 20 Ukrainian law firms. It has never been an easy path but it taught me a lot of good lessons. I always think of new opportunities for the business and our clients; I am used to think strategically. Working with international business and being a Ukrainian lawyer provides me with a unique opportunity to clearly see the systemic problems the business faces in Ukraine and identify ways of their eventual alleviation. In addition to that I will also bring my determination to succeed.

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

Lavrynovych & Partners Law Firm's team participate in various events organized by the American Chamber of Commerce. As business representatives and lawyers we appreciate the opportunities to openly discuss issues and look for the ways of solving them.

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

I believe that my skills and experience would serve the best for the Legal Committee of the American Chamber of Commerce. The Committee addresses issues which are relevant to Ukraine overall and that is where I would be glad to share my views and together with the team develop further steps, building on their current impressive achievements and making every effort to lift them to new heights.