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BRIEF BIOGRAPHY:

Sergiy Oberkovych is Senior Partner at GOLAW. He is recognized as one of the leading professionals in business law in Ukraine, including banking & finance, foreign investments, energy and natural resources. He has extensive experience in representing financial institutions and corporate entities of all types and sizes from various perspectives of the finance industry.

Sergiy also regularly advises clients on a broad range of transactional matters, including mergers and acquisitions, corporate and business restructuring, securities, and real estate transactions. He has experience handling both project finance and development matters for clients in the energy sector with particular emphasis on large-scale power, renewables and infrastructure projects. Among his clients are Ukrainian and multinational companies in the energy, financial, consumer, industrial, technology, health care and other sectors.

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

The American Chamber of Commerce is one of a few business associations in Ukraine which acts as a mediator between the Government and businesses, and results of such mediation are clear, visible, effective and efficient which is highly important at this time. Membership, in this case, is a real opportunity for representatives of the various sectors of the economy in Ukraine to claim loudly about the changes they want to see and, what is important, to be heard. Membership is a way to find like-minded people and to share your common ideas on the one hand, and to exchange the different points of view with those who think differently on the other.

Being a member of the American Chamber of Commerce means to be ahead of the most perspective ideas, being with the most proactive people.

What motivates you to be a Chamber Board Member?

For more than 25 years I'm protecting legal rights and I've devoted my life to this mission. What motivates me the most is the opportunity to continue protecting client's rights but on another level – to provide opportunities, to share openly the ideas, to guarantee effective communication between those who propose a change and those who can make it, to support the economic growth for national businesses. The American Chamber provides unique opportunities and using the available instruments it is possible to make something lasting, which will serve as good for lots of people and businesses.

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

Being a CEO at GOLAW Law firm means to be responsible for your business, for the clients, and own employees. It also means to be politically neutral and always take balanced decisions, which is crucial for a lawyer. I believe that the mentioned qualities are something we gain with the life experience and something we should always stand for. I have no doubts that my experience as a Head of business and my legal practice will help me to be a decent member of the Chamber Board and to make my valuable contribution to the Chamber's members.

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

GOLAW Law firm is a Member of the American Chamber of Commerce for quite a long time, and I appreciate our cooperation with the Chamber in organizing several seminars and webinars over the last couple of years. GOLAW's lawyers regularly visit the Committee meetings which help us to provide our clients with the most accurate and up-to-date information on a range of topics related to the various sectors of the economy. ACC is about quick response to the rapidly changing situation and deep analysis for the ground changes at the same time.

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

The duty of the Board is to be responsible for all activities of the Chambers. In the same, taking into account my professional capabilities, the Legal Committee is my priority. As stated on your website, 'the committee's mission is to address systemic legal issues through proactive development of legislative proposals, improving enforcement practices and awareness-raising on best practices among the judges and other stakeholders'. I believe that bringing together this mission and my professional experience will trigger positive changes, and, step by step our common efforts will bring great results for the Chamber and Ukraine.
