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BRIEF BIOGRAPHY:

After starting my carrier in PWC (Coopers & Lybrand) as of the first employees in Ukraine, continued by 3 years of work in industry, in 1998 together with 3 partners I have founded EBS to become one of the first consulting one-stop centers to investors in Ukraine. Today EBS is known as a leader in Accounting, Payroll and HR administration in Ukraine, while we continue to offer wide range of professional services to growing international and local business here.

While I have been Managing Partner of EBS for 20 years, I participate personally in the areas of my expertise, being strategic advice, company's reorganization and transformation, financial planning, management reporting development, managing ERP implementation. I also participated in International Arbitrations as Expert Witness on damages.

In addition to my main responsibility of developing EBS I also served on several commercial and non-commercial Boards of Directors: Independent Director of the Company «XXI Century PLC», also she was a Head of the Finance and Audit Committee and a member of the Board of Directors of “East Europe Foundation”, Independent Director, Head of Audit Committee, “Nova Poshta Ukraine”.

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

ACC Ukraine is a great platform for developing business in transparent and open way. Not only it gives opportunity to promote business, establish and develop contacts, but really serves as advocate of business interests in Ukraine. During numbers of years ACC managed to establish and maintain dialogue with Ukrainian authorities with the mission to allow business to develop, increase investment attractiveness of Ukraine, GDP growth and overall well-being of the country. EBS has been a member of ACC in Ukraine almost from the first year of our inception and we have been able to enjoy the benefits of such membership, while growing ourselves and helping others to grow.

What motivates you to be a Chamber Board Member?

I always believed that successful private business with ultimately lead to development of middle class and success of the country. My personal mission and mission of EBS is to help business in Ukraine achieve its goals and avoid barriers for development. I think that ACC in Ukraine serves similar purpose, in a different way, which gives me additional opportunity to realize my mission. In the history of our membership I have been twice engaged to help ACC in Ukraine its strategic plan. How I would like to be part of the team which makes the plan happen.

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

While I have significant experience serving as Board member in corporate and NGO sector, I also bring the voice of SME's in Ukraine. Many of our SME clients would like to be heard, and their views need to be presented. I understand them well, as EBS has typical SME history starting of group of consultants of 4 people to current medium size business. I feel it is also important to bring female perspective of running business in Ukraine.

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

As a Managing partner of EBS I take active part in networking events, while oversee participation of my team in Media & Communications, Taxation and Legal committees.



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

Not being industry specific I see my potential role in Taxation and human Capital Committees.