



YOUR FULL NAME:

Michael Kharenko

YOUR JOB TITLE:

Partner

YOUR COMPANY:

Sayenko Kharenko Ukraine LLC

YOUR BRIEF BIOGRAPHY (250-300 words):

I am co-founding partner of Sayenko Kharenko, Ukraine's leading law firm. My focus is on structuring major international investments and attracting capital to Ukraine. I worked on the most innovative and complex deals in Ukraine's history for a total amount of over USD 50 billion, representing such financial heavyweights as Bank of America Merrill Lynch, Barclays, Citigroup, Deutsche Bank, EBRD, Goldman Sachs, HSBC, ING, J.P. Morgan, Morgan Stanley, UBS.

Apart from business projects, I am active with the non-profit support of Ukraine. I am a co-founding member of the "Breathe" Charity Fund, originally established to support Ukrainian hospitals in fighting COVID-19. Since the beginning of the war, the fund has transferred all charitable donations and humanitarian aid to support the Ukrainian civilian population, including refugees and Ukrainian hospitals. I am widely recognized as the leading authority in finance and capital markets for Ukraine by the major international capital markets

and finance publications (including Chambers Global, IFLR 1000 and The Legal 500).

I also have a very strong IT and disruptive technologies practice, acting for a variety of investors, global IT-companies and IT-start-ups on various sector-specific regulatory, commercial and legal issues.

Education:

LL.D. in public finance law

LL.M. with honors from Columbia University School of Law (Harlan Fiske Stone Scholar)

Interned with the Honorable Bohdan A. Futey at the United States Court of Federal Claims in Washington, D.C.

LL.B., summa cum laude, from Taras Shevchenko National University of Kyiv Law School

Admissions:

New York, admitted to the New York State Bar (NYSB)

Ukraine, attorney-at-law, admitted to the Kyiv City Bar

Professional membership and involvement:

American Chamber of Commerce in Ukraine

European Business Association

Ukrainian Bar Association

ANSWER THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS:

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

Over the past three decades, the American Chamber of Commerce has become the major driving force and platform in Ukraine for building actionable dialogue between business and the Government and advocating for the critical improvement of the business environment in Ukraine.

Nowadays, it is crucial for businesses operating in Ukraine to join in to strengthen the Chamber's collective effort.

What motivates you to be the Chamber Board Member?

We are way stronger when we are together, which is especially important during this critical and challenging period in Ukraine.

American Chamber of Commerce is the perfect platform to facilitate the collaborative effort to protect and build stronger Ukraine and the businesses operating in the country, and I am keen to contribute!

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

I have a very strong combination of leadership, legal, business and NGO background.

For example, I led Sayenko Kharenko into becoming one of the two largest law firms in Ukraine and a trusted brand in Ukraine's legal market. Over the past 20 years, the firm has become the major partner to top international businesses in Ukraine, helped bring more than USD 110 billion of financing into Ukraine and handled more than 100 major legislative projects. We were also instrumental in coming up with many innovations helping change entire industries.

I very much want to contribute my energy, vision and experience to the Chamber to help Ukraine and Ukrainian businesses go through this challenging wartime and become stronger.

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

Sayenko Kharenko is a long-term partner of American Chamber of Commerce in Ukraine, supporting both business and social initiatives.

We have been supporting the Chamber's Blood Donation initiative from the very beginning. We at Sayenko Kharenko invest a lot of effort and resources in socially important projects, and partnership with ACC in this area is a part of our business strategy, which is unchanged regardless of the circumstances and situation in the country.

Currently, I am a board member and four senior team members of the firm - Kateryna Utiralova (Taxation), Vitaliy Odzhykovskiy (Legal), Valentyna Hvoz (Competition) and Anzhela Makhinova (International Trade) - are co-chairs of the Chamber's committees and working groups. Our colleagues are always encouraged to participate in the association's projects and to actively take part in the organization of joint events, working groups, and legislative initiatives.



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

The most interesting and suitable Committees are Information Technologies and Legal.

Are you a member of the Board of Directors of similar associations?

No