

# **Law Study and Lawyering in the United States: What Ukrainians Should Know About the Globalization of Legal Education and Law Practice**

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Law schools in the United States are facing new challenges. One of these challenges is the need to give their students the competencies they will need to practice in increasingly international legal system. Ukrainian legal education faces the same challenge. As globalization forges an ever-increasing network of commercial relationships, the international dimensions of legal education and law practice will continue to expand.

One aspect of meeting this challenge is gaining familiarity with legal education in other nations such as the United States and with the expectations of lawyers and clients who reside or have their principal place of business there.

Professor Christopher Kelley will offer his thoughts on what the globalization of law practice means for legal education and law students in the United States and Ukraine. He will draw on his experience as a law professor at the University of Arkansas School of Law and other law schools in the United States, his experience as a Fulbright Scholar in Kharkiv, and, more recently, his affiliation as Of Counsel to the Inyurpolis law firm in Kharkiv. Professor Kelley is also a Vice-Chair of the Russia/Eurasia Committee of the American Bar Association Section of International Law.



Professor Kelley will also discuss the career options and choices of law students in the United States and the changing nature of the legal profession in the United States. He will also discuss LL.M. programs in the United States and the emergence of distance learning in legal education. Professor teaches in an LL.M. program at the University of Arkansas, and he will offer practical advice on applying to LL.M. programs and what to expect from them.