

Editorial

2022 was a year of tragic events for Ukraine and its people due to unprecedented military invasion by Russian Federation on February 24th. Kyiv-Mohyla Law & Politics Journal like many other Ukrainian academic periodicals and higher education establishments has faced unprecedented challenges of survival. Thus, we decided to postpone its 8/2022 issue and to merge it with 9/2023 issue. The editorial team has managed to attract and to review a number of high-quality articles, reflections and case notes in law and political science we propose to our readers in this joint 8-9/2022-2023 issue. All the materials have undergone thorough external review as usual.

The issue opens with the article *“The Liability of Online Intermediaries under European Union Law”* by D. Bulgakova and S. Deruma, where the authors thoroughly research the issue of online intermediary liability within the frame of European Union Law, namely the e-Commerce Directive, Trade Secrets and Unfair Commercial Practices Directives, as well as the EU Directive on Copyright in the Digital Single Market. This material is followed by A. Blümel’s *“Ukraine’s Efforts Against Money Laundering Since the Russian Invasion in February 2022”*. The author, who is the Advisor to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Ukraine provides a comprehensive overview of the set of steps Ukraine undertakes to combat money laundering since Russia invaded its territory in February 2022. Author focuses on the main changes of legislature in the field, as well as assesses the first identifiable results of the new changes on legislation and executive levels. In the third article *“Intelligence as an Instrument of State Power and its Use in International Politics”* V. Chernysh shares his rich experience in politics, namely his thoughts on the role of intelligence in the field. He turns to the examples in history, as well as to contemporary cases on domestic and international level.

The fourth article *“Temporary Suspension of the Public Officials by the President of Ukraine: The Established Practice and New Challenges”* by S. Berko provides an insight into the administrative process of temporary public officials’ suspension. The author mainly focuses on scrupulous analysis of Law of Ukraine *“On the Legal Regime of Martial Law”*. Paper by V. Kistianyk’s *“The Role of Judicial Argumentation in Reforming of Ukraine’s Judiciary: EU Perspectives”* addresses the issue of the impact of some EU institutions on the process of reform of the Ukraine’s judiciary, in particular with relevance of judicial argumentation.

The sixth article *“Legal Interpretation of Professional Sport as Prerequisite for Defining Theoretical Foundations of Its Legal Regulation”* by S. Demianiuk provides a unique approach to the legalistic interpretation of differences between the notions of “sport” and “professional sport”.

The seventh paper “*Juridical Review Regarding Maladministration of Crude Oil in Indonesia*” by F. Santiago deals with CPO exports maladministration in Indonesia. The author applies normative legal analysis and field research approach. The eighth paper “*Spyware in Intelligence Espionage Operations as a Threat to the State*” by D. Rosdiana addresses the contemporary issues of cyber espionage regulation.

This joint issue is concluded by case note by R. Abramovych “*Force Majeure during the War. Review of Judicial Practice*”, where the experienced lawyer and researcher provides an insight to the issue of *force majeure* as addressed by Ukrainian courts during the war.

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The editorial team of Kyiv-Mohyla Law & Politics Journal devotes this joint issue to brave people of Ukraine who sacrifice their lives for international democratic principles and European common values against the horrors of war and merciless aggressor state – Russian Federation. The editorial team wishes our valued readers, authors, reviewers and everyone directly or indirectly involved in the life of our journal happy holidays and will be glad to provide publication grounds to many more interesting materials in the upcoming issues.

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