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## Education

2016	PhD in Law Taras Shevchenko National University of Kyiv.
Summer 2015	Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin, International Office, Introduction to International Economic Law course.
2012-2013	Taras Shevchenko National University of Kyiv, Master of Laws with a specialty in Forensic Science.

## Professional experience

February 2017- present	<b>Head of Communications</b> Legal Hundred NGO, <a href="https://legal100.org.ua/en/">https://legal100.org.ua/en/</a> Developed advocacy campaigns and built up government relations strategies to see the legislative proposals implemented. Developed a marketing communications plan including strategy, goals and tactics, media relations and social media strategy, coordinated public relations activities, created content for press releases, presentations and publications, created unique content for all online communications, organized events.
October 2019 – present	<b>Assistant of Member of the Parliament of Ukraine</b> Lesia Vasylenko's assistant <a href="https://itd.rada.gov.ua/mps/info/page/21000">https://itd.rada.gov.ua/mps/info/page/21000</a> Prepared informational materials about legislation. Liaised with media on the topic of new legislation, and monitored public opinion regarding proposed legislation.

## Documentary Film

March 2014 – present	<b>Co-Founder, Producer, Assistant Editor</b> SEE-K Cooperative, <a href="http://seekyiv.com/i-never-had-dreams-of-my-son/">http://seekyiv.com/i-never-had-dreams-of-my-son/</a> Documentary film "I Never Had Dreams Of My Son" (work in progress). Trailer: <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AU2O4gT54YU">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AU2O4gT54YU</a>
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Short synopsis: In August 2014, Oleksii disappeared during the devastating Battle of Ilovaisk in eastern Ukraine. Five years later, his father searches for hope Oleksii survived in Ukrainian folklore and modern technology. After watching hundreds of YouTube videos, he discovers a man resembling his son in a prisoner march in the occupied city of Donetsk. But after so many years, can this evidence lead to his son's return?

## Projects

- September 2015 – present  
**Founder, Producer**  
See Kyiv, <http://seekyiv.com>  
Produced short documentaries for YouTube:  
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC9mF-c5FKO9TLA850JPTong>  
together with American filmmaker Jason Blevins (<https://jason-blevins.com/>). Wrote articles about history and cultural events of Kyiv and other Ukrainian cities. Organized guided tours for foreigners. Conducted research and location scouting for foreign photographers, documentary filmmakers.
- November 2017 – April 2018  
**Co-Founder**  
Sense Community NGO, <https://sense.community/>  
Co-founded NGO, developed organizations' strategy and goals. Provided legal assistance. Searched for lecturers and locations to film.
- December 2014 – February 2014  
**Co-Founder, Content Manager**  
<http://diyaty.org> (web-site is not available anymore)  
Website was active during the Euromaidan protests, providing day-to-day information encouraging activism and involvement, as well as safety information. Website was featured in a wide variety of mass media/social media posts.

## Volunteering

- 2015 – 2017  
**Legal Hundred NGO**  
Legal Hundred NGO, <https://legal100.org.ua/en/>  
Gave free legal aid to soldiers, veterans, their families via hotline, analyzed new legislation, ran the website
- 2015, 2016, 2017  
**GogolFEST**  
International multidisciplinary festival of contemporary art,  
<http://gogolfest.org/>  
PR manager assistant, official website content manager.
- 2014, 2015, 2017  
**Molodist Kyiv International Film Festival**  
<https://molodist.com/en/>  
Volunteer Coordinator Assistant, helped at Press center and the accreditation point, assisted secretary at the main office, Instagram contributor.
- 2015, 2016, 2017  
**Kyiv international short film festival**  
<http://www.kisff.org/>  
Volunteer Coordinator Assistant. Guest department: accompanied festival's guests, provided tours and any necessary assistance.
- 2016  
**Docudays UA International Human Rights Documentary Film Festival,**  
<http://docudays.ua/eng/>  
Helped at Press center, Instagram contributor.
- 2015  
**Ivan Honchar Museum**  
<https://honchar.org.ua/old/english.htm>  
Helped to create an exhibition about Vasyl Krychevskyi: took part in brainstorming ideas, helped to create parts of installations.

## Languages

<b>English</b>	Professional proficiency
<b>Ukrainian</b>	Native proficiency
<b>Russian</b>	Native proficiency

### **Skills**

Video editing in Final Cut Pro X  
Photo editing, graphic design in Adobe Photoshop