UKRAINIAN AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION
ORLANDO, FLORIDA CONFERENCE
PROGRAM

Thursday – October 28

6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. Hospitality/Cocktail
We will meet at Mizner’s Lounge - 2nd Floor of the Grand Floridian. (This is not reserved space but a meeting point.)

Friday – October 29

Conference is in St. Augustine Hall (B)
in the Convention Center of the Grand Floridian

8:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. Official Conference Registration/coffee-tea-bagels

9:00 a.m. – 9:15 a.m. Welcoming Remarks – George Pazuniak, UABA President.

9:15 a.m. – 9:45 a.m. New UABA website – Myroslaw Smorodsky, Esq.


10:45 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. Break

11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Roundtable Discussion – Allegations of Takeover of the Ukrainian Economy by Russian National Companies and Individuals – Facilitator Markian B. Silecky, Esq.

12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m. The Next Generation Of Litigation Technology – Presented by West/Thomson Reuters

1:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. Discretionary time

9:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m. Sago Cay at the Grand Floridian - Cocktail party with fireworks.
**Saturday – October 30**

8:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. Coffee-tea-danish

9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. Mediation Tools – George Pazuniak, Esq.,

10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. More Things Change, the More They Stay the Same: Developing A Law Practice From Your Roots – Taras S. Rudnitsky, Esq.

11:00 a.m. – 11:15 a.m. Break

11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Roundtable Discussion – Allegations of Ukrainian Judiciary’s Role in Fraudulent Business Transactions

12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m. Roundtable discussion – Aftereffects From The Seventh Meeting Of The World Congress Of Ukrainian Jurists And UABA’s Continuing Participation – Facilitator Myroslaw Smorodsky, Esq.

1:00 p.m. – 1:15 p.m. Discussion of venue for next year’s convention, and closing

1:15 p.m. – 6:15 p.m. Discretionary time

6:15 p.m. Coach leaves for Epcot and Dinner Reception

6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. Reception

7:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m. 33rd Anniversary Dinner Banquet

9:00 p.m. Illuminations Show, with dessert bar and cocktails

9:30 p.m. Return coach to Grand Floridian

**Sunday – October 31**

10:30 a.m. – Noon Meeting of Officers and Governors and Committee Chairs.

**Dress Code:** Business casual, and suits optional for Saturday dinner.
PRESENTERS

Taras S. Rudnitsky has a unique background as an automotive safety engineer, expert witness and consumer justice attorney. Taras has limited his practice to representing consumers since first opening his law office eleven years ago. He has been a featured speaker before consumer justice attorneys, governmental investigators, and corporate executives, and has also been interviewed by several television station and newspaper reporters regarding consumer justice issues. His commitment to consumer justice began at University of Michigan Law School, where he represented consumers in cases ranging from landlord/tenant to employment discrimination in the Law School’s Clinical Law program. The Florida Supreme Court and the Seminole County Bar Association Legal Aid Society have recognized his contributions to the public for pro bono legal services. Taras can be found at his websites: www.CarSafetyLawyer.com; www.TheAirbagBlog.com; www.HelpingFloridaConsumers.com.

Walter G. Hanchuk is the co-chair of the IP practice Group of the international law firm of Chadbourne & Parke LLP, practicing from the firm’s New York City office. Walter has over 20 years of active experience in all phases of patent, trademark and copyright litigation, both at the trial and appellate levels; and has extensive licensing and transactional experience. Walter regularly conducts extensive IP due diligence investigations and has conducted strategic reorganizations of existing patent portfolios. He also frequently advises clients on the scope and validity of third-party patent rights, including risk assessments and guidance for designing around competitive patent rights. He has been particularly successful in obtaining, licensing and enforcing worldwide intellectual property rights in the telecommunications, information technology and financial service sectors. Having been actively involved in various “pioneering” business processes and computer software patents, he continues to publish and speak widely on the topic. For the past five years, Walter has spearheaded the aggressive expansion of Chadbourne’s international IP practice. Chadbourne has 450 lawyers around the globe, with a significant presence in Ukraine, Poland, Russia and Kazakhstan. Early in his career, Walter served as a U.S. Patent Examiner at the U.S. Patent & Trademark Office. You can read more about him at his website: http://www.chadbourne.com/whanchuk/.
Markian B. Silecky is a partner in the international law firm Salans, working from both the firm’s Kyiv and New York offices. He specializes in general corporate law, mergers and acquisitions, international transactions, real estate and environmental law. Before joining Salans, Markian was the principal of an international law firm which he founded in 1988. He has been practicing in Ukraine since 1992, and has worked with various Ukrainian State Agencies, including the Ministry of Transport, State Property Fund, Ministry of Environment and the Cabinet of Ministers, and has also represented the Embassy of the United States, the Canadian Embassy, and various diplomats with regard to their activities in Ukraine. You can read more about him at his website:  http://www.salans.com/en-GB/sitecore/Content/Salans/Global/Items/People/S/Silecky-Markian-B.aspx.

Myroslaw Smorodsky has been involved since 1968 in many diverse areas of the law ranging from criminal defense, to international transactional and litigation matters, to massive class actions involving Nazi Era Slave/Forced Labor claims resulting in billion dollar settlements. Over the years, he has also represented such diverse clients as soviet political prisoners in the 70’s and 80’s to acting as legal counsel to the Ukrainian Mission to the UN, the Ukrainian Consulate in New York and to the Ukrainian Embassy after Ukraine declared independence. In 1980, he was appointed by President Carter as a Public Member to the Madrid Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe and from 2001 to 2006 was advisor to the International Organization of Migration on issues relating to distribution of compensation to slave/forced labor victims of Nazi Era war crimes. His practice has evolved to and is now restricted to matters that are of an international character or are of special interest and importance.

Dr. Orest Subtelny is professor in the departments of History and Political Science, York University, Toronto, Canada. Among many other publications, Dr. Subtelny authored the landmark book “Ukraine: A History,” which is often cited in any discussion of Ukrainian history, and is now in its fourth edition. Dr. Subtelny has regularly sojourned in Ukraine over the years, and is the director of the Canadian International Development Agency’s Promoting Ukraine’s Global Integration project -- a multi-year project that works with the Diplomatic Academy at Ukraine’s Ministry of Foreign Affairs to prepare its commercial attaches to promote Ukrainian business in the world and acquire the skills to make them more effective in promoting Ukrainian business on a global level.
George Pazuniak is an Intellectual Property attorney practicing with the law firm of RatnerPrestia in Wilmington, Delaware. George has extensive experience in all facets of IP enforcement, protection, arbitration, licensing and counseling. His diverse client base has included start-ups and small to medium sized businesses as well as global Fortune 50 companies. Mr. Pazuniak has been lead counsel in over forty IP cases, including ten jury trials and several arbitrations, in venues ranging from Delaware to East Texas to California. Many of these have been complex high profile cases involving, for example, biotechnology, agricultural chemicals and seeds, other chemical compounds, software, telecommunications and other electronics, and mechanical devices. He has also handled appeals before the Delaware Supreme Court, the Federal Circuit Court of Appeals and the United States Supreme Court. George is currently serving as UABA President.