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## **PRINCIPLE OF AVOIDING CONFLICT OF INTEREST WITHIN ADVOCACY**

Advocacy referring to avoiding conflict of interest is researched in the article. The essence of competitive interest as a legal phenomenon is revealed in light of legal conflict resolution studies. It is stated that conflict of interest within advocacy may be: vertical, which occurs between interests of the lawyer and its client; horizontal, which occurs between clients' interests; mixed, which refers to conflicts between both clients' interest and client's and lawyer's interest; real or imaginary conflict of interest; evident conflicts are obvious to all the parties to a case; unevident conflicts are unobvious for the parties to a case until the consequent statement is disclosed by the information owners. The legal position of the national legislator on definition of conflict of interest in advocacy is reflected in the article. The standpoint of international community concerning the essence of the phenomenon is analyzed herein. Defects of legislative regulation of the conflict of interest definition are stated

in the article. Relevant amendments to Ukrainian legislation are proposed on the purpose of suitable legislative implementation of the conflict of interest within advocacy. Considering exposed practical limitation it is stated how the proposed amendments might impinge on completeness of realization of the principle of avoiding conflict of interest within advocacy in the regulatory enforcement activity. Author's definition of principle of avoiding conflict of interest within advocacy is provided herein and, according to it, principle of avoiding conflict of interest is ascertained by statute grounds of legal practice, which limit attorney's right to provide services to client, interests of which contradict to protected by law interests of another client, who has been or is being provided with legal services, except for the written consent of the clients, whose interests might be violated or contradict the interest of the lawyer itself, its close relatives, family members or partners.