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Professional Expertise

- Expert in corporate finance, oversight of the financial institutions, exchange control regulations
- Particularly experienced in the loan and financial instruments market, project financing, fintech and personal data solution
- Legal Expert in implementation of the EU *acquis* for the technical assistance and private projects with the focus on banking, financial markets infrastructure, secured transactions, energy market, electricity and natural gas trading and clearing
- Over 25 years of work in business law, including the Commercial Code, other legislative bills and draft regulations
- Contributed to development of factoring and financial lease products, secured transactions, NPL portfolio management

Industry Focus

- Automotive
- Capital and Commodity Market
- Electricity
- Financial Institutions
- Infrastructure
- Real Estate Financing

Clients

AKA Bank, Aptiv, European Bank for Reconstruction and Development, European Fund for Southeastern Europe, Finance-in-Motion, Frankfurt School of Finance & Management, Green for Growth Fund, Landesbank Berlin, Landesbank Baden-Württemberg, responsAbility AG, Triodos Investment Management, Wartsila

Education

- Institute of Economic and Law Research of the National Academy of Sciences of Ukraine, Ph.D (International Trade), 1999 / thesis on competition in international trade
- John Marshall Law School (the USA), LL.M in Comparative Legal Studies, 1998 / major in international business
- Donetsk State University, Degree in Commercial Law, 1996 / major in business law

Languages: Ukrainian, English

Recognition

- Recognized as Leading Individual (Tier 1) for Banking, Finance and Capital Markets, The Legal500 EMEA 2024
- Recognized as Notable Practitioner in Banking and Finance by IFLR 1000 2024
- Banking and Finance team has been highlighted as Commended, European Finance Team of the Year, The Lawyer European Awards 2024
- Recognized in Banking and Finance, Energy and National Resources, Best Lawyers 2022
- Banking and Finance practice is recognized as Leaders of practice. Top positions, "Market leaders. Rating of the Ukrainian Law Firms - 2023" by Yurydychna Gazeta

Public Engagement

- As a contributor to policymaking, involved in drafting a number of amendments to the current banking-related legislation shaping the reform agenda in the energy sector of Ukraine
- Acts as a strategy advisor to the President of the Kyiv School of Economics
- Lecturer and assistant professor for the law courses to the LL.M students of Kyiv-Mohyla Academy, graduate program students of Donetsk National University
- During his career, Dr. Zahnitko has authored more than 300 publications on various law issues and novelties