



National Judicial Institute
Canada



National School of Judges
Ukraine

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

Between

National Judicial Institute (NJI) of Canada

And

National School of Judges of Ukraine (NSJU)

BASED IN OTTAWA, CANADA, THE NATIONAL JUDICIAL INSTITUTE is an independent, not-for-profit institution committed to building better justice through leadership in the education of judges in Canada and internationally. Since its inception in 1988, the NJI has continued to develop and deliver stimulating programs and a variety of electronic resources that foster judicial excellence. Alone or in partnership with courts and other organizations, the NJI is involved in the delivery of the majority of education taken by judges in Canada. NJI has also worked in several countries, including Ukraine, in capacity building of judicial education institutions in designing and delivering judicial education programmes and in judicial reform.

THE NATIONAL SCHOOL OF JUDGES OF UKRAINE, BASED IN KYIV is a state institution with special status. It provides judicial education to candidate judges and in-service judges and also carries out scholarly and academic research. Established in 2010 as a successor of the Academy of Judges of Ukraine, the National School of Judges of Ukraine is the only institution in Ukraine which offers face-to-face and online judicial education programs. The NSJU is a relatively new institution striving to secure effective judicial education by applying modern and progressive forms and methods of education. NSJU has successfully built professional relations with foreign judicial education institutions located in Europe and North America.

SINCE 2007, JUDGES AND JUDICIAL EDUCATION EXPERTS WITH NJI AND NSJU have shared experience and knowledge through many in-person exchanges and a variety of other means of communication. The in-person exchanges have been carried out under the projects funded by the Government of Canada. With a view to further consolidate their relationships, both organizations agree to work in the following areas within their respective resource capacities:

Institutional capacity building of the NSJU to support the development and delivery of innovative education programming applying modern approaches to instruction;

Developing expertise in training skills for Ukrainian judges and NSJU staff

Exchanging curricula materials, teaching strategy and pedagogy;

Sharing information about the process of course planning, development and delivery, including methodological aspects of course design;

Exchanging information on design and development components of the NSJU's E-School and distance learning education programs.

THIS EXCHANGE OF KNOWLEDGE, INFORMATION AND EXPERIENCE in the spirit of a common commitment and aspiration to enhance the legal and judicial knowledge, education, court craft and practical skills of judges has proved to be of direct benefit to the development and delivery of judicial education programs in both countries.

AS A CONSEQUENCE OF AND WITH A VIEW TO THE FURTHER PROMOTION of this joint and productive collaboration, both organizations wish to express their commitments for working together and sharing resources and expertise.

IT IS AGREED AND DECLARED that, within available resources, judicial and other representatives from NJI and NSJU will continue exploring the opportunities to work closely together to strengthen cooperation in the areas of judicial education and institutional development. In this context, both organizations will encourage the judges and judicial/legal experts from both countries to widen their connections and learn from each other in the field of their expertise.

THE OVERALL OBJECT OF THIS MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING is to strengthen the valuable partnership that already exists between two organizations and to reiterate NJI's desire to assist NSJU in building its capacity to meet the ever-changing training and educational needs of Ukrainian judges.

Signed in Ottawa, Ontario, Canada, this 11th day of November 2014.

For NJI:



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Rector

