

IN MEMORIAM:

PROFESSOR NATALIYA A. ZELINSKAYA

It is difficult, painful and bitter to realize that we have lost Nataliya A. Zelinskaya – a Scientist, a Teacher, a Lawyer and, most importantly, – a Person of a great soul and a good heart.

For us, friends, colleagues, supporters and students, Nataliya Zelinskaya first of all was a moral authority of extraordinary greatness and firmness. This was manifested not only in academic and teaching activity, but also in everyday life, and thus influenced our thoughts and actions.

N. A. Zelinskaya was born on December 3, 1953 in Samara. She graduated with honors from the law faculty of Odesa I.I. Mechnikov State University in 1978. For more than twenty years N. A. Zelinskaya was engaged in advocacy and was a member of the Odesa Bar Association.

In 1991 N. A. Zelinskaya obtained a scientific degree in law (candidate of science). Her research was devoted to problems of professional protection of individuals recognized insane by a court and placed in a psychiatric hospital as a result of application of coercive measures of medical nature. The thesis for the degree of Doctor of Law on the topic "International legal concept of international crime" N. A. Zelinskaya defended in 2007.

In 1991 N. A. Zelinskaya began her teaching work as an associate professor at the Department of political science and law of Odesa Institute of Political Science and Social Management. Since 1998, when in Odesa National Law Academy was established the Department of International Law and International Relations, headed by Professor Mark Cherkes, Nataliya Zelinskaya faithfully transferred her knowledge and experience to students of the Academy, rising from associate professor to the head of this Department.

Scientific achievements of Professor N. A. Zelinskaya are numerous and significant. Their value is not only in amount, but also in a unique, creative approach, synthesis of knowledge, which reflected in innovative and relevant ideas and concepts of this prominent scholar. N. A. Zelinskaya using scientific apparatus of various areas of legal and political science, synthesized new knowledge in the field of international law, and especially international criminal law. Professor Zelinskaya is a recognized leader in the field of international criminal law in Ukraine and abroad. Her scientific school is a significant achievement of Ukrainian science of international law and the pride of scientific heritage of the National University "Odesa Law Academy".

The main areas of research of Professor N. A. Zelinskaya were theory of international law, international criminal law, international humanitarian law, international legal standards of human rights, criminal law of the European Union.

Professor N. A. Zelinskaya created a coherent international legal concept of international crimes in the context of international crime counteracting. Under her wise leadership the school of international criminal law was established in National University "Odesa Law Academy".

The works of Professor N. A. Zelinskaya first time in Ukraine formulated the concept of transnational criminal law and considered its legal, procedural, organizational and preventative aspects; proved the concept of "transnational criminalization"; defined the concept of "transnational crime" as an act deemed criminal in at least two states, under which jurisdiction it falls; systematized international legal standards of criminalization of transnational crimes.

Her works also continued study of the concept of international crime as the basis of international legal responsibility of an individual and proved existence of its modifications: 1) "Nuremberg", constructed by the Nuremberg and Tokyo precedents; 2) "post-Nuremberg", formed in post-Nuremberg period under influence of national judicial practice and international law; 3) "Hague", which formation is related to establishment and work of international tribunals in Hague and Arusha; 4) "Roman", founded by the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court.

Professor N. A. Zelinskaya is the author of more than 160 scientific works, including two fundamental monographs "Political crimes in the system of international criminality", "International crimes and international criminality"; and the co-author of collective monographs "Problems of Ukraine's entry into the European legal space", "Social and legal aspects of terrorism", etc.

Professor Nataliya Zelinskaya fostered several generations of lawyers; under her supervision candidate and doctoral dissertations in "international law" were defended. N. A. Zelinskaya has paid a lot of attention to her work with post-graduates and doctoral candidates. Their research materials passed through intellectual "faceting" of the supervisor and became significant achievements of Ukrainian science of international law. Professor Zelinskaya gifted own ideas and concepts to her students. Her criticism, advice and comments were always significant, invaluable and opened new horizons for research.

But the most important thing in the life of Nataliya Zelinskaya was her family, speaking in the terms of international law: a single, indivisible and sovereign. The beloved husband, collaborator, colleague, friend and many other epithets determined a very deep relationship between Nataliya and her spouse; beloved daughter and grandson, mom – were the meaning of life for N. A. Zelinskaya. We mourn with them...

The memory about Professor Nataliya A. Zelinskaya as of a moral and strong person, a talented scientist and teacher, a friend will always stay in our hearts.

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