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Editorial

In memory of outstanding Ukrainian legal scholar and teacher Vasyl Yakovych Tatsiy

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On September 28, 2022, at the age of 83, the outstanding Ukrainian legal scholar, Doctor of Law, Professor, Academician of the National Academy of Sciences of Ukraine and the National Academy of Legal Sciences of Ukraine, Honored Worker of Science and Technology of Ukraine, Hero of Ukraine, full holder of the Order Prince Yaroslav the Wise, laureate of the State Prize of Ukraine, long-term rector of Yaroslav Mudryi National Law University and president-organizer of the National Academy of Legal Sciences of Ukraine Vasyl Yakovych Tatsiy passed away.

This is a great loss not only for the staff of Yaroslav Mudryi National Law University, but for the whole of Ukraine. Vasyl Yakovych Tatsiy was one of those people who devoted their talent and life to the development of legal education and science in Ukraine, their integration into the European system of education and science.

Vasyl Tatsiy was born on January 13, 1940 in Poltava in a family of employees. He began his career in 1957 and until 1959 worked as a turner in the Poltava locomotive depot. He got his higher education degree at Kharkiv Law Institute (KhLI), graduating in 1963. After graduating from the institute, from 1964 to 1966, he held the positions of assistant prosecutor of the district and prosecutor of the department for supervision over the consideration of criminal cases of the Poltava regional Prosecutor's office.

In 1966, Vasyl Tatsiy became a post-graduate student of Kharkov Law Institute, after graduating the course in 1969 he took the position of senior lecturer at the same institute, and in 1972 became an associate professor and deputy dean of the full-time faculty of the KhLI. In 1973, he was appointed the Vice-rector for

scientific work, and he held the position until 1987, when, as a result of elections, he became the Rector of Kharkov Law Institute, which is currently called Yaroslav Mudryi National Law University.

Under his leadership, Yaroslav Mudryi National Law University has become one of the most authoritative higher educational institutions in Ukraine, a real center for the training of highly professional lawyers, on which not only Ukrainian universities, but many European universities keep an eye.

Vasyl Yakovych was a recognized organizer of higher legal education in Ukraine. His contribution to updating and improving its content, introducing advanced teaching methods, deepening the integration of education, science and legal practice is significant. Vasyl Yakovych made an invaluable contribution to the development of the rule of law in Ukraine, the improvement of the legislative process and law enforcement practice.

As a member of the Constitutional Commission, he participated in drafting the Constitution of Ukraine in 1996, was the Chairman of the working group of the Cabinet of Ministers on the development of the Criminal Code of Ukraine in 2001. Vasyl Tatsiy is the author of more than 800 scientific works, including about 60 monographs and textbooks; he was a member of dozens of working groups and commissions for the development of the national legal system, an Honorary doctor of 9 Ukrainian and foreign universities.

From 1993 to 2016, Vasyl Tatsiy was the President, and since 2016 - the Honorary President, Advisor to the Presidium of the



National Academy of Legal Sciences of Ukraine, created on his initiative and with his direct active participation.

Many facts of his biography confirm the extraordinary personality of Vasyl Yakovych, his outstanding organizational talent, high efficiency, responsibility for the assigned work and his dedication. Purposefulness, responsibility, professionalism, humanity were the motto of his whole life. More than 30 years as a rector is the proof that Vasyl Yakovych Tatsiy was not just an authority in the legal world, but he was also a whole era of humanism, courage, hard work. He was a creator of historical events in the life of the University and Ukraine.

As it is known, the social weight of a teacher is in his students. And Professor Vasyl Yakovych Tatsiy had a huge number of students. Several generations of lawyers call him their teacher. Hundreds, if not thousands of specialists belong to his school. During his extremely wide and inspired pedagogical activity, he brought up a big number of famous jurists who successfully continue the work of their teacher. Among them are many well-known scientists, doctors of sciences, professors, world famous and recognized legal practitioners.

For many years Professor Tatsiy V.Ya. was the editor-in-chief of the collection of scientific articles "Bulletin of the National Academy of Legal Sciences of Ukraine", the executive editor of the collection of scientific papers "Problems of Legality", the chairman of the scientific council of the journal "Pravo Ukrainy" ("Law of Ukraine"), a member of the editorial board of the journal "Bulletin of the Prosecutor's Office", the scientific journal "Amazonia Investiga", etc.

Vasyl Yakovych lived an interesting, rich, productive life and was awarded many well-deserved awards and prizes. Among them: the title of Hero of Ukraine with the award of the Order of the State, the full cavalier of the Order of Prince Yaroslav Mudryi (V d. - 1st d.), the Order of Merit II and I degrees, the Certificates of Honour of the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine and the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine, the Order of "the Sign of Honour", two medals "Honoured Worker of Science and Technology of Ukraine", laureate of the State Prize of Ukraine in the field of architecture and the State Prize of Ukraine in the field of science and technology, the Vladimir Vernadskyi Prize, the Yaroslav Mudryi Prize. He was awarded numerous public, church and government awards from other states. He was the State Counselor of Justice of the 1st class, honorary citizen of Poltava, Kharkiv and Kharkiv region.

Our university community will always remember Vasyl Yakovych Tatsiy as a person with an uncompromising civic position; the outstanding scientist and talented teacher, who combined high professional qualities with spiritual warmth; a wonderful organizer who united people around him. We will remember his benevolence, open smile, selfless friendship, wise advice, countless good deeds and his honestly lived life.

Vasyl Yakovych's inexhaustible vital energy, his love for others, commitment to the chosen cause will forever remain in our hearts, and his life path and significant legacy will be an example for future generations of jurists, scientists and educators.

The outstanding legal scholar and teacher Vasyl Yakovych Tatsiy will be forever remembered!