

PRESS RELEASE

UKRAINIAN REPRESENTATIVE BARRED FROM ASSISTING PARTIES BEFORE THE EUROPEAN COURT OF HUMAN RIGHTS FOR A PERIOD OF FIVE YEARS

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The European Court of Human Rights has decided, under Rule 44D § 2 of the [Rules of Court](#), to bar a Ukrainian national, Sergiy Mykolayovych Rybiy, from representing or assisting parties before the Court for a period of five years.

The decision was taken by the President on 17 September 2026. It was based on a proposal by the Chamber and taken after having received comments from Mr Rybiy and the Ukrainian Government. As Mr Rybiy holds a law degree but has not been admitted to the Bar, there was no need to seek the opinion of the Ukrainian National Bar Association.

The Court took the decision to bar Mr Rybiy in view of his long standing and systemic pattern of conduct in proceedings before the Court. Mr Rybiy has assisted applicants in more than 600 cases, which are pending or have been pending before the Court.

Applicants represented by Mr Rybiy whose applications have not been notified to the Ukrainian Government, may appoint a new representative to represent them now or at a later stage of the proceedings, should the need arise.

Applicants represented by Mr Rybiy whose applications have been notified to the Ukrainian Government and in whose cases the Government's observations have been requested, are asked to appoint another representative.

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