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## **ABSTRACT**

of Marcin Gołębiowski's doctoral dissertation „Competences of President of Ukraine in relation to the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine” written under the supervision of Professor Wojciech Orłowski.

The main research aim of the dissertation was to conduct legal and constitutional analysis of the position of President of Ukraine in relation to the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine in the light of constitutional changes causing the transition of Ukraine from the presidential-parliamentary to parliamentary-presidential political system. The conducted analysis concerns only the President's competences directly referring to the Verkhovna Rada and not the general system position of the Head of State in the constitutional system of Ukraine and assumes the presentation of the President's competence with respect to the basic tasks of the Verkhovna Rada under the legislative, creative and control functions.

The research plan adopted in the dissertation includes the following analyses: firstly, the position of the President of Ukraine in the system of public authorities, secondly, the scope of the President's legal responsibility, thirdly, President's influence on the process of parliament formation and organization, fourthly, the President's participation in legislative process, fifthly, the President's participation in the process of creating the composition of state's bodies implemented jointly with the parliament.

The starting point of the conducted research was the analysis of the current Constitution of Ukraine of June 28, 1996, the adoption of which ended the stage of deep transformation and the formation of statehood of Ukraine. The analysis includes amendments to the constitution made in the period of 2014-2019.

The dissertation structure consists of an introduction, five chapters, an ending, and a bibliography. The first chapter entitled “The power and position of the President of Ukraine in the constitutional system of authorities in Ukraine” introduces the topic and sets the framework

for the analysis. The chapter presents the complexity of the research problem and the evolution of both the institution of the president and the political and legal system of Ukraine. An analysis regarding the presentation of the principles of electoral law and the process of election of the President of Ukraine was made in the second chapter entitled "Election and responsibility of the President of Ukraine". In the third chapter entitled "The competencies of the President of Ukraine regarding the election and functioning of the Verkhovna Rada", an analysis of the President's competence catalogue influencing on the functioning of the legislative authority was conducted. The powers of the head of state influencing on the functioning of the Verkhovna Rada include dissolution of the Verkhovna Rada, ordering early parliamentary elections, convening extraordinary sessions and the President's messages and official presidential address (statements). The fourth chapter of key importance for the dissertation, entitled "Competences of President of Ukraine in the legislative process", indicates a set of legal instruments available to the President of Ukraine in the legislative process and establishes the normative basis for their use along with the assessment of the effectiveness of their application. The analysis of the role of the President of Ukraine in the creative and control function of the Verkhovna Rada was conducted in the fifth chapter entitled "Role of the President of Ukraine in the creative and control function of the Verkhovna Rada".

In the doctoral dissertation, it was noticed that the President of Ukraine, as an organ that was not included in the tri-partite system of powers has a special position in the political and legal system. On the basis of the conducted analyses, it was noticed that constitutional provisions granted the President as an independent authority from outside the tri-partite system of powers, legal instruments allowing effective influence on the functioning of legislative and executive bodies.

As demonstrated in chapters of the dissertation, the constitutional changes that took place in 2014 significantly influenced the position and role of the President of Ukraine towards the parliament. Based on the analysis of the constitutional system of Ukraine and the evolution of the presidential institution in Ukraine, it was shown that a change in the system of government assuming the strengthening of the Verkhovna Rada weakened the political position of the President. The process of verification of the hypotheses provided the basis for the formulation of *de lege ferenda* proposals in the doctoral dissertation, in particular as regards the constitutional responsibility of the President of Ukraine and the impeachment procedures resulting in the submission of the head of state from office.