

February 24, 2020

Please consider this submission for the Ethics Commission election. The nomination letter(s) is (are) forthcoming. I consent to my personal data to be published as part of the electoral procedure and attach my CV and a picture.

Yuliya Levitan; female; born June 12, 1973 & 46 years old; fluent in English and Russian. I reside in Shawnee, KS, United States, since 2005 and belong to the USA federation, although I am inactive.

I believe my chess experience (WIM, member of US Olympic 1992 Women Team, top ten under 20 in 1990-1994; first girl to qualify by rating in 1993 US Junior (under 21) Championship) and legal experience (includes working as legal Councilor for the former FIDE Anti-Cheating Commission and non-voting Secretary in the current FIDE Ethics Commission) make me an ideal candidate to become a full voting member of the Ethics Commission ("the EC").

I have been working since 2005 as a federal law attorney for the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development, practicing real estate, litigation, fair housing and employment law.

In 2014, Emil Sutovsky, then President of the Association of Chess Professionals ("the ACP"), asked for my assistance with the drafting of the joint ACP-FIDE Committee project - the proposed Anti-Cheating Guidelines ("the ACG"). I substantially revised and reorganized the provided draft into the version that was subsequently approved by FIDE. Israel Gelfer, the Chairman of the joint ACP-FIDE Committee, and later the Chairman of the FIDE Anti-Cheating Committee ("the ACC"), was impressed with my contributions and requested that I join the ACC, which I gladly did, formally accepting the nomination as the ACC Legal Councilor in February 2015. During my term with the ACC, I chaired several complicated investigations, drafted reports for the EC and significantly contributed to the second version of the revisions of the ACG and new ACC Procedural Rules that were approved in 2018.

In December 2018, after the unfortunate and untimely passing of Russ Haring, Francois Strydom, the EC Chairman, reached out to me and asked whether I would like to assist the EC in dealing with its heavy load of cases. I agreed, and in January 2019 the FIDE Management Board appointed me as the EC secretary in non-voting capacity. During last year I worked within the EC reviewing cases, providing my legal opinion, and assisting with drafting the EC decisions.

Regards,



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**EXPERIENCE**

**Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), Region VII, Kansas City, Kansas**  
*Attorney-Advisor* **September 2005 - present**

Serve program clients as program counsel by providing guidance about the statutes and regulations that govern HUD programs. Represent HUD in administrative proceedings on personnel, labor relations and equal employment opportunity matters before the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC), the Merit Systems Protection Board (MSPB), and the Federal Labor Relations Authority (FLRA). Assist Department of Justice attorneys in state and federal actions involving the Agency. Responsible for conducting legal research; preparing opinions/recommendations/legal memoranda, responsive/dispositive pleadings; developing strategy and tactics in litigation; arguing motions; propounding and responding to discovery requests.

**FIDE, Ethics Commission**

*Non-voting Secretary*

**January 2019 – present**

Conducted reviews of the submissions to the EC, submitted legal analyses of several cases for the EC meeting in November 2019, edited drafts of the EC opinions prepared by other EC members and drafted one new EC opinion summarizing the facts and analyzing the legal outcomes. Assisted in revising the new edition of the Ethics Commission regulations and procedures.

**FIDE, Fair Play Commission (former Anti-Cheating Commission/Committee)**

*Legal Councilor*

**September 2014 – September 2018**

Conducted investigations of complaints to the ACC, interviewed witnesses and parties, drafted reports summarizing the facts and analyzing the legal outcomes. Revised reports prepared by other ACC members. Assisted in revising the second edition of the Anti-Cheating Guidelines and drafting the Anti-Cheating Procedures.

*Contributor*

**May 2014 – August 2014**

Reorganized and revised the draft of proposed Anti-Cheating Guidelines into the version submitted to GA for approval.

**Association of Chess Professionals**

*Board Member*

**September 2014 – February 2016**

Assisted in coordinating ACP daily activities; drafted legal demands; negotiated with organizers and federation officials to protect the rights of the ACP members and recover funds due.

**United States Attorney's Office, E.D.N.Y., Brooklyn, NY**

*Law Intern, Business Crimes & Forfeiture Units*

**September 2004 – April 2005**

Researched issues and prepared memorandums relating to homestead property exemption in forfeiture and restitution actions and work product privilege waiver in money laundering and securities fraud actions. Drafted motion to correct and confirm judgment and opposition to federal habeas motion. Attended depositions, reverse proffer meeting, witness interviews, oral arguments and trial.

**Law Office of Mark E. Tulip, Brooklyn, NY**

*Law Intern*

**May 2004 – April 2005**

Created documents for mortgage and building loan closings. Analyzed contracts and leases. Performed legal research for breach of contract and real estate actions. Drafted memorandums, motions, affidavits, and affirmations. Prepared pleadings and discovery requests. Attended closings and oral arguments.

**The Office of NYS Attorney General, New York, NY**

*Law Intern, Charities Bureau*

**September 2003 – May 2004**

Analyzed documents in civil litigation/investigations to remedy mismanagement in the administration of charitable assets. Drafted discovery requests, attended depositions, and performed legal research.

**Professor Eve Carr, Brooklyn Law School, Brooklyn, NY**

*Research Assistant*

**June 2003 – April 2004**

Researched federal habeas issues, prepared memoranda, suggested topics for *U Bentele, E. Cary "Appellate Advocacy" (4<sup>th</sup> Ed 2004)*.

**Professor Dana Brakman Reiser, Brooklyn Law School, Brooklyn, NY**

*Research Assistant*

**June 2003 – August 2003**

Analyzed proposed legislature to apply provisions of the federal Sarbanes-Oxley Act to New York non-for-profit corporations and performed 50 states survey non-for-profit companies' government corporate regulations for "*Enron.org*" 38 *U.C.D. L. Rev.* 205 (2004).

**Honorable Nicholas G. Garaufis, U. S. District Court, E.D.N.Y., Brooklyn, NY**

*Judicial Intern*

**January 2003 - April 2003**

Performed research and drafting of legal memoranda and court opinions. Observed status conferences, trials and sentencing proceedings.

**The Legal Aid Society, Brooklyn, NY**

*Law Intern*

**October 2001 - May 2003**

Provided legal representation to Brooklyn senior citizens in cases involving landlord-tenant disputes and government benefits. Drafted affidavits, attorney affirmations and memoranda. Prepared clients for trial testimony and represented them at the administrative hearings.

**Financial Consultant**

*Self-employed*

**June 1996 – July 2001**

Prepared income and expense proforma and financial packages to obtain mortgage financing for commercial real estate investment. Evaluated results of alternative investment strategies and assisted clients to create an optimal mutual fund portfolio. Audited present and future cash flow to determine current value and analyzed business plans to improve liquidity.

**EDUCATION**

**Brooklyn Law School, Brooklyn, NY**

J. D. June 2005

Class Rank: Top 27%; 2004-2005 Dean's List

Activities: Brooklyn Law School Prince Evidence Competition 2004-2005 Writing Team

Awards: Herbert and Norma Dicker Scholarship, Platinum BLS Pro Bono Award

Bar Admissions: New York - 2006; Minnesota - 2007, the U.S. Supreme Court - 2009

**New York University, Stern School of Business, New York, NY**

BS in Business Administration; Major: Finance & International Business, May 1995