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RULG attorneys, Yaroslav Shkvorets and Iryna Ostapenko, authored a Chapter concerning Ukraine in *International Product Liability - 2nd Edition*, a book published by <u>The Center for International Legal Studies</u> jointly with <u>Juris Publishing Inc.</u> The Ukraine Chapter is based on product liability legislation as of 1 March 2011. It discusses such issues as concepts of manufacturers' liability, contractual and non-contractual liability, choice of law and forum, available defenses and remedies, proximate cause, liability of other persons in the chain of distribution, obligations to recall, disclaimers and limitations on remedies, statutes of limitation, liability of corporate successors, insurance in product liability matters, and other topics.



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The publication also describes roles of courts and lawyers in protection of consumers' rights and analyzes the court practice.

The Ukraine Chapter is available at http://www.rulg.com/publications_product_liability.asp

Yaroslav and Iryna will also participate in the updated edition of the *International Product Liability* book, which will be published at the end of 2012.



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