



# Experience of Legal Aid Reform in Ukraine

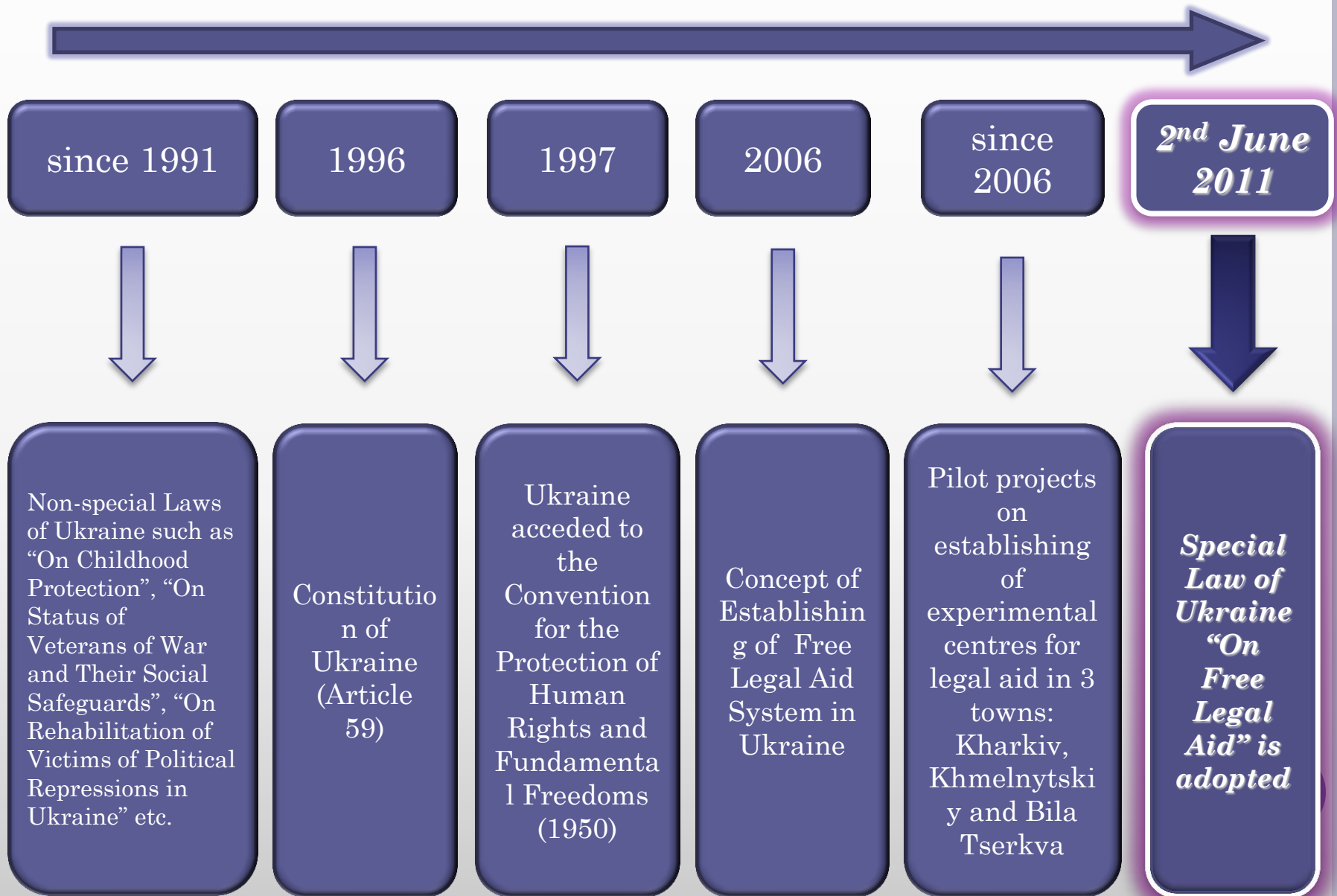
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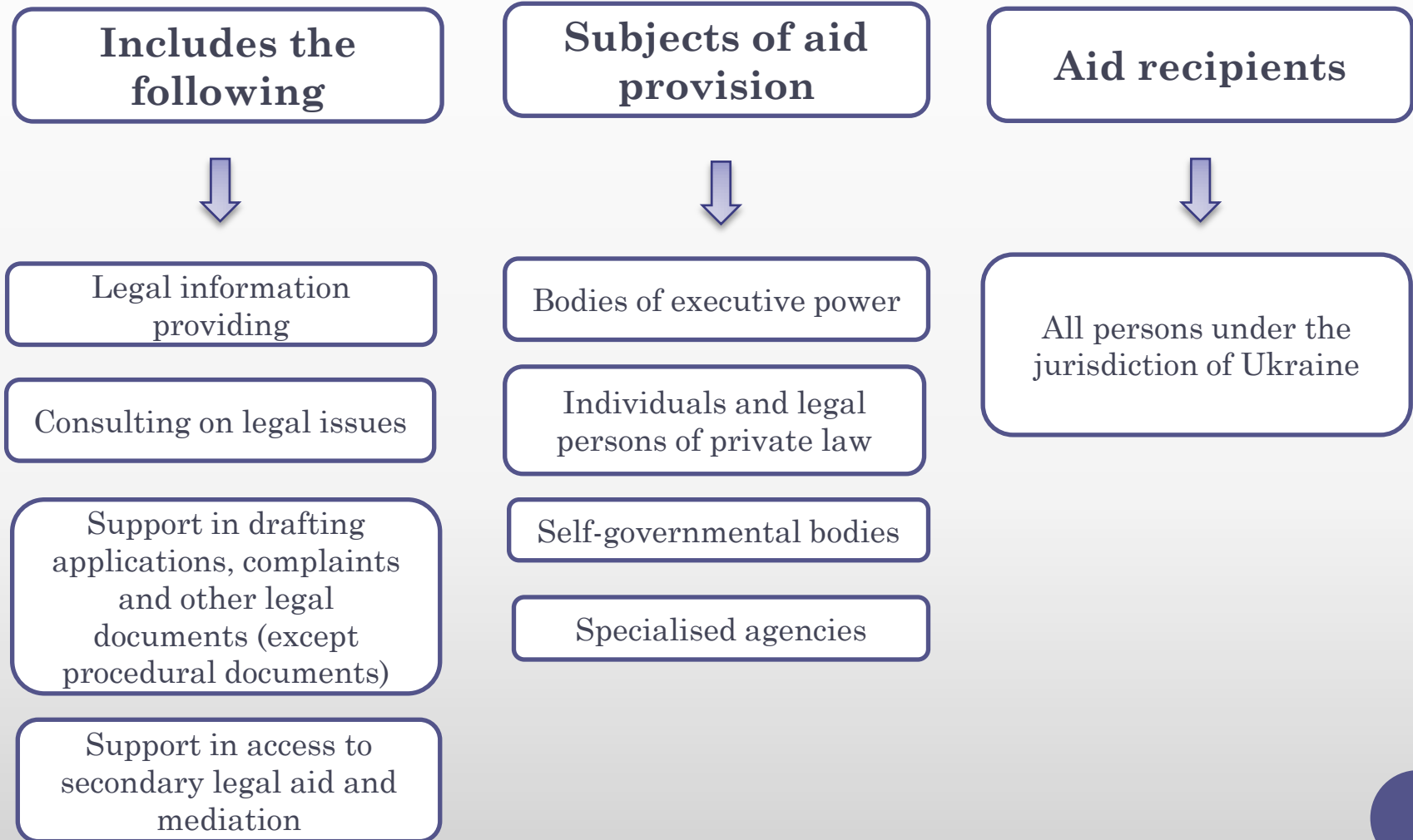
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# FREE LEGAL AID IN UKRAINE: HISTORICAL ASPECT



# PRIMARY FREE LEGAL AID



# SECONDARY FREE LEGAL AID

**Includes the following**



Defence against the prosecution

Representation of interests of persons who have the right free secondary legal aid in court, other bodies of power, self-governmental bodies, before other persons

Drafting procedural documents

**Subjects of aid provision**



**Centres for free secondary legal aid provision**

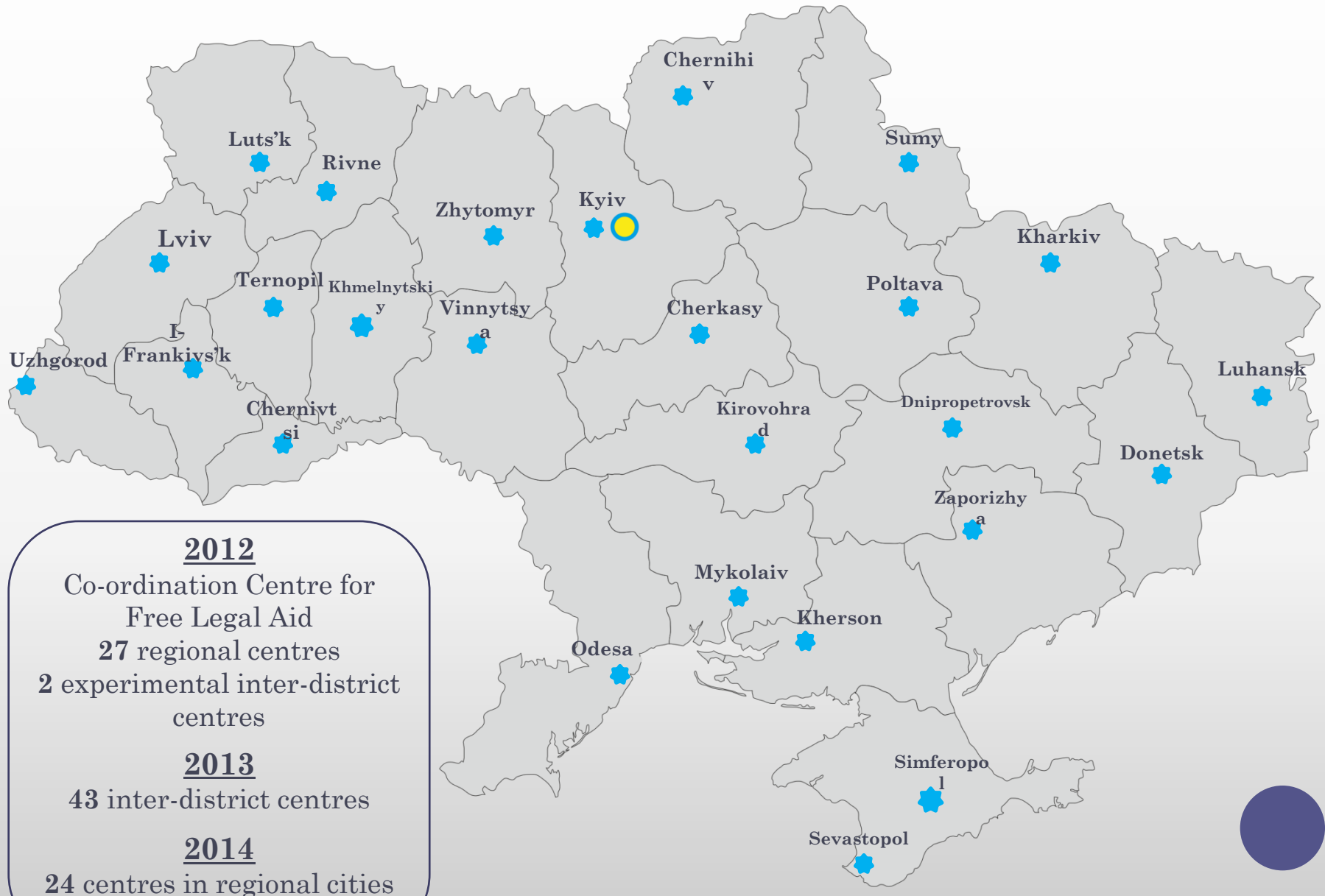
Lawyers who provide free secondary legal aid on permanent and temporary basis

**Aid recipients**



- Low-income persons
- Disabled persons
- Orphan children
- Homeless children
- Children suffered from violence
- If the person is under administrative detention / arrest
- Suspected persons detained by inquiry and investigation bodies
- If participation of defender is obligatory
- Veterans of war, victims of political repressions etc.

# INSTITUTION BUILDING OF FREE LEGAL AID SYSTEM



# COMPETITION FOR LAWYERS

1<sup>st</sup> stage



Examination of documents  
submitted by lawyers-applicants

2<sup>nd</sup> stage



Anonymous written test

3<sup>rd</sup>  
stage



Interviewing

# LAWYERS REMUNERATION SYSTEM

Lawyer's remuneration depends upon:

**GRAVITY OF A  
CRIME**

**NUMBER OF  
EPISODES**

**PHASE OF  
PROCEEDING**

**OTHER FACTORS OF  
CASE COMPLEXITY**  
(taking into custody, specific  
categories of defendants etc.)

**NUMBER OF CO-  
ACCUSED IN A  
CASE**

...and is based upon the  
system of coefficients



# LEGAL AID REFORM AS AN INTEGRAL PART OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE REFORM





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