

# **NABU Director Artem Sytnyk won the appeal in the case of NACP's administrative charges against him**

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On February 19 NABU Director Artem Sytnyk won the appeal in the case of NACP's administrative charges against him. Previously, on January 17, upon NACP administrative protocol Solomyanskyi court fined NABU director 63 USD for refusal to submit documents to NACP regarding his alleged conflict of interest.

This case was very actively used to discredit Artem Sytnyk and NABU in late 2017.

## *Background information on the case:*

On November 13, the NACP filed an administrative case against the Head of NABU for refusal to provide NACP with information on alleged conflict of interests of Artem Sytnyk.

The alleged conflict of interest is in the following: NABU director requested the Head of NABU Legal Department to represent him in administrative court case. NACP suspected in this case a private interest of Artem Sytnyk, despite the fact that he participated in the court case as an official and that administrative case by definition covers only court claims against public institutions and officials.

In October 2017 NACP requested from NABU Director information about this alleged conflict of interest case, which, however, was officially closed back in July 2017 as there was no conflict of interest identified.

Before providing the information NABU clarified reasons for the request and expressed concern with requesting information for the case that has already been closed. Afterwards, NABU did send to NACP the requested documents. Nevertheless, NACP filed an administrative case against Artem Sytnyk for denial of access to information. Finally, having all required information NACP did not manage to identify the conflict of interest violation by NABU Director.