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The Presidium of the Polish Bar Council would like to express its highest appreciation and respect for Ms Hilarie Bass, Attorney-at Law, former Vice President of the law firm Traurig&Greenberg and former President of the American Bar Association, for her unfailing commitment and dedication to promoting the cooperation between American advocates and the American Bar and Polish advocates and the Polish Bar.

The highly commendable efforts of Ms Hilarie Bass in defending the rights of the individual and equal rights, as well as implementation and protection of the rule of law, particularly over the past several years, have played a very important and meaningful role in Poland. The opinions of the American Bar Association presented by Ms Hilarie Bass on the subject of the rule of law, independence of judges and sovereignty of courts in Poland were heard with great strength and brought significant results in these difficult moments. Numerous visits of the President of the American Bar Association in Poland, words of support and cooperation in opposing the activities of the legislative and executive authorities which undermined constitutional democracy, were not only an expression of solidarity and strong belief that advocates must cooperate in defending common values that are to be preserved as a pillar and foundation enabling the legal professions to function, but were also a particularly important factor which shaped the perception of law in the Republic of Poland.

The Polish Bar Council has the highest regard for the years of activity of Ms Hilarie Bass, based on consistent defence of fundamental values and aimed at creating an area of cooperation between American and Polish advocates. In recognition for her merits the Presidium of the Polish Bar Council decided to award Ms Hilarie Bass the Medal of 100 Years of the Revived Polish Bar.

Advocate Jacek Trela

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