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Belarusian National Bar Association

The National Bar Council of Attorneys-at-Law, representing the National Bar of Attorneys-at-Law and trainee attorneys-at-law in Poland expresses its deep concern about the information originating from the international legal community and available in the public domain. According to said information, at least 19 attorneys-at-law has been removed from the list of attorneys-at-law authorized to practice that profession recently. It seems likely that the decision on revoking the licenses of the aforementioned persons is a result of prior activity of said persons, namely defence of persons detained during protests that took place in Belarus after the last presidential election, as well as representation of the opposition activists.

The National Bar of Attorneys-at-Law and its members attach great importance to respecting human rights, the rule of law and the independence of the legal profession both in Europe and around the world. Defending attorneys-at-law whose rights are violated is of great significance to us regardless of the place where they practice their profession.

With this in mind, we declare support for the Belarusian National Bar Association for their efforts aimed at protecting the rights of its members.

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