

To the member Associations of the EAJ

Dear Colleagues,

On demand of President Sessa, please find hereinafter an appeal from the Themis Judges Association asking for a support for the petition of Polish judges for reinstatement of three Polish judges from Krakow.

Thank you for your attention.

Best regards

The IAJ General Secretariat

Dear fellow judges from all over EuropeEUEUEU

▶ I am writing to you to ask your support for the petition of Polish judges for reinstatement of three Polish judges from Krakow: Beata Morawiec, Maciej Czajka, Katarzyna Wierzbicka. These judges were unjustifiably, and in violation of procedures, reassigned to other divisions as punishment for following ECHR and CJEU guidelines by making a statement in which they announced they would take legal action to challenge the participation of judges promoted or nominated with the participation of neo-NCJ judges on panels. Until now, the transfer of judges between divisions in Poland has been used as a disciplinary sanction; in this case, the decisions are made by politically dependent court presidents appointed by the Minister of Justice.

▶ Here is a link to an article that describes the situation in more detail:

<https://polishnews.co.uk/cracow-judges-beata-morawiec-maciej-czajka-and-katarzyna-wierzbicka-transferred-to-other-departments-all-day-rotational-protest-of-krakow-judges/>

▶ The petition I am asking you to support is as follows:

"We, the Judges, demand the revocation of the orders changing the scope of activities of judges Maciej Czajka, Beata Morawiec and Katarzyna Wierzbicka.

We demand that these judges be immediately reinstated to their former divisions:

- Judge Maciej Czajka to Criminal Division III (first instance),
- Judge Katarzyna Wierzbicka and Judge Beata Morawiec to the Criminal Division IV (second instance).

This is the only way to undo the effects of groundless decisions violating the independence of the above mentioned judges, guaranteed by the Constitution of the Republic of Poland."

▶ Since the questionnaire to be filled out is in Polish, the following is a guide as to what each of the boxes means:

"Imię" - name

"Nazwisko" – surname

„Miejscowość” - the name of the city in which you are employed, in this place, please, enter also the name of your court

"Kraj" - country

"e-mail" - e-mail address (to this address you will receive confirmation of the registration of your vote in support of the petition)

„Wpisz ponownie swój adres e-mail” - repeat your e-mail address

"Podpisuję, ponieważ" - here you can write why you decided to support the petition.

!!!! !!Here is the link where you can sign the petition:

https://www.petycjeonline.com/danie_sdziow_przywrocenia_sdziow_macieja_czajki_beaty_morawiec_i_katarzyny_wierzbieckiej_do_poprzednich_wydziaow_w_so_w_krakowie?uv=38538295&utm_source=whatsapp

Please, send this petition also to your colleagues - European judges. Together we are stronger 👍👏👉

My best regards

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