



# INTERNATIONAL ACADEMY OF TRIAL LAWYERS

## **RESOLUTION**

Whereas, the International Academy of Trial Lawyers is International, both in name and in spirit. The motto on our seal is "SALUS POPULI SUPREMA LEX ESTO" - "The welfare of the people must be the supreme law." We believe that the wealth of the nation is in its people, and we believe with Jefferson that all the people are endowed with unalienable individual rights. We believe that the highest duty of an advocate is to preserve and protect those rights, and we seek companions in every land to enlist in that eternal quest.

Whereas, the Academy cooperates with other institutions which share the ideal of worldwide protection of human rights through enforceable legal systems.

Whereas, the Academy believes an independent judicial system is essential to the rule of law.

Whereas, recently forces in the Polish legislature enacted legislation to remove the independent judiciary and replace it with politically appointed judges subject to the control of the majority political party.

Whereas, the President of Poland, responding to a variety of pressures, has vetoed that legislation notwithstanding that he is a member of that majority political party.

Now, therefore, be it resolved that:

The International Academy of Trial Lawyers supports the decision of the President of Poland and encourages him to remain steadfast to preserve an independent judiciary.

Approved this 27th day of July, 2017 by the Board of Directors.