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WEIMAR TRIANGLE OF LAWYERS – 4th OPEN SUMMIT

Legal professionals in the Rule of Law:
Preventive and restore actions in Europe

8 October 2024, Berlin

Venue: **Deutscher Anwaltverein e.V., Littenstr.11, 10179 Berlin** (and online)

09:00-09:30 Welcome Remarks

Dr. Angelika Schlunck, State Secretary of the German Federal Ministry of Justice, Berlin
Stefan von Raumer, Vice President of the Deutscher Anwaltverein (DAV)

09:30-10:45 Panel I: Post-populist Rule of Law restoration process

Poland as role model of complete reinstatement of the Rule of Law or rather a warning sign for a risk of a long-term and arduous reintegration with the Rule of Law and the EU values?

After a change of government in Warsaw at the end of 2023, following eight years of declining Rule of Law in Poland, the new ruling coalition declared a commitment to EU values. They announced an immediate restoration of the Rule of Law. Now, nearly a year after the last general elections, Poland still struggles to meet European standards of an independent judiciary, democratic institutions, and fundamental rights protection. Much work remains. It is crucial to identify the main reasons for the current situation. We must also rethink the role of lawyers in improving this process in Poland and preventing similar crises in other European democracies.

Chair/Moderator: Mikołaj Pietrzak, Dean of the Warsaw Bar Association

Speakers: (details coming soon)

10:45-11:15 Coffee Break

11:15-12:30 Panel 2 – Safeguarding the Constitutional Judge as a Pillar of the Rule of Law

Perspectives from France, Germany, and Poland

In the face of populism, which all too often criticises judges and their legitimacy, debates surround Constitutional Courts in each of our three countries.

- 1) Poland: The entire crises of the Rule of Law started from the Constitutional Court in 2015. Today, debates center on judicial impartiality amidst governmental changes. The EU scrutinizes reforms to ensure alignment with the governing party principles.*
- 2) Germany: The separation of powers and constitutional jurisdiction are not better protected under the Basic Law than in Poland or Hungary. National-populist*

government majorities have reformed the judiciary swiftly in these countries. The legal profession in Germany is pushing the legislature to make the Federal Constitutional Court more resilient.

- 3) *France: Discussions focus on the composition and appointment methods of the Constitutional Council. Upcoming presidential nominations and the impact of key decisions spark political critique.*

The legal profession in each country strives to address these challenges and strengthen their Constitutional Courts.

Chair/Moderator: Stefan von Raumer, Vice President of the Deutscher Anwaltverein

Speakers: (details coming soon)

12:30-13:00 Closing remarks

Pierre Hoffman, Dean of the Paris Bar Association

Lawyer's voice for the rule of law. An appeal for the future Convention for the Protection of Lawyers

Stefan von Raumer, Vice President of the Deutscher Anwaltverein (DAV)

Reflections on the conference discussions.

13:00-14:30 Cocktail Lunch

* *The conference will be held in English*

* *No participation fee*

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