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THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF THE ROMANIAN BARS

L'UNION NATIONALE DES BARREAUX DE ROUMANIE

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To

## Mr. Dragoljub DJORDJEVIC President of the Bar Association of Serbia

Dear Mr. President, Dear Colleague, Dear friends,

Thank you very much for your kind invitation to take part at the Congress of Attorneys at Law, which will take place on the 8th of October 2014, in Belgrade.

Due to professional duties that require my presence in Bucharest, I am not able to take part at this very important event.

Concerning the actual situation and the difficulties facing the legal profession in Serbia, the National Association of Romanian Bars (N.A.R.B.) expresses its profound concern related to and its solidarity with the protests initiated by the Bar Association of Serbia, in its aim to defend the independence, the autonomy, the legitimate interests and the fundamental values of the legal profession.

In our opinion, the interference of the executive power in the professional area and in the right of the legal profession to self regulate it's activity is inacceptable and constitutes a real danger, threatening it's independence and core values.

The National Association of Romanian Bars expresses it's hope that the actual situation, created by a series of measures taken by the executive and legislative power, without a prior consultation of the legal profession, will be solved in a satisfactory manner, allowing thus our Serbian colleagues to exercise their profession and the citizens to benefit of legal services in order to defend their rights and legitimate interests.

Whishing you success in your constant efforts to defend the core values of the legal profession in Serbia, I hereby express the willingness of our Association to provide you with any necessary support and assistance,

I remain,

Friendly yours,

**Ph.D. Gheorghe Florea** av. 1. President