The Rule of Law under Threat: Challenges and Responses

Monday, July 1, 2019
Villa Grebovka
Prague, Czech Republic

9:00 am Opening Remarks

Christopher Lehmann, Executive Director, The CEELI Institute
Homer Moyer, Jr., Founder and Chairman of the Board of the CEELI Institute

9:30 am Welcoming Remarks

Hon. Stephen B. King, Ambassador of the United States to the Czech Republic
Adam Zábranský, Prague City Council Member and City Advisor for Transparency

9:50 am Keynote Address

Pavel Zeman, Prosecutor General of the Czech Republic

10:15 am Coffee Break

10:45 am Panel: The Rule of Law Under Threat Across the Globe

Baroness Helena Kennedy, Director, International Bar Association (IBA) Human Rights Institute
Veysel Ok, Media Lawyers Studies Association, Turkey
Natalie Sedletska, RFE/RL’s Ukrainian Division and Ukrainian Public Television, Kyiv, Ukraine
Hon. Margaret McKeown, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit, and Chair of the ABA/ROLI Board of Directors
Moderator: Marek Svoboda, Director of Programs, the CEELI Institute

12:15 pm Lunch
1:15 pm  CEELI Institute Spotlight: Respite and Fellowship Program for Lawyers in Duress

*Alexander Pikhovin*, Attorney, Moscow, and Member of the Board, Foundation of Defense Lawyers

*Vyacheslav Romanov*, Attorney, St. Petersburg and Coordinator for the Prague Lawyers Club

*Moderator, Jennifer Gaspar*, Director for Special Projects, the CEELI Institute

1:45 pm  CEELI Institute Spotlight: Attacks on the Independence of the Polish Judiciary

*Hon. Slawomir Palka*, Judge, Wroclaw, Poland

*Hon. Dariusz Mazur*, Judge, Krakow, Poland

2:30 pm  Coffee Break

3:00 pm  Panel: Using International Courts and European Legal Mechanisms to Protect the Rule of Law: European legal instruments and institutions offer important checks on the overreach by national states. This panel will examine some of the responses that civil society and the legal profession can undertake to combat encroachments on the rule of law.

*Karinna Moskalenko*, Executive Director, Centre de la Protection Internationale, Strasbourg

*Giovanni Gruni*, Professor of Law, Barcelona University

*Giovanni Kessler*, former Executive Director of OLAF (the European Anti-Fraud Office), Brussels

*Moderator, Christopher Lehmann*, Executive Director, the CEELI Institute

4:30 pm  Program Conclusion

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