



## FRIENDSHIP AGREEMENT

Between the
International Law Section
of the California Lawyers Association
and the
Milan Bar Council

The International Law Section of the California Lawyers Association is a section acknowledged by the California Legislature as the international section successor of the International Law Section formerly under the State Bar of California, effective January 1, 2018. The International Law Section of the California Lawyers Association has as its mission educating the public and California lawyers on an array of issues and legal fields related to international and trans-border transactions, regulations, laws, conventions and treaties and is the designate authorized to enter into Friendship Agreements with Foreign Bar Associations.

The **Milan Bar Council**, is an organization representing lawyers in Milan, with offices at Via C. Freguglia 1, Milan, Italy, represented by its President and legal representative avv. Vinicio Nardo.

Acknowledging the increasing trans-border—and global—aspects of the contemporary practice of law, and recognizing the common principles shared by members of the legal profession throughout the world, the undersigned are signing this Friendship Agreement on behalf of their respective Bars to memorialize the commitment of legal professionals to foster and advance cross-border understanding, professional practice, rule of law and commitment to justice.

Our mutual hope is that this Friendship Agreement will facilitate deepening our mutual knowledge of and respect for the legal profession internationally, our commitment to the public interest and to the rule of law, and our commitment to the highest professional standards.

The Principle Provisions of this Friendship Agreement are:

#### (1) Information Exchange

We will endeavor to provide each other with public information that will further our professionalism, commitment to the rule of law; and responsibilities as professional associations.

#### (2) Invitation to Visit

The International Law Section invites representatives of the Milan Bar Council to visit and attend the Annual Conference of the California Lawyers Association each year, at the cost of the invitee. The Milan Bar Council likewise invites members of the International Law Section to

visit The Milan Bar Council, at the expense of the invitee. We mutually encourage contact and the exchange of ideas and knowledge between the legal professionals of each of our respective jurisdictions, in accordance with the laws of those jurisdictions.

## (3) Education/Seminars

The International Law Section and the Milan Bar Council will endeavor when and where appropriate to conduct educational events and seminars in each jurisdiction designed to assist legal professionals in both locations in acquiring greater knowledge of the legal concepts and issues and professional standards that govern their respective jurisdictions.

# (4) Internships and Traineeships

Parties will endeavour to promote the possibility of training and internships, mentorships, observations, or traineeships in law firms, or other relevant institutions facilitated by each signatory Association for legal professionals, young lawyers or trainee lawyers sent by the other Party.

## (5) Other Activities

The International Law Section and the Milan Bar Council will undertake other activities, from time to time to advance the goals and interests of this Friendship Agreement, as appropriate.

This Friendship Agreement is nonexclusive and imposes no financial or legal obligations on the signatory entities and individuals. This Friendship Agreement is made for an indeterminate term, and either signatory entity may terminate the Friendship Agreement upon reasonable written notice to the other.

Signed:

By:Chair, Joshua M. Surowitz

Signed:

By: President, Vinicio Nardo

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