



**Letter of Solidarity
to the Judges in the USA**

The Presidency Committee of the International Association of Judges (IAJ) issued a statement in April 2025, stressing, that pressuring or intimidating judges over their judicial decisions is unacceptable. The role of judges is to ensure justice and protecting citizens' rights. Disagreement with court decisions should be pursued through legal channels, not through public attacks. The IAJ stands firmly against efforts to weaken the judiciary or turn it into a political instrument. Such intimidations must end.

The European Association of Judges (EAJ) and its member associations are following the recent developments in the United States with great concern. In their meeting in Yerevan/Armenia on May 9, 2025, the Board of the EAJ and the 34 associations of judges represented at the meeting unanimously decided to reach out to their fellow judges currently under pressure in the United States.

We hereby express our solidarity with the judges in the USA. The role of judges is vital to uphold the rule of law. There is no democracy without a strong and independent judiciary.