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**Dear AIJA network, dear friends,**

I hope you are all staying safe and healthy.

As announced some time ago, being already devoted to your service as AIJA Treasurer, I would like to contribute and work for AIJA and its members even more by applying for election as the Vice President of AIJA.

I couldn't be happier to see that my decision was received so well with such positive feedback from members of different nationalities, various business backgrounds, industries and legal practices.

Let me allow to introduce myself to you briefly.

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I was born in Warsaw, Poland and this is where I am practicing law for 17 years now.

I have graduated from the faculty of law and administration at the University of Warsaw and the School of American Law at the Centre for American Law Studies (University of Florida). After that I have obtained a master's degree in French and European business law from the University of Poitiers (France) where I completed postgraduate studies (*D.E.S.S. du droit français et européen des affaires*), followed by postgraduate studies at the Warsaw School of Economics '*The Legal Basis of the Construction Process*'. I have also completed an official internship organised for foreign advocates by the Paris Bar as part of the EFB (*Ecole de Formation professionnelle des Barreaux de la Cour d'Appel de Paris*), during which I worked for the Paris-based law firm De Pardieu Brocas Maffei.

I am admitted to the Warsaw Advocates' Bar and a partner in one of the leading independent Polish law firms WKB, Wierciński, Kwieciński Baehr, Poland, in which I am already working for more than 8 years focusing my practice on real estate and M&A transactions as well as corporate law. Within the firm I am heading a Real Estate team of six wonderful lawyers and am co-heading our French desk.

I am a lecturer on corporate and real estate law at The Warsaw Bar Association and a co-author of several publications, including *Corporate Governance Review Polish Chapter* edited by The Law Review, and two commentary books *Limited Liability Companies: A Practical Guide* and recently published *Liability of Members of Capital Company Governing Bodies*.

I am a member of AIJA since 2013 engaging in its activities first as a speaker on dozens of seminars and congresses, then as head of the Organising Committee of the Half Year Spring Congress in Warsaw in May 2018 and for almost two years now as Bureau member in the function of Deputy Treasurer and Treasurer.

I am not a social media animal but those who know me are also aware that while working as a lawyer I am also a wife, mother of 11 year old Zuzanna and 9 year old Gabriela, passionate about non-challenging sport activities, interior design, football and Pearl Jam.

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We are all confronted with the new reality after the outbreak of the pandemics worldwide. I sincerely hope that you and everyone close to you is doing well.

The world changed but this is also an opportunity to reflect on where we stand and on what is important for AIJA and its members.

The previous elections demonstrated how diversified we are and that we can have different views on what's best for our Association. Let's use our **diversity and swarm intelligence to enrich AIJA** with it. Let's discuss constructively our joint future around ideas and strategies that will make AIJA flourish. This requires a **joint determination and involvement** on many different levels, but only teamwork will lead to greater opportunities and achievements.

There I am willing to work for **each and every one of you** encouraging you to unify in our efforts to make AIJA grow more. We need to understand how lucky we are to be associated in such a wonderful professional structure. The time spent at our events, shared with colleagues and friends, is something exceptional. Yet we should not forget that this is a professional platform which should serve us for our professional goals too. Also we should not forget that AIJA is one of the five global legal associations and its voice should be heard and visible in our legal industry.

I see AIJA as a global, inclusive and integrating network of innovative, creative and engaged lawyers **working together** for a better future for our profession. AIJA has huge potential for all of us when we join our energy for our network to develop and for our Association to expand its reach globally and to enhance its quality and content. We already have the most amazing and irreplaceable AIJA spirit! Now let's take that further and **grow professionally with AIJA!**

I am determined to dedicate myself to lead AIJA to its bright future ahead using all my professional experience and I would be most honoured if you chose me as your President to proudly represent you and your interests in AIJA.

**Let's make #all4aija and #aija4all!**

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Anna Wyrzykowska', written in a cursive style.

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