

CCBE supports the National Association of Romanian Bars in their efforts to uphold the importance of the legal profession and the protection of civil liberties

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The Council of Bars and Law Societies of Europe (CCBE) supports the National Association of Romanian Bars in their efforts to uphold the independence of the legal profession and the protection of the Rule of Law.

The CCBE highlights that the protection of lawyers in society is a fundamental necessity for the functioning of a just and equitable legal system. Lawyers play a crucial role in upholding the rule of law, ensuring access to justice, and preserving the rights and freedoms of individuals.

Lawyers serve as advocates for their clients, defending their rights and interests, even in cases where those interests may be unpopular or controversial. This essential function of lawyers is vital for the protection of individual rights and the integrity of the legal system. Consequently, society must ensure that lawyers can perform their duties without fear of intimidation, harassment, or physical harm.

Furthermore, the legal profession plays a critical role in upholding the principle of equal justice under the law. Lawyers help bridge the gap between individuals and the legal system, ensuring that everyone, regardless of their background or economic status, has access to legal representation and a fair trial. The protection of lawyers is, therefore, essential in maintaining a society where justice is accessible to all.

The need to protect lawyers in society and the values of the legal profession – independence, confidentiality and self-regulation – safeguards the foundations of justice, human rights, and the rule of law.

By ensuring the role of lawyers, we contribute to the preservation of a fair and just legal system that serves the interests of all members of society.
