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**MOTIVATION LETTER**

Dear Coleaques,

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President,

General Secretary

distinguished Member of the FBE presidency,

Bearing the tremendous honor of introducing the Bar Association of Vojvodina to FBE in the year of 2017, and during the long term lasting to date, I have been learning and deep-diving into the internal organization of the FBE itself, the importance of the position, its European and world-wide influence.

Following that journey, my experience and the fact that I went through all levels of Bars organizations, from the bottom to the top, has proved to have been very helpful. It has led me through strategic decisions regarding Bars and their lawyers in difficult times such as the lawyers’ strike. Being one of the most important and distinguished organizations in Europe, the FBE, as it is known, consists of mostly regional and national Bars interested in having international representation. I am firmly ready to stand behind and make all possible efforts in helping further regional Bars’ expansion, improve their own capacities, connect them with other Bars, through personal efforts, as well as jointly with other justice and legal institutions and organizations, with firm belief in usefulness of such actions in their everyday work and work of their members.

Furthermore, I am ready to assist in provision of support for all arising questions that are related to the challenges we face in the legal profession, and to make available all my expert professional capacities and experiences for the welfare of the Federation of European Bar Association, together with all colleagues, in the atmosphere which truly represents the ideals of a large team.

Bar associations' relations with governments and ministries and with different law and legal organizations are in the scope of lawyers' interests.

Education of society that we lawyers are the guardians of the rule of law is in a leading position.

As a topic of ever-growing importance, I find to be the development and active life of Bars, focusing on commissions organization, committees, education in Bar association, crisis management, lawyer academies, lawyer education. as well as women empowerment, lawyer clubs, lawyers bands and numerous matters that stand to improve the life of lawyers.

The main principles on that path shall be rule of law, supremacy of law, the independence of justice and the right to a fair trial as the main goals of the FBE.

Rajko Maric,