

Brussels, March 27, 2025

American Bar Association
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By email : abapresident@abanet.org.

Dear Mr. President,

O.réf. (PLEASE REMIND): BXF-PR-2025-0011

We are writing in our capacities of president (bâtonnière), vice-president (vice-bâtonnier) and past president (ancien bâtonnier) of the Brussels French-speaking bar.

The ABA and our bar have entered into a Cooperation Agreement on 6 August 1994. Since then, many US lawyers are registered to the Foreign Attorneys List of the Brussels French-speaking bar. Many US firms have an office in Brussels.

The long-standing presence in Brussels of many US colleagues is a real asset for our bar.

We have been closely following the attacks of the US government on law firms, individual lawyers and judges.

We took knowledge of the statement issued on 26 March 2025 by several US bar organizations.

We fully endorse this statement and want to support the American Bar Association and our US colleagues in the defence of the legal profession and the rule of law.

Without a strong and independent legal profession, there is no democracy.

We stand with you for the rule of law!

Please do not hesitate to let us know if you need us.

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