



Protocol of Cooperation

Between

**The Palermo Bar Association of** represented by Michele Calantropo and **the Westminster & Holborn Law Society** represented by Matthew Allan (hereinafter, the Palermo Bar Association and the Westminster & Holborn Law Society jointly the "Institutions")

AGREE AS FOLLOWS

- 1) The Palermo Bar Association and the Westminster & Holborn Law Society consider necessary to enhance their respective international relationships in the context of the European Countries . They both agree that training and learning contribute to the realisation of professionals in such a way as to meet the needs of a market modern and competitive working environment;
- 2) The Palermo Bar Association and the Westminster & Holborn Law Society intend to take initiatives aimed at developing the study of the regulatory systems of both countries, including the social and legal context, in relation to legal and judicial activity in general;
- 3) The Palermo Bar Association and the Westminster & Holborn Law Society, as a consequence, wish to initiate and establish relations of collaboration and cultural cooperation between the two Institutions in order to share experiences, ideas, information opportunities and any other initiative of interest to lawyers, both at national and international level and sign this Agreement (hereinafter referred to as the Agreement) of collaboration and cooperation governed by the following provisions

CLAUSES

I

The Palermo Bar Association and the Westminster & Holborn Law Society agree to maintain relations of collaboration and cooperation which may be articulated through:

- (a) the mutual deepening of knowledge in relation to the practice of law in both countries;
- (b) the design and development of projects of common interest which deepen mutual understanding of legal analysis of legal work and legal advice in general
- (c) seminars, conferences, congresses and events in general;
- (d) training courses;
- (e) exchange of documentation and information;
- (f) participation in international organizations mainly within Europe;
- g) establishing channels for continuous communication between the two institutions;
- (h) any other initiative that may relate to the stipulations of this Agreement and contribute to the attainment of the aforementioned aims.

II

In the spirit which distinguishes the two signatory institutions and which is embodied in the present Agreement, the Palermo Bar Association and the Westminster & Holborn Law Society agree to:

- (a) to exchange information on legislation and experience relating to the profession of lawyer, with special reference to the rights and duties of lawyers, ethics, and ethics in practice and assistance professional practice;
- (b) providing information on conferences, congresses, seminars or courses of an international nature organised in the reciprocal institutions and which are related to the principles, regulations, rights and duties inherent in the practice of law;
- (c) distributing information and publications and disseminate this information within their respective institutions;
- (d) respond to requests for information or consultation made by either of the two institutions;
- (e) collaborate, as far as possible, in vocational training initiatives and activities promoted by the other signatory institution;
- (f) informing the other institution signatory to the Agreement of training initiatives that may be of interest to the other country;
- (g) to facilitate, whenever and as far as possible, documents, texts and legislation relating to the initiatives developed by each Institution;
- (h) promote, when required and possible, cultural exchanges between lawyers and trainee lawyers.

The two institutions may, if deemed appropriate and of mutual interest, sign a further agreement containing the conditions for the exchange of trainees or young lawyers as well as the conditions of stay and practice in the form of an apprenticeship.

### III

Each of the two signatory institutions will cooperate with the other:

- 1) Organizing meetings and consultations when, at international level, a question arises concerning the defence of the fundamental rights of lawyers;
- 2) cooperating in the defence of the rights of lawyers represented by the institutions and strengthening this defence within the framework of international organisations
- 3) establishing principles and implementing protocols with the aim of strengthening cooperation within international organisations;
- 4) defining basic principles of convergence in the defence of the rights of lawyers and the conditions for the practice of law

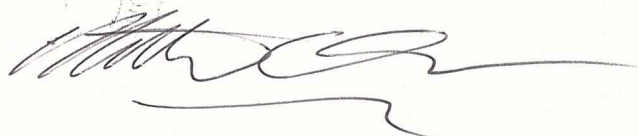
### IV

This Agreement is drawn up in both Italian and English

The Agreement shall be effective from the date of the last signature and shall remain in force until one of the two institutions notifies its intention to terminate it

Matthew Allan

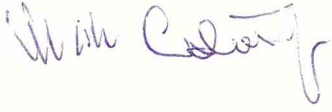
Westminster & Holborn Law Society



Michele Calantropo

Palermo Bar Association

Date: 1 April 2022

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