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Dear Mr. Dragne,

Our collective experience over the past 17-plus months, handling the challenges of the global coronavirus pandemic, has taught us that the world is indeed very small. The actions of one individual or community can have significant implications for their counterparts hundreds if not thousands of miles away. We are all interconnected.

With this in mind, the New York State Bar Association (NYSBA) recognizes the importance of strengthening our existing relationships outside U.S. borders and building new ones. The difficulties we face in an uncertain future – from fighting the fast-mutating COVID-19 virus to combatting climate change – require unprecedented cooperation and collaboration. We are far stronger when we pool our resources, expertise, and knowledge than we are when we work independently.

With this in mind, NYSBA is extending to the members of the Bucharest Bar Association a complimentary membership for the remainder of the 2021 calendar year, which will enable them to experience the many benefits, services, discounts, and programs this organization offers.

Your members who participate will also receive complimentary membership to NYSBA's premier International Section for the aforementioned time period. This Section includes a cross section of attorneys from New York, but also dozens of other countries, who regularly weigh in on important and complex legal matters in a forum that we believe are beneficial and informative to participants both inside and outside the state.

In addition, members from your association who take advantage of this offer will have the opportunity to share content or articles that they author with NYSBA members on our website and/or our International Section e-Newsletter on an ongoing basis. Submissions will be vetted for relevancy and timeliness and will be utilized as it is determined to meet the needs of our existing membership.

We are also excited to be offering for the first time an international-themed issue of our award-winning <u>Bar Journal</u>. The Journal is a monthly NYSBA publication that features substantive articles related to the practice of law in New York State on business, criminal, elder, environmental, labor and employment, real property and trusts and estates law, as well as other general topics of interest to attorneys. It is distributed free of charge to tens of thousands of attorneys as a benefit of NYSBA membership.

We are aiming to release the international edition of The Journal in early 2022, which presents a unique opportunity for the Bucharest Bar Association to provide relevant articles and related advertisements should you choose to participate.

Though the world is certainly much smaller, conceptually speaking, than ever before, New York remains an important economic, legal, and cultural hub and a public policy bellwether for the nation and the world. NYSBA, as you know, is the largest voluntary bar association in the U.S., and its members are among some of the most respected and experienced jurists in the nation.

Through their relationship with our organization, your members will gain peerless insights and make important connections that will help advance their respective careers and elevate their profiles in a high-profile state at a critical time.

We hope you will capitalize on this opportunity for your members, and we look forward to deepening our ties with your organization in the years to come. If you are interested in sharing this opportunity for complimentary membership, please contact Carra Forgea, NYSBA's International Relations Manager at cforgea@nysba.org, and she will provide the necessary information you will need to communicate to your members.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Best.

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