

A close-up, high-contrast photograph of a lion's face, focusing on its eye and mane. The lion's fur is a mix of light and dark brown tones, and its eye is a striking light blue-grey. The background is a solid, deep blue.

ORDO IURIS INSTITUTE FOR LEGAL CULTURE





The Ordo Iuris Institute is headquartered in the center of Poland's capital city, Warsaw.



We established the Ordo Iuris Institute in 2013 with the conviction that the mounting contemporary challenges in our civilization as well as the growing attacks on life, family, marriage, and freedom must be met with a professional response, first and foremost in the legal field.

I am proud that, after 11 years, we have established a positive national and international reputation, and the Ordo Iuris Institute is now associated with efficiency and professionalism as it represents normality and common sense on every civilizational front. We are a voice of conscience and respect for fundamental rights, and we are constantly present in courthouses and tribunals, in parliament, in government offices – in Poland as well as within the European Union, the United Nations, the World Health Organization, and wherever else the issues important to our organization are being debated.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Jerzy Kwaśniewski".

Jerzy Kwaśniewski, Esq.
President of the Ordo Iuris
Institute for Legal Culture

The Ordo Iuris Institute is an independent research and litigation center that shapes the social debate as a defender of life, family, freedom, and the nation's Christian heritage.

By providing legal professionalism, scholarly activities, education, and precedent-setting litigation intervention, we strengthen both national and international guarantees of fundamental rights and freedoms.

Each year, the Institute's lawyers provide legal assistance in hundreds of precedent-setting proceedings before both foreign and domestic courts, as well as international tribunals. The Institute's dozens of published analyses, opinions, reports, and handbooks directly affect our legal system, as well as the level of legislative awareness among Poles.



Who We Are





We are at work wherever the foundations of our civilization are being threatened and wherever the law must be invoked in defense of the weakest, who can often count on no other support.



We provide free legal assistance to those who are being persecuted and discriminated against for remaining true to their beliefs, and we uphold the civil rights and freedoms that are guaranteed by the Polish constitution. We appear before Polish courts and international tribunals.



We prepare comprehensive legal analyses, reports, and recommendations, as well as legal guidelines and draft laws. **We engage in consultations on legal developments and interventions abroad**, engaging with those organizations that debate and decide the international laws which will become binding for Poland such as the United Nations, the European Commission, the European Parliament, the Council of Europe, and the World Health Organization.

Our effectiveness lies in focusing our analytic and litigation efforts on carefully selected strategic projects that encourage the renewal of our legal system and the strengthening of the natural social order.

1 Defense of Life and Bioethics

We promote respect for the dignity and uniqueness of every life, a concept that is fundamental to our civilization. We constantly remind society about the fundamental importance of the right to life, without which all other civil rights and freedoms are meaningless.



2 Protect the Children! School and Education

We defend the concept of schools free from ideology. We are fighting to defend the constitutional principle which holds that a child's parents should provide the fundamental basis of his education. We expose and oppose attempts to introduce vulgar "sex education" and other NGO activities aimed at indoctrinating children and adolescents, without parental consent.



3 Family and Marriage

We oppose the politicization of the state and its laws through implementation of gender politics and the aggressive demands of the LGBT movement, especially those targeting families and children. We analyze and comment on the government's family-programs, which are closely tied to the critical objectives of demographic growth and the nation's long-term viability.





4 In Defense of Christians

We undertake research and litigation to ensure that Christians in Poland enjoy the full guarantees of freedom of religion, freedom of conscience, and freedom of public religious worship, as well as protection from insults, attacks, and profanities. We defend the conscience clause as well as the freedom of pastoral ministry and religious instruction. We also examine the Church's position in national law, and provide assistance to victims of anti-religious hatred.

5 Freedom and the Rule of Law

When it comes to this issue, we are concerned with economic freedom, protection from the effects of arbitrary public administration, and guarding against excessive administrative and bureaucratic regulations. We defend citizens against attacks on their fundamental civil rights and the freedoms that are guaranteed by the Polish constitution.

6 A Sovereign and Independent Republic

We stand up for Polish sovereignty, which is being increasingly threatened by the unlawful expansion in the powers of international bodies such as the European Union, the United Nations, the World Health Organization, and the European Court of Human Rights. We further oppose the construction of a European "super-state" and the curtailment of Polish sovereignty in favor of supranational organizations.

You Have Influence!

In 2024, we decided to merge the two largest independent organizations that were engaged in defending common sense in Poland: the Ordo Iuris Institute and the Center for Life and Family. The latter is known for organizing the annual nationwide March for Life and Family in Warsaw and coordinating up to 150 local marches throughout Poland. It has also organized numerous pickets, demonstrations, and social campaigns, and also produces documentary films, not to mention valuable journalistic, informational, and educational materials. This is only to name a few among the many other projects which the two organizations now undertake jointly.



As a result we were able to establish the “You Have Influence!” program, which combines the litigation experience and legal and analytical expertise of the Ordo Iuris Institute’s experts and lawyers with the communications, organizational, and community skills of the Center for Life and Family’s team. Together, we have been able to increase the effectiveness of our litigation activities and our impact on the society around us.



Our Goals



It's Time to Fight for Poland!

The Left's seizure of power in Poland, not to mention the increasing prevalence of advocates of radical ideologies, has posed enormous challenges for the defenders of life, family, freedom, and sovereignty. The new government is striking at the foundations of European civilization by pursuing a neo-Marxist gender agenda as well as the establishment of a nihilistic culture of death.

We have therefore developed an action program that has allowed us to set priorities for our mission to defend both Poland and European civilization.



1 Defense of the Rule of Law Repairing the State

We have acknowledged the need to support victims of lawlessness and so-called “militant democracy,” as well as the importance of the task of archiving, evaluating, and judging the perpetrators of the systemic subversion of our legal system that has been ongoing since late 2023. In these efforts, it is critical to build an alliance of all patriotic forces and to introduce a bold, fundamental proposal representing a new outlook on the organization of social life in Poland. To this end, we are participating in the development of new legal organizations and undertake discussions concerning constitutional reforms in the Polish Republic.



2 Stopping the “European Superstate Treaty”

Europe's political elites – including members of the Polish government – are doggedly leading us toward the realization of twentieth-century Italian Communist Altiero Spinelli's vision. His Ventotene Manifesto, which is openly cited in the EU's draft treaty reform, called for the abolition of nations, the dismantling of borders, the abolition of property, replacing democracy with the dictatorship of a European party, and the forcible subjugation of sovereign nations to the nascent “State of Europe.” We face the momentous task of defending sovereignty in at least ten major areas where, according to the EU's publicly-announced plans, competencies are to be ceded by the member states.



3 Defending Freedom of Speech and Criticism in the Face of Efforts to Criminalize “Hate Speech”

Poland’s new government has announced plans to introduce penalties for “hate speech.” The development of the concept of “hate speech” that can be observed around the world shows that it is nothing more than camouflaged ideological censorship and a means of repression against individuals and communities that are critical of radical social concepts such as gender ideology, critical race theory, and the political LGBT movement. A professional response to the threat of censorship must also consider the protection of freedom of expression in online forums, social media, and all other electronic spaces for dialogue.



4 Defending Marriage as well as the Rights of Families and Parents, and Protecting Children from Depravity

Sex education, declining academic standards, and the promotion of vulgarity and laziness all contribute to preventing education from leading to the growth of a mature, conscious, and strong human being. They also lead to the subjugation of the young, depriving them of the ability to think critically, using fashionable ideologies that attack the family, the nation, faith, normality, and plain common sense. In response, we have undertaken the task of firmly defending the family as a unit built on a stable marriage between one man and one woman, upholding parental rights and the primary importance of parental education, and protecting children from depravity. We also continue to expose the harmfulness of the Leftist model of schooling and child-rearing in the public debate.



5 Development of a Life-affirming Culture Building a Culture of Life

Poland's current government wants to institute the mass killing of unborn Polish children. In doing so, it has proven that it does not acknowledge the authority of our constitution, the mass marches for Life and Family, or the opinions of doctors. Putting abortion pills in the hands of teenagers will protect sex offenders, and promoting abortion in the first three months of pregnancy is an inhumane step backward that negates the gains of the culture of life, not to mention respect for human dignity. We are entering a period of intensifying opposition to the government's promotion of abortion drugs. This is the time to intensify our fight against those manipulations that are designed to undermine the Polish laws protecting unborn children.



6 Defending Believers, the Church, Public Profession of Faith, and the Nation's Christian Heritage

The Polish government has announced the “revocation of privileges” for Christians. The representatives of the ruling coalition have participated in hate campaigns against the clergy, insulted the good name of Pope St. John Paul II, encouraged the denigration of religious symbols in public, and participated in vulgar attacks on both faith and shrines. The task before us is thus the legal and analytical defense of those being persecuted for publicly testifying to their Christian faith. This is not possible without a grass-roots movement to defend venerated figures such as Pope St. John Paul II and Stefan Cardinal Wyszyński. It is time to ensure that the Polish commitment to our nation's Christian heritage inspires policy reforms on a Christian basis.



7 Exposing and Combating the Global Ideological Colonization of Sovereign Nations

Attempts to impose international regulations on Poland that are inspired by gender and wokeist ideologies continue unabated. A succession of UN agencies that are dominated by the enemies of life, family, freedom, and sovereignty, have Polish sovereignty in their sights. Now is the time to amplify our voice as for example by forming international coalitions within the UN and its various agencies (such as the WHO, UNICEF, the World Bank, and the Population Fund). Ordo Iuris is often alone in standing up to the international pressure that is being applied by those in power to justify radical social projects. These are undertaken in spite of public opinion, which does not want them as they foster the irreversible destruction of our natural social structures, civil rights, and freedoms.



8 Social Mobilization Local Groups and Clubs

We are consistently becoming the go-to providers of advice, knowledge, and personnel for all conservatives. The long-standing success of the March for Life and Family is the foundation upon which we can reach every corner of the nation with our mission. To this end, we are cooperating with existing networks in order to support local clubs while inspiring social action in the defense of life, family, education, freedom of worship, freedom of speech and property. Of particular importance is the organization of petitions, demonstrations, and civil protests, as well as exposing the views and decisions of specific local and national politicians, not to mention the use of citizens' bills to launch legislative initiatives.



The background of the entire graphic is a photograph of a large crowd of people at a protest. They are holding numerous Polish flags (white on top, red on bottom). In the background, the skyline of Warsaw is visible, including the prominent Spigła Tower (Radio City Tower). The sky is a clear, pale blue.

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Laureates of the Ordo Iuris Lion 2023 plebiscite that was organized on the occasion of the 10th anniversary of the Ordo Iuris Institute's founding



The Ordo Iuris Institute is a true refuge for those who seek justice and want to defend those whose health and lives are in danger.

Prof. Bogdan Chazan (Medical Director of MaterCare International)



Without Ordo Iuris, I would be lost. The Ordo Iuris Institute's activities are part of the best tradition of Polish resistance to totalitarianism.

Rev. Prof. Dariusz Oko (philosopher, theologian, columnist, and author of numerous books and articles)



Ordo Iuris is a competent, well-prepared team that is quite able to litigate, fight a battle, settle things, or simply defend values – namely, those of genuine human and civil rights.

Jan Pospieszalski (journalist and columnist)



What the Ordo Iuris Institute is doing is truly unprecedented. The lawyers of the Ordo Iuris Institute have always been extremely reliable and dedicated to my defense. If it weren't for Ordo Iuris, I wouldn't have made it.

Dr. Bawer Aondo-Akaa (theologian, columnist, pro-life activist)



The Ordo Iuris Institute, which focuses both its opinion-forming and research efforts on issues pertaining to social order and the laws that are supposed to guarantee it, is truly important and necessary.

Prof. Maria Gintowt-Jankowicz (retired judge of the Constitutional Tribunal)



I've thought about how great it is that there is such a group of devotees who have dedicated their knowledge, skills, and experience to social service – the fight for good and wise laws.

Dr. Jarosław Lindenberg (diplomat, former Deputy Foreign Minister)



I am very impressed by the professionalism of Ordo Iuris, both in terms of the research it conducts and the publications it produces.

Prof. Stephen K. Baskerville (lecturer at Collegium Intermarium)



I believe that the emergence of the Ordo Iuris Institute and its current activities are a huge step forward for the defense of our civilization.

Bishop Marek Mendyk (current Bishop of the Diocese of Świdnica)



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Why Ordo Iuris?

Joining the Ordo Iuris community increases our effectiveness and makes it possible for each of us to have a real impact on the world around us. Thanks to the generosity of our friends and donors, our lawyers are able to effectively defend fundamental values such as life, family, and freedom of speech and conscience, as well as to advocate on behalf of those who are being persecuted for their commitment to the natural social order.

Given the efficiency and professionalism of our experts, and thanks to the noble community of our friends and donors, we are at the service of the nation and the victims of injustice, for whom we are often the last hope.

Guarantee of Integrity and Independence

From the very beginning, we have deliberately rejected all offers of foreign grants and public subsidies, given that they could limit our independence. All of our funding is based solely on the generosity of our donors and friends, who provide the foundation for all of the Ordo Iuris Institute's activities. Only thanks to their generosity can we carry out our mission.

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