Armenian Bar Association and Armenian Genocide Museum-Institute
MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

This Memorandum of Understanding (“MOU”) is entered into between the Armenian Bar Association (“ABA”), and the Armenian Genocide Museum-Institute (“AGMI”). The purpose of the MOU is to facilitate collaboration between the ABA and AGMI on educational, professional development, and legal action projects, primarily, but not exclusively, focused on Armenian Genocide reparations, restitution, and recovery efforts.

I. Scope

1. The duration of this MOU is for an initial term of five (5) years (from the date of the last signature at the end of this document), after which the MOU is renewable by the parties for a mutually agreeable, additional duration.

2. The ABA and AGMI have been involved in regular conversations regarding partnership and collaboration opportunities. This MOU enumerates the formal arrangement for collaboration between the ABA and AGMI on projects and opportunities, as enumerated in Section II below.

II. Opportunities for Collaboration and Joint Projects

The ABA and AGMI’s formal partnership provides opportunities for collaboration on the following educational, professional development, and legal action projects:

1. Conferences and Symposia: From time-to-time, the ABA and the AGMI will use their best efforts to host and participate in events on relevant issues pertaining to Artsakh and Armenian Genocide reparations.
   a. For the duration of this MOU, the ABA and AGMI will endeavor to organize and co-host two or more conferences or symposiums pertaining to Artsakh and/or to Armenian Genocide reparations/restitution/recovery initiatives in Armenia or abroad and where feasible, will seek to encourage publication of a scholarship in connection with the conference or symposium.
2. **Scholarships and Research Groups**: For the duration of this MOU, the ABA and AGMI will facilitate scholarly exchange with foci predominantly on issues relating to Armenian Genocide reparations/restitution/recovery and on Artsakh-related matters.

   a. **Scholarships**: Upon the availability of scholarships to the ABA and AGMI from third-party sources, this joint initiative will assist in financing students to engage in research activities in the framework of Artsakh and Armenian Genocide reparations projects.

      i. The baseline objectives of the Scholarships under this MOU are to facilitate at least one Armenia- or Artsakh-based student/scholar and at least one student/scholar from abroad to receive financing to further their legal and/or archival research activities and academic scholarship in areas including, but not limited to, Artsakh and/or that would further Armenian Genocide reparations/restitution/recovery initiatives.

      ii. Scholarships shall be awarded under this MOU through a formal application process to be agreed between the ABA and AGMI that will select applicants on determinants including, but not limited to, strength of research topic and financial need.

   b. **Educational Exchange**: Under the framework of scholarships, organization of lectures, seminars, and trainings delivered by visiting scholars, the baseline objectives are:

      i. At least one specialist scholar be hosted in Armenia to deliver such lectures, seminars, and trainings.

      ii. At least one Armenia or Artsakh-based scholar be hosted abroad to deliver such lectures, seminars, and trainings.

   c. **Research Groups**: In the long-term scope of collaboration through scholarships and educational exchange, the creation of research groups and further work streams, the baseline objectives are:

      i. Research group(s) will focus on Artsakh-related matters.

      ii. Research group(s) will also focus on matters relating to Armenian Genocide reparations/restitution/recovery initiatives.

3. **Research Publication**: For the duration of this MOU, the ABA and AGMI will aim to facilitate the publication of articles and other written materials on matters related to the redress of grievances and vindication of rights relating to the Armenian Genocide and to Artsakh.
a. **Scope:** Written materials published through this collaboration will cover legal topics, as well as historical and political topics. Efforts under this MOU will endeavor to secure the publication of articles in high-impact journals and authoritative publishing houses, as jointly agreed upon by the parties to this MOU.

b. **Translation:** The parties to this MOU will endeavor to facilitate the translation of Armenian scholarship on Armenian Genocide reparations/restitution/recovery issues and on Artsakh for the purposes of publication in non-Armenian language journals.

c. **Joint Scholarship:** Under the framework of research collaboration, the parties to this MOU will aim to facilitate the preparation of joint articles by Armenia and Artsakh-based scholars and Diaspora-based scholars.

4. **Litigation Support:** The AGMI will use its best efforts to support the ABA with litigation efforts initiated primarily but not exclusively in U.S. or other foreign jurisdictions. Certain legal initiatives may also take place in international fora, including but not limited to U.N. treaty bodies.

a. **Scope:** The AGMI shall use its best efforts to provide evidentiary material to support the initiation and pursuit of legal cases relating to Armenian cultural and religious heritage and asset recovery claims by Genocide victims’ families/heirs or other appropriate plaintiffs/claimants. The AGMI will also use its best efforts to support the ABA’s initiatives pertaining to the vindication of rights and enforcement of responsibilities relating to the Artsakh conflict.

b. **Evidentiary Support:** The AGMI will aid litigation and arbitration efforts through the supply of necessary materials and documentation to the ABA for legal cases.

c. **Strategic Support:** The AGMI and ABA will coordinate on a vision of potential future litigations, arbitrations, asset recovery claims, and other related relief requests in U.S. courts.

III. **Commitment to Source Financing**
In connection with the Opportunities for Collaboration and Joint Projects enumerated in Section II under this MOU, the ABA and AGMI will use their best efforts to search for third-party funding sources and identify institutions and researchers that could support or participate in such collaborations or joint projects.

IV. Additional Provisions

1. Both institutions, the ABA and the AGMI, will work to promote the various initiatives of this MOU within their respective communities.

2. This MOU may be amended in writing by mutual decision of the parties. Both institutions anticipate that any issues that may arise and any modification to this MOU that need to be made will be addressed cooperatively.

3. The ABA and the AGMI may terminate this MOU by giving written notice in writing to the other institution. Both institutions will cooperate to ensure that any educational and professional development opportunities are not compromised due to the termination of this MOU.

4. All notices and communications with respect to this MOU should be directed to:
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In witness whereof, the parties have offered their signatures:

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