



SUPREME COURT

of the Republic of Poland

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On 18 February 2019, President of the Supreme Court and Chair of the Criminal Chamber, Justice Stanisław Zabłocki informed the First President of the Supreme Court of his retirement effective as of 20 February 2019. He justified his decision by the entry into force of amendments to the Rules of the Supreme Court under the Order of the President of the Republic of Poland of 11 February 2019, which will “inevitably lead to serious disruption of the work of the Criminal Chamber, chaos, and a mounting case backlog.”

Furthermore, President Stanisław Zabłocki emphasised that compliance with the new regulations would require that dates of sessions be set for persons whose status is subject to examination in judicial proceedings, among others before the Court of Justice of the European Union. As he does not want to act in conflict with his own conscience, he decided that he should retire under those circumstances.

According to applicable regulations, a meeting of the Assembly of Judges of the Criminal Chamber should be held within 14 days (no later than 6 March) in order to elect three candidates from amongst whom the President of the Republic of Poland will appoint a new President to chair the Chamber.



Michał Laskowski