

Editor's Introduction

The section devoted to the prominent representatives of the Poznań Faculty of Law and Administration of the present volume of the *Adam Mickiewicz University Law Review* begins with the publication of the English version of Professor Krystyna Paluszyńska-Daszkiewicz's text *Exclusion of a Physician's Liability for Performing a Medical Procedure Without the Patient's Consent*, originally published in *Palestra* in 2002.

Professor Paluszyńska-Daszkiewicz, 1924–2025, was one of the most influential representatives of Polish legal scholarship and, for more than seventy years, a leading specialist in criminal law associated with Adam Mickiewicz University in Poznań. Her achievements encompassed both academic work and public service. Her academic achievements include studies on the subjective element of an offence, the theory and purposes of punishment, specific categories of crimes, the history of criminal law, the system of German criminal law, and higher-education didactics. Among her most original contributions were her concepts and proposals concerning the planned offence, homicide and infanticide, recidivism, offences against liberty and honour, and the extraordinary mitigation and aggravation of punishment.

Professor Paluszyńska-Daszkiewicz's research notably examined criminal responsibility for German war crimes and crimes against humanity, abuses of power, and—most prominently—social pathology. Her widely read books *Klimaty bezprawia* and *Traktat o zlej robocie* became bestselling works, reflecting

the originality of her scholarship and her ability to link criminal-law theory with judicial practice and legislative critique.

Her work was acknowledged with numerous awards and distinctions, including the Commander's Cross with Star of the Order of Polonia Restituta, awarded for outstanding service to the Republic of Poland, her contribution to democratic transformation, and achievements in professional and social activity; the title of "Meritorious for the City of Poznań"; the Ministry of Education Award; the Ministry of Justice award; awards of the Rector of Adam Mickiewicz University for scholarly and teaching accomplishments; *Homini Vere Academico* and her inclusion in the Golden Book of Polish Science.

Professor Paluszyńska-Daszkiewicz's article was selected for publication in this volume by Prof. Joanna Długosz-Jóźwiak and translated into English for the purposes of the present issue. We wish to express our sincere thanks to all those involved in preparing the text for publication.