

### **Information provided by the Ministry of Justice of Poland**

*Following to the alert published on the Platform on the 20 April 2020, please be kindly informed that President of the District Court in Gdańsk confirmed a fact of filing a lawsuit of LPP S.A. against Ringier Axel Springer Polska Sp z o.o. Aleksandra Karasińska, Wojciech Cieśła, Julia Dauksza on the 14<sup>th</sup> of April 2020. At a current stage, the lawsuit has been given a reference number (I LC 5400/20) and a judge has been assigned to analyze the matter.*

*The dispute between two above-mentioned private entities will be settled by the court. Any supervision of the ruling can be done solely by the appeal court (2<sup>nd</sup> instance court), within existing measures allowing the parties to challenge the ruling made by the 1<sup>st</sup> instance court (the district court) referred to earlier, which is to judge on the dispute.*

*State authorities, including the Ministry of Justice, have no prerogatives to interfere into the disputes / litigations conducted before courts. According to Polish law on courts (Journal of Law 2020, pos. 365), Minister of Justice exercises an external, administrative oversight concerning the administrative activities of courts. The above-mentioned act does not allow state authorities, including the Minister of Justice, to control judgments of courts – Article 9b of the Act on courts stipulates that administrative competences of Minister of Justice with regard to courts cannot enter into sphere where judges and judicial assessors are independent, namely their jurisdiction.*