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**Summary of the Doctoral  
Dissertation entitled Commercial Law Companies as Forms of Economic Activity by  
Intermunicipal Associations with a Special Focus on the Upper Silesian-Zagłębie  
Metropolis**

This summary provides an overview of the doctoral dissertation titled "Commercial Law Companies as Forms of Economic Activity by Intermunicipal Associations with a Special Focus on the Upper Silesian-Zagłębie Metropolis," authored by Mr. Grzegorz Gawroński. The dissertation examines the legal and organizational aspects of conducting economic activities by local government units within the context of intermunicipal associations, with a particular emphasis on the Upper Silesian-Zagłębie Metropolis.

The research investigates the distinctive case of intermunicipal associations within the Silesian region, focusing on the Górnośląsko-Zagłębiowska Metropolis. This case offers a unique opportunity for in-depth analysis, considering both the delegation of public tasks and the legal forms of executing such tasks. The transfer of originally municipal tasks to the Metropolis, especially in the realm of public transportation, generates significant interest and research potential. The main objective of this dissertation is to present and analyze the issues related to economic activities carried out by local government units through intermunicipal associations.

The dissertation is structured into five chapters, each addressing different aspects of the subject matter. The initial chapter introduces essential legal concepts and definitions relevant to the discussed theme. It also outlines the arguments favoring limited liability companies or joint-stock companies as the most suitable legal forms for such activities.

The second chapter delves into the legal conditions governing the functioning of local self-governments, both from an international and European Union perspective, as well as within the Polish legal framework. Additionally, it presents the author's legal concept concerning the organization of enterprises within a metropolitan self-government, covering ownership, management, and oversight.

The third chapter explores the benefits that arise when local government units operate within a metropolitan association, addressing social and economic advantages. The concept of "MEGApolis" is introduced, highlighting the growing phenomenon of a metropolitan identity. Economic aspects include discussions of synergy and cost optimization when local government units collaborate within a metropolis.

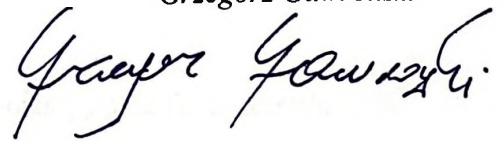
In the fourth chapter, the focus is on an enterprise that undertakes municipal tasks within an intermunicipal association in the Silesian Voivodeship. Issues related to the establishment, functioning, and legal improvement of such enterprises are discussed.



The final chapter concludes the dissertation by summarizing the findings from the previous chapters and proposing further solutions for the functioning and financing of local self-governments. The importance of creating a special form of association for local government units within a metropolitan association in the Polish legal system is emphasized. The most suitable legal form for executing public tasks within a metropolitan association is identified as a capital company.

In conclusion, my doctoral dissertation provides a comprehensive exploration of the legal and organizational dimensions of economic activities carried out by local government units through intermunicipal associations. The dissertation sheds light on the unique case of the Upper Silesian-Zagłębie Metropolis and offers valuable insights into the challenges and opportunities presented by this distinctive form of governance and cooperation.

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