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Dear President of the Bar,

The final of the International Human Rights competition for lawyers will take place on Sunday 29th January, 2017 at the Memorial of Caen.

Ten lawyers from the 5 continents will present and defend a real individual case in which the violation of human rights were observed.

A jury composed of outstanding personalities, all committed to defending human rights worldwide will award prizes to the best speeches, judged both on the strength of the arguments presented and on the oratory talent.

We would greatly appreciate your promoting this exceptional event.

Do find enclosed the regulation, would you mind using them to encourage lawyers to sign up ?

Needless to say, should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Anticipated thanks.

Sincerely,



Isabelle Bournier
Cultural and educational manager

LAWYERS

CLOSING DATE FOR REGISTRATION: 4th NOVEMBER 2016

The many well-known people who have been President of the jury:

Boutros Boutros-Ghali in 2002, Abdou Diouf in 2005, Barbara Hendricks in 2006, Edwy Plenel in 2009, Stéphane Hessel in 2010, Jorge Semprún in 2011, Abderrazak Kilani in 2012, Christiane Féral-Schuhl in 2013, Christiane Taubira in 2014, Rémy Ourdan in 2015 and Moncef Ben Moussa in 2016.

EXTRACT FROM REGULATION

Article 1: The competition is open to all lawyers registered with a bar, irrespective of their nationality, language or age.

Article 4: Candidates must write a speech for the defence relating to a genuine, individual case of human rights violation, taken from recent current affairs and proof of which must be provided and will be strictly required.

Article 5: The pleading must not exceed 9000 characters (included spaces). Its oral presentation must not last longer than **12 minutes**. Speaking over the time limit would be unfavorable.

Article 9: Any pleadings written in foreign language shall be translated into French. The translation costs will be borne by the Mémorial.

Article 16: The candidates shall be judged on the subject matter (**individual and real case**), soundness of their arguments, strength of conviction, their oratorical skill and keeping to the time limit.

Article 19: The Mémorial shall see to organising and paying for the finalists' travel and accommodation expenses (transport, meals and 3 nights in a hotel in Caen for the finalists). All other expenses, particularly visa costs, airport taxes, insurance and other hotel nights, shall be borne by the finalists.

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A FORUM FOR HUMAN RIGHTS

Respect for human rights
is still a major issue in many countries.

For the last 27 years, our international human rights competition for lawyers has been intended on informing public opinion on violations of human rights throughout the world, bringing little-known causes to public attention and providing a forum for people to defend human rights.

If you would like to present a case
in which human rights have come under attack,
just sign up for our competition!

Competition sponsors:

Le Conseil National des Barreaux (National Council of French Bars), La Conférence des Bâtonniers (Conference of Presidents of the Bar), Caen Bar, Paris Bar, L'Union Internationale des Avocats (International Union of Lawyers), and La Fédération Nationale des Unions de Jeunes Avocats (National Federation of Young Lawyers Unions) will promote the competition within the Bars in which they exercise their legal profession.



COMPETITION DATES

Friday 4th November 2016

LAST DATE FOR SENDING US YOUR SPEECH FOR THE DEFENCE

Your registration for the competition
must include the following 3 items:

1. Full version of your pleading for the defence in the format explained in article 5 of the regulation
2. Proof that you are a member of a bar
3. Proof that the cause you are defending is a genuine case

Mid-December 2016

SELECTION OF 10 LAWYERS FOR THE FINAL

Sunday 29th January 2017

FINAL OF THE COMPETITION AT THE CAEN MÉMORIAL

THE PRIZES

**THREE PRIZES, PROVIDED BY THE COMPETITION ORGANISERS
AND SPONSORS, ARE AWARDED TO THE MOST WELL-DEFENDED CAUSES:**

Mémorial and City of Caen award: **€ 8,000**

Bar award: **€ 4,000**

Prize awarded by the audience: **€ 4,000**