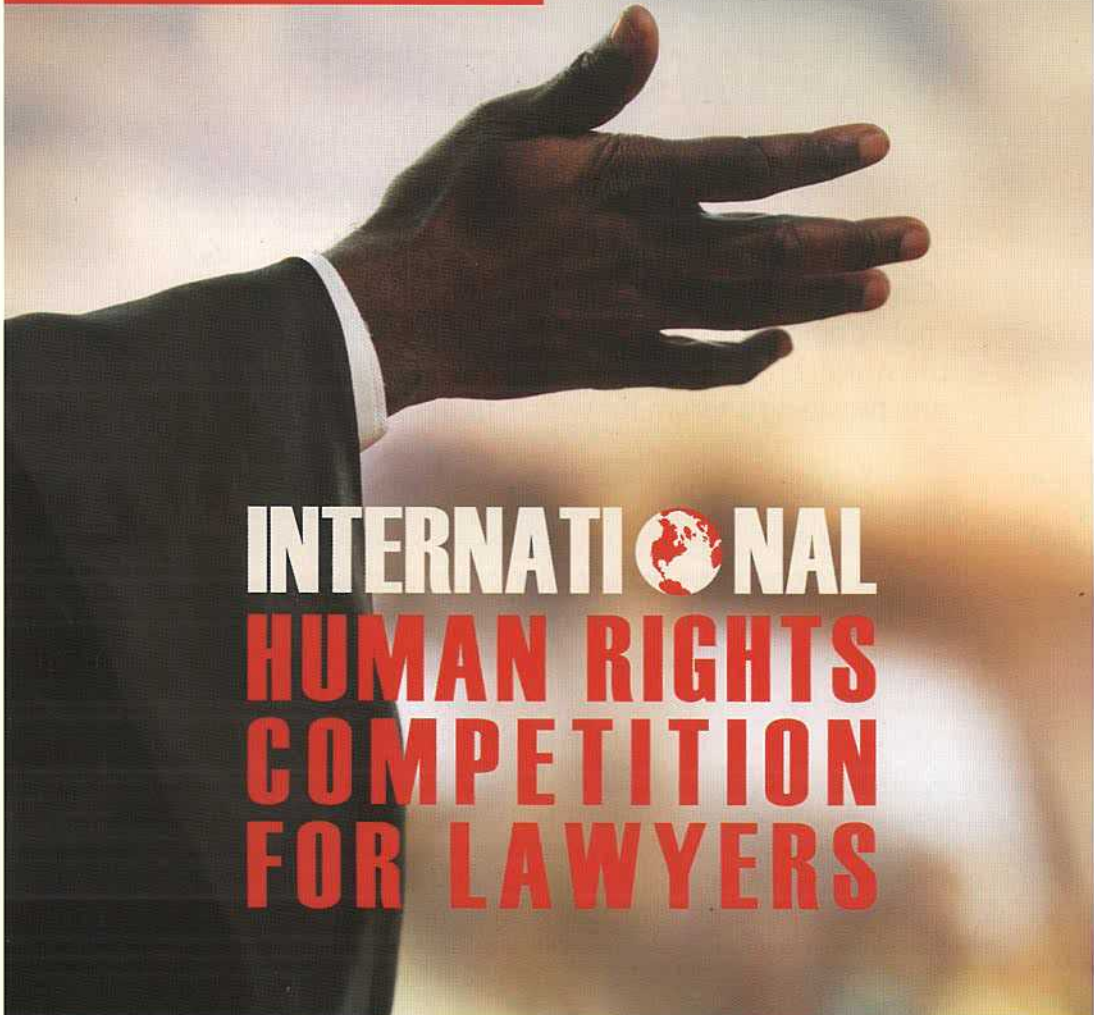


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FINAL SUNDAY 31st JANUARY 2016

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

For the last 26 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 de France et d'Outre-Mer (Conference of Presidents of the Bar in France and overseas territories), 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

Wednesday 11th November 2015

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 2015

SELECTION OF 10 LAWYERS FOR THE FINAL

Sunday 31st January 2016

FINAL OF THE COMPETITION AT THE MÉMORIAL DE CAEN

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

Caen Bar award: € 4,000

Prize awarded by the audience: € 4,000

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 and Rémy Ourdan in 2015.

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 comprise 5 typed pages. It shall not exceed 10,200 characters (included spaces) or 1,700 words. Its oral presentation must not last longer than 15 minutes.

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 finalist.

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