

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 and Christiane Taubira in 2014.

EXTRACT FROM THE RULES

Article 1 : The competition is open to all barristers, no matter what their nationality, mother tongue or age.

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

Article 5: The speech for the defence must be 5 (typed) pages long. It must be no longer than 10,200 characters (including spaces) or 1,700 words. The speech should last no longer than 15 minutes when spoken out loud.

Article 9: Speeches written in a foreign language will be translated into French. The Mémorial de Caen will cover all translation costs.

Article 16 : Candidates will be judged on the subject matter (a genuine, individual case), the strength of the arguments presented, how convincing their arguments are, their oratory talent and for respecting the allotted time.

Article 19: The Mémorial de Caen will arrange and pay for travel and accommodation for competition finalists (transport, meals and 3 nights in a hotel in Caen for finalists).

INFORMATION

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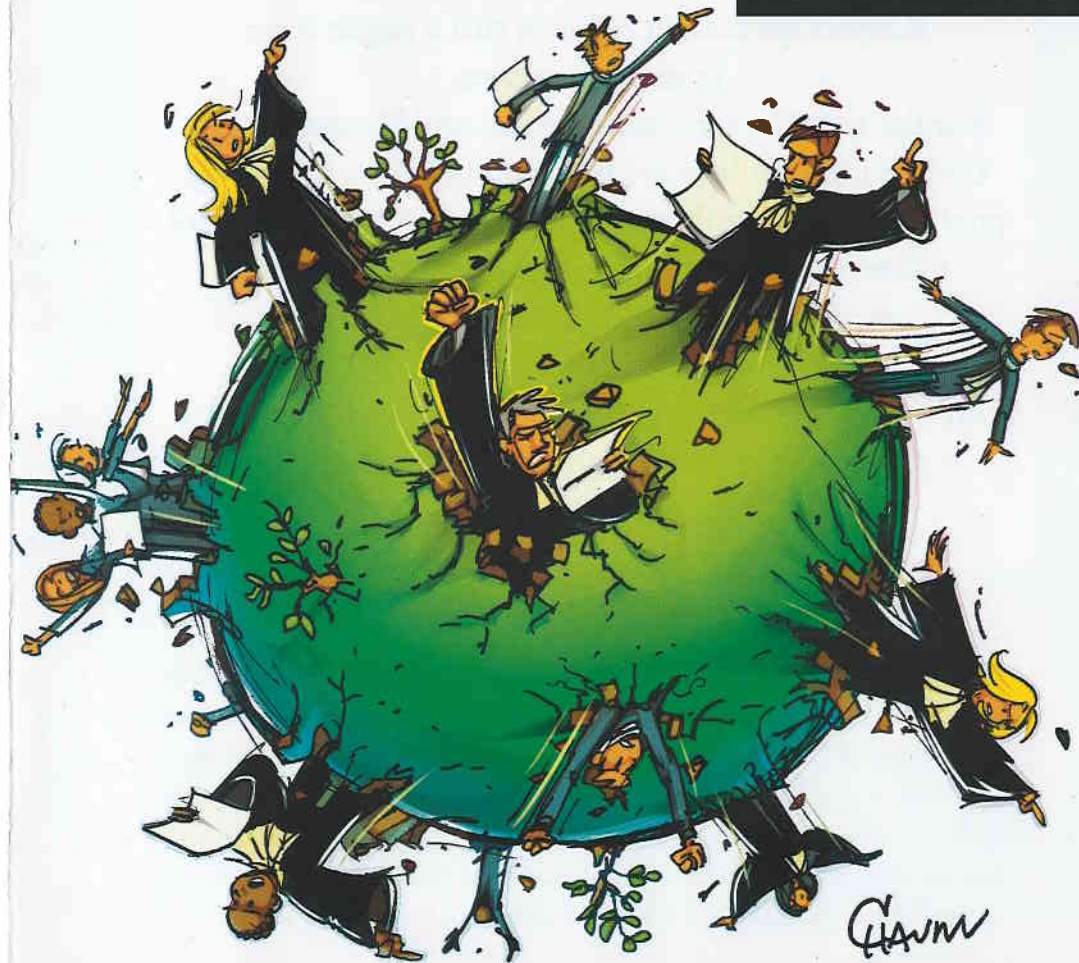
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LAWYERS COME AND DEFEND HUMAN RIGHTS

CLOSING DATE FOR REGISTRATION: 11th NOVEMBER 2014

FINAL: SUNDAY 1st FEBRUARY 2015

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A forum for human rights

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

For the last 25 years, our International Human Rights Competition for lawyers has been intent 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 Bar Associations), 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

11th November 2014

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 speech for the defence in the format explained in article 5 of the rules
2. Proof that you are a Member of the Bar
3. Proof that the cause you are defending is a genuine case

Mid-December 2014

SELECTION OF 10 LAWYERS FOR THE FINAL

1st February 2015

COMPETITION FINAL 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