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INTERNATIONAL  
HUMAN RIGHTS  
COMPETITION  
FOR LAWYERS

**LAWYERS**  
COME AND DEFEND  
HUMAN RIGHTS AND  
FUNDAMENTAL FREEDOMS

**CLOSING DATE FOR REGISTRATION:  
9 NOVEMBER 2018**

FINAL SUNDAY 27 JANUARY 2019

**CAEN**  
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## **A FORUM FOR HUMAN RIGHTS AND FUNDAMENTAL FREEDOMS**

For the last 29 years, our international human rights competition for lawyers has been intended on informing public opinion on violations of human rights throughout the world and providing a forum for people to defend human rights.

**Sign up for our competition!**

### **Competition partners:**

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

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## Friday 9 November 2018

Last date for sending us your speech for the defence

**Your registration for the competition must include the following 4 items:**

1. Outline of the pleading (not the entire text).
2. 3 minute video for the jury to assess the interest of the object matter.
3. Justification of the registration with a bar.
4. Proof that the subject of the pleading is a genuine and individual case.

## Mid-December 2018

Selection of 10 lawyers for the final

## Sunday 27 January 2019

Final of the 30th international human rights competition at the Caen Mémorial

## THE PRIZES

Three Prizes, provided by the competition organisers and partners, are awarded to the most well-defended causes:

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

Bar award: **€ 4,000** / Public award: **€ 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, Rémy Ourdan in 2015, Moncef Ben Moussa in 2016, Olivier Morice in 2017 and Philippe Bilger in 2018.

### EXTRACT FROM REGULATION

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

**Article 3 :** Candidates must write a speech for the defence in French or English 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 (internet, newspaper, etc.).

**Article 4:** For the 2019 edition of the competition for lawyers, the organisers decided to choose a theme. Chosen in reference to an exhibition on the work of the painter and poster illustrator Norman Rockwell, which will be presented at the Caen Mémorial during summer 2019, the theme will be the following: the fundamental freedoms.

**Article 5:** The objective of the competition is to make a 12 minute

speech for the defence, in front of a jury and a public. Speaking over the time limit would be unfavorable.

**Article 12:** Pleadings written in English will be translated into French. Translation is provided by professional translators. The translation cost will be borne by the Mémorial.

**Article 17:** 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 20:** The Caen Mémorial museum 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 additional hotel nights, shall be borne by the finalists.

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