

## UNION INTERNATIONALE DES AVOCATS

*Bringing Together the World's Lawyers*

For more than 80 years, the Union Internationale des Avocats (UIA - International Association of Lawyers) has been defending the legal profession and encouraging international contacts, cooperation and discussions between lawyers, while respecting their cultural and professional diversity.

### OBJECTIVES:

- To promote the basic principles of the legal profession;
- To contribute to the professional growth of its members through experience sharing;
- To intervene in favor of imprisoned or persecuted lawyers.

The UIA currently has several thousand individual members and hundreds of collective members (bar associations, federations and organizations) from over 110 countries.

### KEY INFORMATION

Candidates must send the UIA a file containing the following information:

- their written entry, which must be between 15,000 and 20,000 characters long;
- a summary presentation of the entry in 2,000 characters;
- a curriculum vitae;
- a letter introducing the candidate written by one of the candidate's University law professors;
- proof of being enrolled at their University (photocopy of a valid student card or a certificate issued by the University).

These documents may be written in English, French or Spanish.

**Entries must reach the UIA by letter or email by June 30, 2012 at the latest.**

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## 3<sup>rd</sup> JACQUES LEROY INTERNATIONAL PRIZE BUSINESS AND HUMAN RIGHTS *Student competition*



INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS AND HUMAN RIGHTS PRIZE  
ORGANIZED BY THE UNION INTERNATIONALE DES AVOCATS

*in memory of Jacques Leroy,  
President of honour of the UIA*

*The Union Internationale des Avocats (UIA - International Association of Lawyers) invites all law students to write an entry for the Jacques Leroy International Prize – Business and Human Rights.*

### **BUSINESS AND HUMAN RIGHTS: WHAT WILL THE KEY ISSUES BE TOMORROW?**

The globalization of the economy, the demanding nature of the markets and financial deregulation are all phenomena that have profoundly affected the business world. Trade is continually imposing its diktat, to the detriment of its contributors and beneficiaries, e.g. employees, consumers and clients.

From a legal standpoint, as the privileged defender of citizens' rights, lawyers are increasingly called on by the victims of actions that breach their fundamental rights, which directly or indirectly result from corporate activities.

The purpose of the Jacques Leroy Prize is to reward a law student who, in writing a dissertation, study or any other research paper, helps raise awareness of human rights in the business world, and thus offers possible solutions to rationalize the societal responsibility of companies from a legal standpoint.



### **WHO CAN ENTER THE COMPETITION?**

All law students under 30 who are enrolled in a university or law school.

### **WHAT SHOULD BE SUBMITTED TO THE COMPETITION?**

A written document (15,000 – 20,000 characters) in the form of a trial argument, dissertation, study or commentary on a practical case.

### **ON WHICH SUBJECT?**

The 2012 topic is "The Jurist and the Development of Human Rights in the Business World"

### **WHO SELECTS THE WINNER?**

A jury of business and/or human rights lawyers will be selected by the Union Internationale des Avocats. The jury members, of various nationalities, will have two months to study the documents submitted by students, which may be written in English, French or Spanish.

### **WHO ANNOUNCES THE RESULT?**

As soon as the decision is reached, the winner will be notified by post, email or telephone.

### **WHAT DOES THE WINNER RECEIVE?**

- A cash prize of € 1,000.
- Free registration at the UIA Congress in Dresden from October 31 to November 4, 2012.
- Transportation and accommodation in Dresden from October 31 to November 4, 2012.
- A year's free membership of the UIA for the calendar year following the award of the prize.

### **WHEN AND HOW IS THE PRIZE PRESENTED?**

During the opening ceremony of the Dresden Congress on October 31, 2012, the jury President or the UIA President will present the prize to the winner. The winner will have the possibility of presenting the winning document during the working session held by the *Business and Human Rights Commission*.

### **WHY ENTER THIS COMPETITION?**

Working on subjects that are at the forefront of current affairs and presenting one's work to a panel of experienced professionals are both extremely rewarding experiences for a future lawyer.

### **WHO IS JACQUES LEROY?**

Jacques Leroy was President of the UIA in 2003-2004. He was a lawyer in Brussels, Belgium, who was specialized in labor law. He was very committed to the work of the association and unfortunately passed away prematurely. This prize is dedicated to him.

### **WHERE CAN I FIND THE COMPLETE RULES FOR THE COMPETITION?**

The rules for this competition are available on line at our website [www.uianet.org](http://www.uianet.org), under *News* and under *Human Rights and Protection of Lawyers*.

