

Bringing Together the World's Lawyers

For more than 85 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;



Today the UIA,
through
its collective members
(bars, federations
and associations)
and individual
members, brings together
around two million lawyers
from more than
120 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 (including spaces)*;

* The number of footers is limited.
For further information, please refer to the rules.

- › a summary presentation of the entry in 2,000 characters (including spaces);
- › a curriculum vitae;
- › a letter introducing the candidate written by one of the candidate's University law professors;
- › proof that the candidate is enrolled at a 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
July 31, 2017
at the latest.



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8TH INTERNATIONAL JACQUES LEROY PRIZE



SUBJECT 2017

NATURAL
RESOURCE
EXPLOITATION
AND RESPECT
FOR HUMAN
RIGHTS

Student Competition

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Natural Resource Exploitation and Respect for Human Rights

Communities that are rich in natural resources are particularly vulnerable to human rights abuses, due to the conditions under which these resources are sometimes exploited. Natural resource exploitation often causes commercial interests to be given priority over safeguarding the rights of local populations, including with regard to the environment.

This exploitation can then lead to corruption, fraud and looting. Military control over areas that are rich in natural resources fuels conflicts, in connection with which major commercial interests are often negotiated.

The involvement of international organisations and neighbouring countries further increases the number of stakeholders, and confrontations between them can cause human and environmental disasters. It has become clear that in certain areas, the presence of natural resources is a major cause of escalation of some of the deadliest conflicts.

How can companies limit the impacts of natural resource exploitation on the rights of local populations and avoid fuelling conflicts in their relations with the authorities, these populations, and their international partners and subsidiaries?



WHY ENTER *THIS COMPETITION?*

- › Work on current topics and defend a just cause
- › Present your work to a panel of experienced lawyers
- › Build a network of contacts from around the world
- › Move ahead with your future career as an international lawyer
- › Enjoy the memorable experience of a professional congress

WHAT DOES *THE WINNER RECEIVE?*

Every year, the UIA organizes a congress that brings together more than 1,000 lawyers from more than 70 countries.

The UIA will give the competition winner:

- › Free registration for the 2017 Toronto - Canada Congress from October 27 to 31
- › Travel to and accommodation in Toronto during the congress

IN ADDITION, THE UIA *ALSO GIVES THE WINNER:*

- › A cash prize of € 1,000
- › A year's free membership in the UIA for the calendar year following the award of the prize

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?*

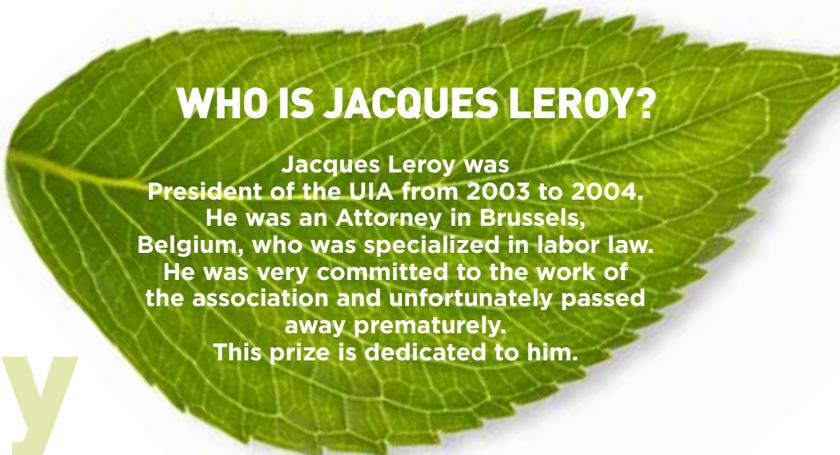
A written paper (15,000 - 20,000 characters) in the form of a trial argument, dissertation, study or commentary on a practical case, based on a solid legal line of reasoning.

WHEN AND HOW *IS THE PRIZE PRESENTED?*

During the opening ceremony of the Toronto Congress on October 27, 2017, the jury President or the UIA President will award the prize to the winner. The winner will present the winning paper during the session of one of the Congress' substantive commissions.

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, under News or under Human Rights and Protection of Lawyers.



WHO IS JACQUES LEROY?

Jacques Leroy was President of the UIA from 2003 to 2004. He was an Attorney 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.

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