

***The Union Internationale des Avocats (UIA - International Association of Lawyers)***

***International Prize***

***in memory of Mr. Jacques Leroy, UIA President of Honour.***

RULES

JACQUES LEROY INTERNATIONAL PRIZE  
Business and Human Rights

The rules establishing the conditions for the award of the “Jacques Leroy” International Prize by the Union Internationale des Avocats (UIA – International Association of Lawyers) are as follows:

**Article 1: Objective of the prize**

The UIA’s “Jacques Leroy” Prize, shall be awarded to a law student less than 30 years of age, who, by an original scientific work, in writing a dissertation, study, or any other research paper, contributes to raise awareness of human rights in the business world.

**Article 2: Award of Prize**

- 2-1. The Prize shall be awarded to a physical person, every year, following deliberations by a jury.
- 2-2. The award-giving ceremony shall take place during the opening ceremony of the UIA’s annual congress, which takes place at the end of October every year. Furthermore, the candidates shall present their applications during the most appropriate commission’s session depending of the theme during the same congress.
- 2-3. In special cases, if a candidate is unable to attend a given congress, for duly established personal or medical reasons, the prize-giving ceremony may be held during some other event organised by the Association, on the decision of the UIA’s Executive Committee.
- 2-4. If the jury is of the opinion that the quality of texts submitted in a given year does not merit the award of the prize, the prize shall not be awarded in the concerned year.
- 2-5. The winner of the Prize cannot compete during the two years following the first year in which the Prize was awarded.

### **Article 3: Jury**

- 3-1. The jury shall be composed of at least five persons and at most ten persons, selected by the UIA's Executive Committee for their experience and knowledge of human rights and/or business law.
- 3-2. The previous year winner shall also be member of the jury
- 3-3. The UIA's Executive Committee shall designate the Jury President.
- 3-4. The jury members shall be of different nationalities, representing the UIA's cultural diversity and covering the Association's 3 working languages (French, English and Spanish).

### **Article 4: Contents and submission of candidates' applications**

- 4-1. Every year, the UIA shall call for applications through posters and leaflets, specifying the deadline for the submission of applications, after which the applications will no longer be accepted.
- 4-2. Each candidate will have to send the UIA an application consisting of the following items:

- Their text (plea, dissertation, study, commentary on a practical case) based on the subject of the considered year, between 15,000 and 20,000 characters in length (spaces, punctuation and footnotes are included but the cover page is not included);

NB : the bibliography and sources used must be mentioned in the footnotes;

The number of footnotes is limited to 10, with a maximum of 2,000 characters (including spaces and punctuation).

- A summary of the text between 1,000 and 2,000 characters in length including spaces;
- Letter of recommendation by one of the law professors at the University where the student is enrolled for the year concerned;
- Proof that they are studying in the University (photocopy of a valid student card or attestation from the University);
- Their Curriculum Vitae.

These documents may be in French, English or Spanish.

- 4-3. The texts should reach the UIA, 25 rue du Jour, 75001 Paris, by post, or by e-mail to the following address: [uiacentre@uianet.org](mailto:uiacentre@uianet.org), by the date mentioned in the invitation for applications in the year specified in the documents promoting the competition (posters and leaflets).
- 4-4. The UIA shall acknowledge receipt of the applications by post, e-mail or telephone.

### **Article 5: Examination of candidates' applications by the jury and deliberations**

- 5-1. As of the deadline for submission of applications by candidates, the jury shall have two months to examine the applications.

- 5-2. Deliberations shall start once the application examination period is over, and may not exceed a period of one month. The jury shall make provisions to schedule as many meetings as required towards this end.
- 5-3. The candidates will be judged on the originality and the relevance of the topic, the solidity of the legal line of reasoning and on the diversity and quality of the sources.
- 5-4. The jury's decision shall be based on a vote by simple majority by its members. These deliberations shall only be valid if a minimum of two-thirds of the jury members are present or represented.
- 5-5. The result shall be proclaimed immediately after the jury's deliberations and published in all available means.
- 5-6. The winner and other candidates shall be informed of the competition's results by post, e-mail or telephone.

#### **Article 6: Prize**

- 6-1. The prize itself shall consist of:
- **A cash prize determined every year by the UIA Executive Committee and communicated along with the invitation for applications.**
  - **Free registration for the winner at the UIA Congress of the given year.** Registration shall include the winner's participation in the:
    - o Opening ceremony at which the prize shall be officially awarded by the UIA President or the Jury President
    - o Most appropriate commission session depending on the subject, at which the winner shall present his text (20 minutes for presentation).
  - **Full transportation (economy class) charges and accommodation for participation at the annual congress.** UIA shall make the necessary reservations<sup>1</sup>.
  - **Free membership of the UIA for the winner, for one calendar year following the presentation of the prize.**
  - **One year subscription-free to the magazine "Juriste International"**
- 6-2. By accepting the prize, the candidate commits to attend actively all congress activities to which he won the participation. He shall also give the UIA the authorisation to reproduce and disseminate the awarded text for the sole purposes of the UIA, without any remuneration for the candidate, on paper, electronically or by any other means, with the candidate's name and contact details being given.

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<sup>1</sup> Every additional spending, in particular visa fees, airport taxes, insurance and supplementary hotel overnight stay, shall be paid by the winner.

The organization, travel and living expenses of winner laureate's potential accompanying person shall be as well paid by the winner.

- 6-3. The winner commits, in addition, to join the following year's jury.
- 6-4. The components of the prize shall be awarded specifically to the winner and cannot be transferred to a third party.

**Article 7: Applicable law**

- 7-1. The relationship between the UIA and the candidates shall be subject to French law, excluding any other law. The Paris Tribunals shall have the sole jurisdiction.