

Terms and Conditions

2019 UIA “Rule of Law” Award in cooperation with LexisNexis

The Union Internationale des Avocats (UIA – International Association of Lawyers) annual “Rule of Law” Award was established in cooperation with LexisNexis to reward individuals and/or organisations contributing actively to the development and promotion of the Rule of Law at the national, regional and/or international level, particularly within the legal community.

It is a purely symbolic prize, without any financial endowment, that is aimed at acknowledging and publicising the award-recipients for their commitment and actions.

• **Nominations**

- Nominations can be submitted until May 5, 2019. Nominations shall be made by completing the official nomination form in one of the three UIA working languages (English, French or Spanish) in Word Format. The form shall be accompanied by at least one letter of recommendation from a third party¹. Incomplete forms, forms submitted beyond the May 5, 2019 deadline or forms that do not fulfil the requirements outlined below shall not be considered.
- All the nominees:
 - Must be lawyers or judges, bar associations or lawyers’ organisations practicing in the public or private sector;
 - May be UIA members (except for those holding official functions within the association) ;
 - Must have spearheaded the promotion and development of the Rule of Law;
 - Must have made significant, recent and peaceful contributions to promote the Rule of Law.
- It is highly desirable that the contributions, actions and/or commitment supporting the nominations extend beyond ordinary and regular professional obligations, are “above and beyond the call of duty” and show a certain degree of courage by the nominees. The nominees’ investment in the Rule of Law may take the form of a long-term commitment or a one-time extraordinary act, within the context of community or pro bono work. Emphasis should generally be on the nominee’s recent work.

¹ In the case of bar associations or legal organisations, the letters of recommendations shall be signed by someone other than the members of their Governing bodies, Board of Directors or any other decision-making organ. Letters must be on letterhead, dated, and signed physically or with an electronic signature. An additional letter of recommendation can be potentially requested.

In all cases, the nominations must reflect the UIA's values and goals (cf. Art. 2 and 3 of UIA's Statutes²).

- Self-nominations will not be accepted. If bar associations or organisations of lawyers are nominated for the Award, forms submitted by members of their Governing bodies, Board of Directors or any other decision-making organ, as well as their staff, would be considered self-nominations.
- A nomination of the same individual, group or organization may be repeated, making sure to add any additional and updated information important for this year's consideration. The nominees cannot receive the Award more than once.
- The Rule of Law Award does not award honours posthumously.
- Please note however that repeated nominations of the same individual, group or organization in the same year will hold no more weight than a single nomination.

- **Procedure for the Pre-selection of Nominations**

- All nomination forms received **by May 5, 2019** shall be examined by a Nomination Committee consisting of the:

UIA:

- UIA President
- UIA-IROL Director General
- Director of Revenue Enhancement
- A representative of the UIA-IROL Rule of Law Section
- A representative of the UIA-IROL Independence of the Profession Section
- A representative of the International Bar Leaders Senate

LexisNexis:

- VP, Global Associations
- Managing Director Middle East & North Africa, LexisNexis France

- The Nomination Committee, in its sole discretion, may seek additional information with respect to any or all nominees.
- The Nomination Committee shall select three finalists and the award winner shall be determined by vote of the UIA Governing Board during its meeting in June of 2019.

² Available via the following link https://www.uianet.org/sites/default/files/statuts_uia_en_2017.pdf

- **Election of Award-Recipient**

Immediately before the vote, the nominator will be invited to briefly present his/her nomination to the UIA Governing Board. Presentations can be made in person, through a designated representative, through video-conferencing, by previously recorded presentation, or by any other means reasonably available.

The Governing Board shall elect the award-recipient by a show of hands, in accordance with the procedure set forth in Art. 16.3 of UIA's Statutes and Art. 4.5-10 of UIA's Internal Rules³.

As a general rule, one award-recipient will be chosen every year. In extraordinary circumstances, however, more than one award-recipient may be selected.

- **Award Ceremony**

The UIA/LexisNexis Rule of Law Award shall be awarded in person to the recipient or his/her/its representative by UIA representatives and LN leadership, during the annual UIA congress' Opening Ceremony, to be held on Tuesday, November 6, 2019, in Luxembourg.

The award-recipient's Congress participation fees for the year in which he/she receives the award shall be waived⁴.

³ Available via the following link https://www.uianet.org/en/about-us#tab_content_76031

⁴ If the Award recipient is a bar association or an organisations of lawyers, only the congress participation fees of its official representative shall be waived.