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Dear President of the Bar,

The Memorial of Caen organizes each year the International Human Rights competition for lawyers. The final of the 31st competition will be held on Sunday, January 26, 2020 in Caen.

Ten lawyers from all over the world will present and defend a real individual case of violation of human rights.

A jury composed of personalities all committed to defending human rights will award prizes to the best speeches, judged both on the strength of the arguments presented and on the oratory talent.

We would greatly appreciate your promoting this exceptional event. Enclosed are copies of the competition's regulation. Could you please bring this information to the lawyers' attention?

Further information available on our website <http://normandy.memorial-caen.com/events/human-rights-competition>

We thank you in advance and remain at your disposal for any question.

Sincerely,

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Many prominent figures 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 Taubira in 2014, Rémy Ourdan in 2015, Moncef Ben Moussa in 2016, Olivier Morice in 2017, Philippe Bilger in 2018 and Christiane Féral-Schuhl in 2013 and 2019.

EXTRACT FROM REGULATION

Article 1: The competition is open to all lawyers registered with a bar, irrespective of their nationality 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: 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 11: Pleadings written in English

will be translated into French. Translation is provided by professional translators. The translation cost will be borne by the Caen Mémorial.

Article 16: 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 19: 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, including visa costs, airport taxes, insurance and additional hotel nights, shall be borne by the finalists.

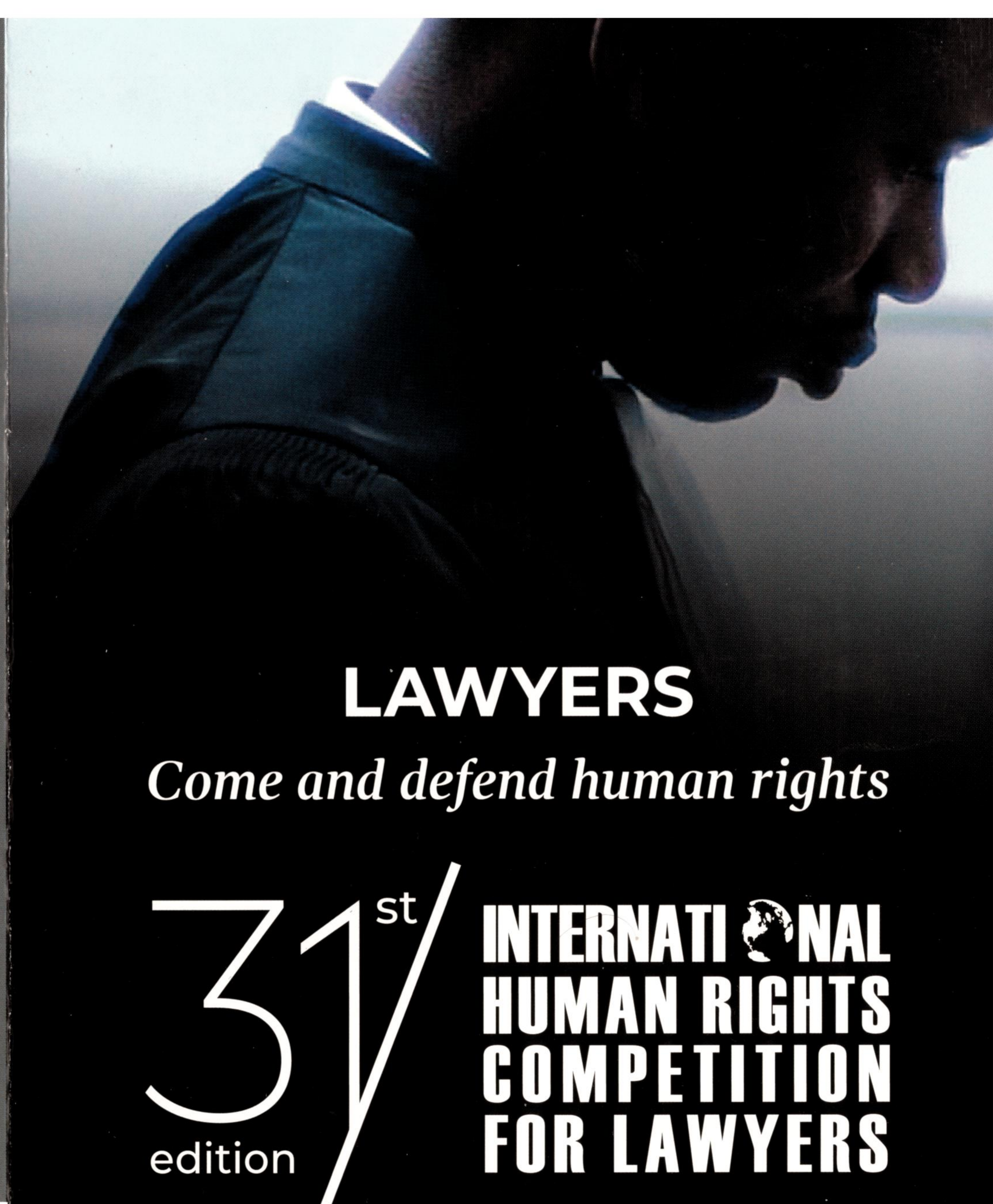
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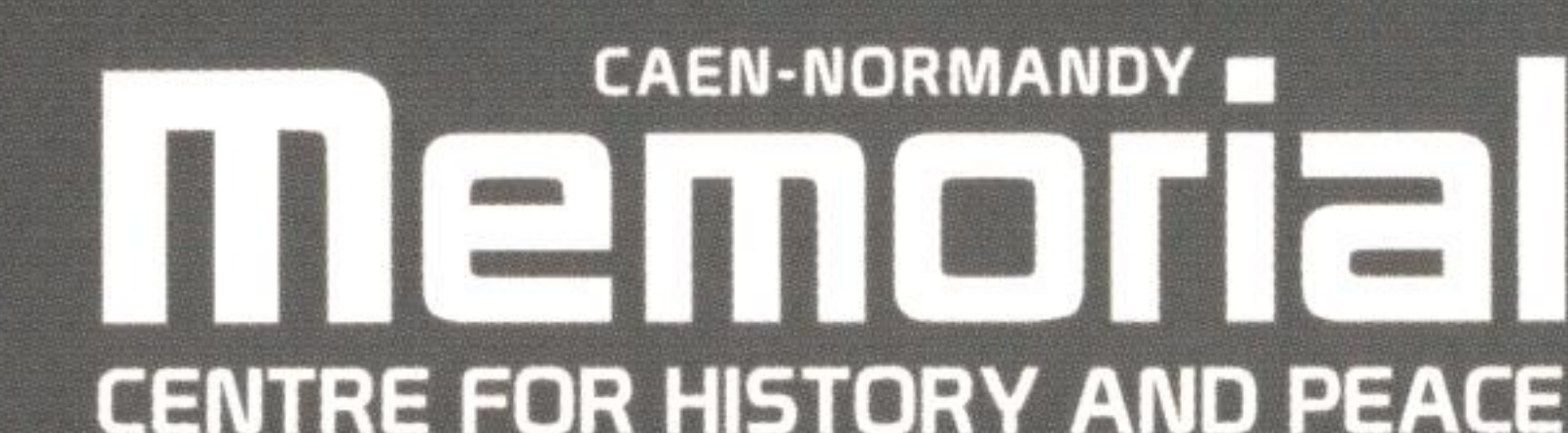
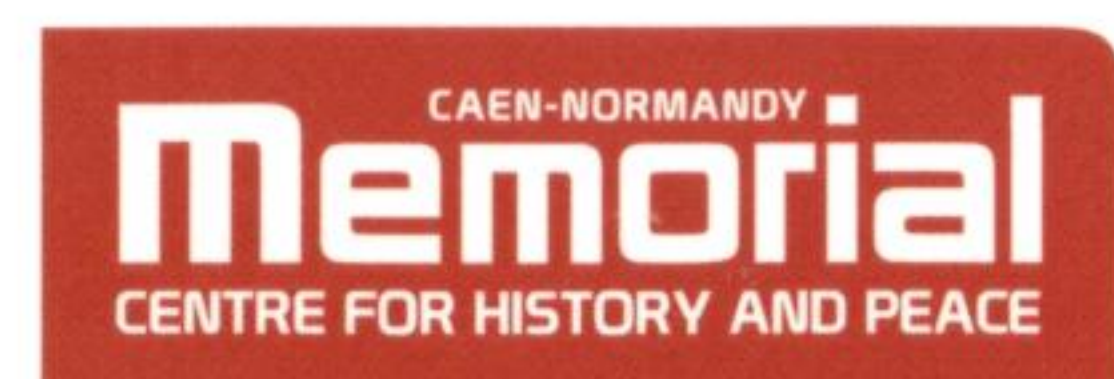
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Come and defend human rights

31st edition **INTERNATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS COMPETITION FOR LAWYERS**



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COMPETITION DATES

Thursday 7 November 2019

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 (one page maximum)
2. Three-minute video (an extract from your pleading)
3. Justification of the registration with a bar
4. Proof that the subject of the pleading is a genuine and individual case

Mid-December 2019

Selection of 10 lawyers for the final

Sunday 26 January 2020

Final of the 31st international human rights competition at the Caen Mémorial

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

A forum for human rights

For the last 30 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 before 7 November 2019

Competition partners

Caen Bar, le Conseil National des Barreaux (National Council of French Bars), La Conférence des Bâtonniers (Conference of Presidents of the 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.

