

IBA Human Rights Award 2008

Who Would You Nominate?

Biennially, the IBA presents an award to an outstanding young lawyer in the world of human rights law. We are seeking your nominations for the 2008 award.

Previous Winners

2006 Maria Inés Miranda Navarro. Presented with the Award for her dedication in promoting and protecting human rights in the disputed territories of Western Sahara.

2004 George Bizos. Presented with the Award for his outstanding contribution to human rights law in South Africa. Nelson Mandela, one of the many who nominated Mr Bizos said, 'I know of no person more worthy for this honour'. Since the 1940's George Bizos has been associated with many landmark trials on South Africa's road to democracy, and was Nelson Mandela's lawyer throughout the infamous Rivonia Trials. Throughout the 1990's he played a central role in establishing constitutional law and investigating apartheid-era crimes for the Truth and Reconciliation Commission.

2002 Pheroze Nowrojee. Presented with the Award for his work in defence of capital punishment cases and abolishment of the death penalty in Kenya and Tanzania and his representation of both individuals and organisations in cases concerned with a diverse range of human rights issues, including: right to freedom of speech, freedom of association and the right to a fair trial and the right to protection against abuse of process of the court.

2000 Asma Jahangir. UN Special Rapporteur on Extra Judicial, Summary or Arbitrary Executions. Presented with the Award for her work to promote and protect human rights in Pakistan and for her promotion of human rights.

1998 Chief Gani Fawehinmi.

1997 Lucy Banda Sichone.

1995 Saul Lehfreund.

In June of 1995 the International Bar Association introduced the Bernard Simons Memorial Award, a prize awarded to honour the memory, endeavours and achievements of the late London solicitor, Bernard Simons.

The award recognises personal endeavours in the practice of criminal law which make a substantial contribution to the promotion, protection and advancement of human rights.

The next winner will be presented with the award at a showcase session during the IBA Annual Conference in Buenos Aires in October 2008.

The IBA is keen to ensure that the maximum number possible of high-calibre nominations are presented for consideration by the judging panel.

Entry is open to both IBA members and non-members, and nominations close on 28 March 2008. The winner will be notified in July to allow time for the IBA to make arrangements for the winner to attend, as the guest of the IBA, the Buenos Aires conference, which runs from 12-17 October 2008.

Criteria for Candidature

To qualify for nomination the following criteria must be met by candidates:

- The nominee must be a practitioner who, through personal endeavour in the course of the practice of criminal law, is judged to have made a substantial personal contribution to the promotion, protection and advancement of the human rights of all or any group of people, particularly their right to live in fair and just society under the rule of law.
- It will be relevant, but not essential, that such endeavour will have had an international influence.
- At the time of judging, s/he must be a legal practitioner.

Nominations can be made by returning this form to **Milli Lake**, Human Rights Assistant (milli.lake@int-bar.org), or to the address below.

The application must be agreed by the nominee. Please attach CV, contact details for the nominee, and an outline of the work for which the person is being nominated.

I wish to nominate:

Name of Nominee: _____

Work for which person is being nominated: _____

My name: _____

My address: _____

Tel: _____ Fax: _____

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