



# Human Rights



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Dear All

Please find below the first edition of our human rights update for 2016 - full of news, opportunities and events. As always please do feel free to circulate this update to your colleagues, students, friends and family.

## Law Society News

### A message from the Law Society's new Human Rights Committee Chair - Tony Fisher

Find out more about our new Chair including what he and the committee will be focusing on in 2016.

[Read more](#)

### Want to win £500? Interested in Human Rights? Enter our essay competition:

Each year law students, trainee solicitors, pupil barristers and junior lawyers (current, prospective or in-between stages) are invited to enter the Law Society's annual Graham Turnbull essay competition.

David Anderson QC, the independent reviewer of terrorism legislation, will be the guest judge.

[Find out more](#)

### Book now: Graham Turnbull Lecture 2016: 21st April, London

The topic of the event will focus on the essay competition question: 'A most radical recommendation? Should interception warrants be judicially authorised or does there need to be democratic accountability?'

[Book now](#)

### Turkey: Law Society raises concern regarding the investigation into the murder of human rights lawyer Tahir Elci

The President of the Law Society has expressed concern regarding the investigation into the murder of human rights lawyer Tahir Elci.

[Read more](#)

### Human Rights Day Letter

Lawyers play a vital role upholding human rights, so governments must ensure they can perform their duties without harassment,

[Read the full text here](#)

### Honduras lawyer perils under spotlight

Honduras will be the focus of Day of the Endangered Lawyer, which will be marked on Friday (22 January).

Honduras remains one of the most dangerous countries to be a human rights defender. Between 2010 and 2014, 101 campaigners were killed in the Central American state.

[Law Society Gazette](#)

### What is the International Action Team (IAT) and are you interested in joining it?

The International Action Team or IAT is a Law Society driven project that relies on a pro-bono network of lawyers and law students who intervene on behalf of lawyers at risk across the globe. Please note the IAT may be required to undertake both factual and legal research as well as drafting.

[Find out more and get involved](#)

### Law Society Interventions

[All interventions can be found on our website](#)

## Events of Interest:

**Graham Turnbull Lecture 2016 (followed by a drinks reception)**

Date: 21/04/2016  
Time: 18:30 - 20:30  
Venue: Law Society, London

[More info](#)

**International Women's Day 2016**

Date: 07/03/2016  
Time: 18:00 - 21:00  
Venue: Law Society, London

[Register](#)

## Opportunities

Job title: Internship  
Employer: Corporate Human Rights Benchmark  
Location: Virtual (3 days per week of which 1 or 2 days in office)

[More info](#)

## Training:

International Action Team (IAT)

[Take our training now to become part of the IAT](#)

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Kind regards

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