



# Human Rights



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Happy New Year to everyone.

Please find below the latest human rights update from the Law Society including news, opportunities and events. Please feel free to circulate the update to your colleagues, students, friends and family.

## Law Society News

### Just over 1 month left to enter our Annual Essay Competition

The deadline for entries is 13 February 2015 and the winner will receive £500

The winner and runner up will be chosen by former attorney general Dominic Grieve who will present the awards at the prize giving ceremony on April 16.

For more information including the title and eligibility criteria [please click here](#).

### Call for case studies on the Human Rights Act: raising awareness of the principles and values behind the Act. DEADLINE: 16 January 2015

The Law Society wants to hear from you.

Please send us case studies demonstrating the way in which the HRA has affected people in a positive way. How the HRA has helped, for example, victims of crime, children and families, older people or people in care.

Please do send your case studies to Alastair Logan (member Law Society Human Rights Committee):  
[alastairdwlogan@btinternet.com](mailto:alastairdwlogan@btinternet.com)

[More info](#)

### Legal life in human rights

Stephen Grosz QC, Chair of the Law Society's Human Rights Committee and senior consultant at Bindmans LLP shares his views about his legal life in human rights.

[Read more](#)

### Sign up now for the International Human Rights Practice series 2015

The course will focus on the latest developments and emerging issues in European and international human rights practice: themes and systems, law and practice. It has been devised as a collaboration between Middlesex University School of Law, Matrix Chambers and The Law Society.

[More info](#)

### Report of hearing at Çağlayan Justice Palace 13th November 2014

For the last two years the Human Rights Committee of the Law Society of England and Wales have, along with lawyers from a number of other countries in the EU and the US, have been observing the trial of 45 mainly Kurdish

lawyers who have been on trial in Istanbul, Turkey.

[Please click here](#) to read the latest report including background information to the case.

### **Law Society Interventions: International Action Team (IAT)**

The Law Society is now recruiting for our International Action Team (IAT) comprising of pro bono lawyers and law students to get involved in the Society's human rights work.

[Find out more](#)

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

Please find below a list of the latest interventions we have made:

- Russia – Vitaly Cherkasov – Lawyer at risk
- Sudan: Dr Amin Mekki Medani - Lawyer at risk
- Bahrain: Ms Ghada Jamsheer – HRD at risk
- India: Mr Ajimuddin Sarkar and Mr Kirity Roy – HRDs at risk
- Cambodia: Venerable Loun Sovath - HRD at risk
- Pakistan: Shahbaz Gormani – Lawyer at risk
- Azerbaijan: Khadija Ismayilova - HRD at risk

### **Events of Interest:**

#### **International Human Rights Practice series 2015**

[More info](#)

**Save the Date: 22 April** – Lord Dyson, Master of the Rolls will be giving a presentation at the Law Society to mark the Magna Carta 800<sup>th</sup> celebrations.

#### **Podcasts/webinars:**

In conversation with Asma Jahangir on law, gender and religion <http://international.lawsociety.org.uk/node/14267>  
International Action Team (IAT)

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

### **Don't forget to join us on social media:**

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Kind regards

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