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AWARD “IN MEMORY OF THE LAWYERS OF ATOCHA” OF THE BAR ASSOCIATION OF MADRID

PREAMBLE

In the midst of the political transition to democracy in Spain, a terrorist attack took place at a Madrid labour lawyers’ office, resulting in the murder of the lawyers Enrique Valdevira Ibáñez, Luis Javier Benavides Orgaz and Francisco Javier Sauquillo Pérez del Arco, the law student Serafín Holgado de Antonio and the clerk Ángel Rodríguez Leal, as well as severe injury to Miguel Sarabia Gil, Alejandro Ruiz-Huerta Carbonell, Luis Ramos Pardo and Dolores González Ruiz.

As the dean Sonia Gumpert said at the I Congress of Lawyers of Madrid, it is a memory that is “*impossible to forget*”, remembrance of which we owe “*to the colleagues murdered in the office in Calle Atocha, Madrid on 24th January 1977, whose sacrifice lit the final fuse for the great outburst of social dignity that accelerated the political reform in a decisive manner and helped establish democracy in Spain (...). They are, and always will be in the hearts and memory of the lawyers of Madrid, Spain and the entire world*”.

To honour that memory, and in recognition of the values of the legal profession in defence of Human Rights, we are establishing the **AWARD IN MEMORY OF THE LAWYERS OF ATOCHA OF THE BAR ASSOCIATION OF MADRID**, which shall be governed by the following

RULES

1.- PURPOSE. The purpose of the Award of the Bar Association of Madrid in memory of the *Lawyers of Atocha* shall be to honour, with annual periodicity:

a) Lawyers registered with any bar association in the world who have made themselves conspicuous for their work in favour of the social and labour aspects of Human Rights. By this, we understand those of this nature from amongst those contained in the International Charter of Human Rights which includes the Universal Declaration of Human Rights adopted by the General Assembly of the United Nations on 10th December 1948, the International Pact on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, the International Pact on Civil and Political Rights and the two optional Protocols.

b) Law students of any nationality for the production of a legal article in the Spanish language on a relevant social and labour subject closely related to the Human Rights contained in the International Charter of Human Rights.



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2.- CONTENTS. The Award shall consist of a public acknowledgement, shall carry no economic prize and will be represented by an ornament or distinction, to be determined.

The Award shall be comprised of two categories:

1.- Senior category: Award “In memory of the lawyers of Atocha”. Designed to recognise lawyers registered with any bar association in the world, for their work and/or career in favour of the social and labour aspects of human rights. By human rights, we understand those contained in the International Charter of Human Rights.

2.- Junior category: “Serafín Holgado” award. Aimed at law students of any nationality who present an article in the Spanish language on a relevant legal and social subject closely related to the social and labour aspects of Human Rights as contained in the International Charter of Human Rights. The article must cover a maximum of 25 pages, written on one side only, using 12-point size of the font “Times new roman” lettering, and 10-point size for footnotes, with line spacing of 1.5. This maximum size includes any diagrams or graphs that may be incorporated.

3. CANDIDATURES. The following may present candidates for the Award:

- Groups of lawyers registered with the Bar Association of Madrid. These proposals must be endorsed by a number of signatures above 25, indicating their names and surnames and bar association registration numbers
- Legally-registered bar associations
- The General Council of Spanish Lawyers
- Winners of the award in previous years
- Public or private law faculties

The call for entries will be announced on the bar association’s website, and in the magazine *Otrosí*, and may be publicised through any other medium deemed appropriate.

Proposals seeking the award for the proposing person will not be admitted.

Members of the jury may not propose candidates for the year they serve on said jury.



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The award may be given to several candidates at the same time (*ex aequo*).

The award may be given posthumously.

Under no circumstances may the members of the jury, the members of the Governing Body of the Bar Association of Madrid during their term of office, and the board members of the Atocha Lawyers Foundation during their term of office be candidates to the Award.

The proposals for candidatures must be sent in Spanish to the Governing Body of the Bar Association of Madrid in the form of a letter expounding the merits of the candidate and stating whether they are being put forward for the junior or the senior award. In both cases, they must be accompanied by an accreditation dossier of their alleged merits, consisting of documents, audiovisual material and written testimonies or support. It is mandatory for candidatures for the junior award to be accompanied by the legal article described in Rule Two above. The documentation and material that accompanies each candidature will not be returned, and no correspondence will be maintained on the candidature.

The period for presentation of candidatures for each year's award will begin on 1st September and end on 31st December of the previous year.

4. JURY.- The Jury of the Bar Association of Madrid's Award in memory of the "Lawyers of Atocha" will be comprised of a president, a vice-president, a secretary and three members. The following members shall hold these posts:

President:

- The dean of the Bar Association of Madrid

Vice-president:

- The president of the Atocha Lawyers Foundation

Secretary:

- The secretary of the Governing Body of the Bar Association of Madrid.

Members:

- The president of the Human Rights Section of the Bar Association of Madrid.



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- The president of the Labour Law Section of the Bar Association of Madrid.
- A member of the Board of the Atocha Lawyers Foundation.
- The winner of the award from the previous year.

The dean of the Bar Association of Madrid may, at her discretion, remove any of the four members, appointing as a substitute a person she feels combines better merits for the post. In the event of withdrawal or resignation, she will proceed in the same manner.

The president shall organise and direct the deliberations and, if applicable, any votes held.

The secretary shall call the meetings, ensure that the rules of the award are observed and draft minutes of the decision.

The deliberations shall be private.

The jury shall hold one or several meetings to reach an agreement, which will be adopted by majority, and the dean shall have the casting vote in the event of a tie.

The jury reserves for itself the possibility of leaving the award vacant or null and void if it feels that the aspiring candidates do not possess sufficient merits.

Jury members must be present at the meetings to cast their vote. Neither the status of jury member nor the vote can be delegated.

The final agreement shall include the awarding of the prize and a summary of the merits taken into account for the distinction.

The jury's decision shall be made public during the second half of the month of January in the year the award is given.

5. ACCEPTANCE OF THE AWARD.- After the decision regarding the winning candidate has been adopted, he or she will be notified of this by written communication, and must expressly accept the award by the same means within the seventy-two-hour period following the notification.



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Failure to notify said acceptance within the period indicated may be interpreted in the negative sense, and the jury reserves the right to convene for a second vote.

6. AWARD CEREMONY.- Without detriment to the above, the organisers will appreciate the opportunity to hand over the awards in a formal ceremony, which may be public.

7. ACCEPTANCE OF THE RULES AND DATA PROTECTION.- Participation in the award implies acceptance of all of the rules.

In accordance with the provisions of Organic Law 15/1999, of 13th December, on the Protection of Personal Data, participants or candidates are hereby informed of and declare their express and unequivocal consent to the incorporation in the files for which the Bar Association of Madrid is responsible of the personal information provided and, if they win an award, the publication of their identity, including their image, on the association's website and in the magazine *Otrosí*.