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# International Bar Association (IBA)

## Legal Consultant

The International Bar Association, established in 1947, is the world's leading international organisation of legal practitioners, bar associations and law societies. The IBA influences the development of international law reform and shapes the future of the legal profession throughout the world. It has a membership of more than 80,000 individual lawyers and more than 190 bar associations and law societies spanning over 170 countries. It has considerable expertise in providing assistance to the global legal community.

The International Bar Association's Human Rights Institute (IBAHRI), an autonomous and financially independent entity, works with the global legal community to promote and protect human rights and the independence of the legal profession worldwide.

### The Assignment

**Location:** Remote

**Contract:** 10 days over a period of up to 3 months (October – December 2022)

### **Background:**

In 2021, the Human Rights Center of the Pontifical Catholic University of Rio de Janeiro (PUC-Rio) and its institutional partner, the IBAHRI, undertook research titled "International Parameters on the Search for Missing Persons, the Handling of Corpses, the Identification of Bodies, the Rights of Family Members and Respect for the Mourning Process of Families", which aimed to synthesis gaps and advances in the Inter-American system of human rights. The research was conducted under the auspices of the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights' (IACHR) Specialised Academic Network of Technical Cooperation in support of the mandate of the Inter-American Rapporteur on Memory, Truth, and Justice.

In coordination and consultation with the IBAHRI Programme Lawyer and PUC-Rio colleagues, the Legal Consultant will support a PUC-Rio/IBAHRI project aimed at developing a technical paper on select aspects of the research.

### **Services:**

Under the supervision and guidance of the IBAHRI Programme Lawyer, the Legal Consultant will be expected to fulfill the following terms of reference:

- Review and collate existing research material and prioritise parameters.
- Undertake additional research as required.
- Draft, proof and finalise the technical paper.
- Incorporate feedback and undertake revisions as required.
- Translate ad hoc documents from/into Portuguese and English.
- Any other duties as required.

### **Standards:**

In carrying out the above, the Legal Consultant will at all times adhere to the highest professional standards and to IBA and IBAHRI procedures and policies as directed.

### **Qualifications, Skills and Experience:**

- Law degree (LL.B, LL.M, or related).
- Detailed understanding of international human rights law, standards, and norms relating to enforced disappearances.
- Experience of undertaking legal research and drafting publications (minimum of three to five years' relevant work experience).
- Strong analytical, research and drafting skills, including the ability to write concisely.
- Highly professional and organised with strong attention to detail.

### **Fees:**

Consultancy fees are open to tender and commensurate to experience.

### **How to apply**

If you would like to apply, please send your CV with a covering letter and your daily consultancy fee (stating where you saw the advertisement) by **18 September 2022** to:

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Programme Lawyer  
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- Ability to work independently, take initiative and prioritise work tasks.
- Fluent in written and spoken Portuguese and English (essential) and Spanish (desirable).
- Experience working as a consultant (desirable).

For more information, please contact Catherine Kent, Programme Lawyer ([cath.kent@int-bar.org](mailto:cath.kent@int-bar.org)).

The closing date for receipt of applications is **Sunday 18 September 2022**.

Shortlisted candidates must be available for interview via Skype on either **Wednesday 21 or Thursday 22 September 2022**.

The services are expected to start on **Monday 3 October 2022** or as soon as possible thereafter.