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Selection criteria to be used for the granting of the CCBE Human Rights award:

- (a) The award shall be granted to an individual lawyer and/or to a lawyers' organisation.
- (b) The award shall be granted to a lawyer/lawyers' organisation who has brought honour to the legal profession by upholding the highest values of professional and personal conduct in the field of human rights. The lawyer/lawyers' organisation should have demonstrated outstanding commitment and sacrifice in upholding fundamental values.
- (c) The award shall be granted to a lawyer/lawyers' organisation either in recognition of his/her recent outstanding piece of work in the Human Rights field, or in recognition of his/her distinguished long-term involvement in Human Rights issues.
- (d) The work or activities of the lawyer/lawyers' organisation in the field of human rights should be interpreted in the broadest way. This should allow, for example, the possibility of granting the award to a lawyer who is himself/herself the victim of human rights violations.
- (e) The award shall by preference be granted to a European lawyer/lawyers' organisation. However, there are no geographical limits for the granting of the award.
- (f) The award shall not be granted to a particular lawyer when it could be detrimental to him/her e.g. because of serious political risks in the country concerned.
- (g) The award should not normally be granted to a lawyer who has recently received a similar award.