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Type of consultancy	Individual Consultant (Short Term)
Issue Date	5 August 2019
Application Deadline	15 August 2019
Duration of the assignment	28 hours (to be spread over a maximum of 5 days)
Applications to be sent to	jobs@iphr-ipdh.org

1. ABOUT ORGANIZATION

Initiatives for Peace and Human Rights (iPeace) is a Rwanda-based non-governmental organization that strives to enhance the culture of peace in the Great Lakes region through human rights and good governance education.

iPeace is proud to be an Equal Employment and Opportunity and Affirmative Action Employer. We do not discriminate based upon race, religion, color, national origin, gender (including pregnancy, childbirth, or related medical conditions), gender identity, age, status as individual with a disability, or other applicable legally protected characteristics. All employment is decided on the basis of qualifications, merit, competence, and business need.

2. BACKGROUND

As a fundamental principle of Rule of Law, access to justice is a pillar of any modern state. It implies the existence of quality laws, effective procedures and adequate judicial institutions and mechanisms to protect the rights of all the citizens. While having an appropriate legal and institutional framework is an important step, the most important thing is not only to get judicial institutions apply the written laws and the prescribed procedures but also to ensure that the citizens are aware of and able to use the existing mechanisms established to protect their rights.

The foundation of the national justice system is the Law School that provides legal education to make good justice actors, including judges, prosecutors, lawyers, legal advisors, etc. To be relevant, legal education must be balanced in terms of theoretical knowledge and practical skills that are offered to students in order to get them ready to effectively address citizens' legal problems.

It is within this framework that Initiatives for Peace and Human Rights (iPeace) launched the project Improved Legal Education for Access to Dependable Justice in Rwanda (iLEAD-Justice Project) of which one of the activities include the organization of moot court competition on national laws in order to support law schools' work. The moot court competition will offer to laws students an opportunity to deepen their knowledge and pleading skills on selected national laws outside the classroom settings.

Shaping Aspirations

The second national moot court competition will be related to Family Law for the mere reason that family disputes have a high representation among issues that citizens bring to iPeace to seek legal support.

3. TERMS OF REFERENCE

3.1. SCOPE OF WORK

The consultant will be required to produce a challenging moot court case entertaining the most recurrent issues that Rwandans face in relation to Family Law. The moot court case must reflect deep understanding of the Family Law and its evolution over time. ***Issues to be addressed should be related to the validity of a marriage, establishment of filiation, causes of divorce, and succession.*** However, as far as succession is concerned, it is preferable to avoid issues related to property distribution between heirs as this has been tackled in the 1st national moot court competition. It must be a fictitious (imaginary) case. This means that a typical case already adjudicated by Rwandan courts will not be accepted. However, the hypothetical case may combine facts and issues discussed in various cases handled by Rwandan courts.

Deliverables/outputs:

- (1)An Inception Report** demonstrating the Consultant understanding of the assignment and proposing an outline of the moot court case highlighting key legal issues to be raised in the case, relevant laws to be involved, a list of case-law to be consulted, and the main legal reasoning to successfully address the case.
- (2)A Draft Report:** This report will consist of the moot court case itself. The case should be no more than five (5) pages, well typed in English, and with numbered paragraphs. The language used in the case should be plain, except where using a plain language would mislead the understanding of the case.
- (3)Moot Court Evaluation Scheme:** In addition to the hypothetical case, the consultant will produce a document detailing the legal reasoning to address the case. The evaluation scheme must have two commutative parts. The first part will clearly identify (a) the key legal issues [with related legal provisions] raised in case that could constitute the plaintiff's ground to file a successful case before courts as well as (b) all relevant elements (evidence) to support the plaintiff's claim. The second part will consist of the respondent's response to the plaintiff's claim. In this part, the consultant will highlight specific legal arguments to be used by the defendant to refute the claimant's allegations. Legal provisions, case-law and scholarship that support the respondent's rebuttal must be provided as well.
- (4)Final report.**

3.2. QUALIFICATION AND EXPERIENCE REQUIRED

It is required from the consultant to provide a **technical and financial offer.**

The financial offer has to indicate the **consultancy fee per hour.** The consultant is also required to fulfill the following:

- To hold at least a PhD in Law with relevant teaching and/or research experience in Rwandan family Law or a LL.M. with at least 10 years of experience in research and/or teaching Family Law
- Relevant experience working in the judiciary is an asset
- Being a practicing lawyer with demonstrated interest in Family Law is an added value
- Excellent writing skills in English
- High degree of imagination, reliability and ability to work independently and within a short time

3.3. HOW TO APPLY

iPeace invites Individual Consultants to indicate their interest in providing the above-described service. Interested Consultants shall provide information on their qualifications and experience demonstrating their ability to undertake this assignment (documents, reference to similar services, experience in similar assignments, etc.).

Expressions of interest must be sent electronically to jobs@iphr-ipdh.org no later than 15 August 2019 at 5:00 pm local time (Kigali – Rwanda) and specifically mentioning “iLEAD – Moot Court Case Consultant” in the subject.

Done at Kigali, on 5 August 2019

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