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Type of consultancy	Individual Consultant – 2 positions (Short Term)
Issue Date	5 August 2019
Application Deadline	15 August 2019
Duration of the assignment	3 hours (to be spread over a maximum of 2 days)
Applications to be sent to	<a href="mailto:jobs@iphr-ipdh.org">jobs@iphr-ipdh.org</a>

**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.

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 review a challenging moot court case made by another consultant entertaining the most recurrent issues that Rwandans face in relation to Family Law. The moot court case is supposed to reflect deep understanding of the Family Law and its evolution over time. Issues addressed will be related to the validity of a marriage, establishment of filiation, causes of divorce, and succession. It supposed to be a fictitious (imaginary) case. This means that a typical case already adjudicated by Rwandan courts should not be accepted. However, the hypothetical case may combine facts and issues discussed in various cases handled by Rwandan courts.

Deliverables/outputs:

**(1)A Review Report:** the consultant will carefully read the moot case and the evaluation scheme to assess whether the facts of the case and legal arguments presented reflect issues faced by Rwandans in relation to Family Law. The report will consist of filling out and submitting the form A (to be provided after successful selection together with the moot court case). The main elements to be reviewed will be:

- Pertinence of key legal issues in Family Law (validity of marriage, divorce, filiation, succession, etc.)
- Involvement of relevant legal provisions
- Balance between arguments available to the plaintiff and the respondent
- Legal reasoning to address raised issues
- Relevance of case-law and scholarship suggested to address the issues
- Adequacy of legal issues to the level pf undergraduate students

#### **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
- Strong analytical skills
- Capacity to read and process a lot of information/documents in 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](mailto: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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