

Mobilisation

World day of the endangered lawyer

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WHO ARE WE?

The International Observatory for Lawyers in Danger (OIAD) is an initiative **of the Conseil National des Barreaux français, the Consiglio Nazionale Forense, the Consejo General de la Abogacía Española and the Paris Bar.**

Launched in 2016, the purpose of the OIAD is **to defend lawyers threatened in the exercise of their profession and to denounce situations that infringe the rights of the defence.**

It is intended to form part of the landscape of protection mechanisms for human rights defenders and lawyers and to work in close collaboration with existing mechanisms. By bringing together a large number of bar associations and organisations, the Observatory is a key international player in the defence of lawyers at risk.

WHY SUCH A DAY ON 24 JANUARY?

Since 2009, the World Day of Lawyers in Danger has been commemorated in cities, countries and continents around the world on **24 January**. This day, in 1977, marks the "**Atocha Massacre**", that **killed four colleagues** in Madrid, Calle Atocha 55.

The aim of this international day is to draw the attention of civil society and public authorities to the **situation of lawyers** in a particular country, chosen each year, in order to highlight the threats they face in the exercise of their profession.

After the situation of lawyers in Turkey, the Philippines, Honduras, China, Egypt, Pakistan, Azerbaijan, Colombia, Afghanistan, Iran and Belarus, the 2026 Day of the Endangered Lawyer will be dedicated to the situation of lawyers in the **United States of America**.

How to get involved:

1. PROMOTE THE WORLD DAY ON SOCIAL MEDIA

Write an article or share articles from other organisations relating to World Day of the Endangered Lawyer on its website. Use LinkedIn, Facebook, Instagram and X (ex-Twitter) to spread the word even more widely, in particular by using **hashtags, retweeting** tweets from other organisations/barrels and **tagging** political figures/diplomats/NGOs.

→ The Observatory encourages you to **use the following hashtags in your posts** on Facebook, LinkedIn, Instagram and X so that together we can get the word out more widely:

#ProtectUSLawyers #USARuleOfLaw #USALegalFreedom

EXAMPLES OF PUBLICATIONS:

#ProtectUSLawyers #USALegalFreedom In the United States, lawyers are increasingly facing pressure and threats for defending civil rights. On this International Day for Lawyers in Danger, let's stand together to defend their freedom to exercise their profession. **@Protectlawyers**

#ProtectUSLawyers #USALegalFreedom Aux États-Unis, de plus en plus d'avocats font face à des pressions et des menaces pour avoir défendu les droits civiques. En cette Journée mondiale de l'avocat en danger, unissons-nous pour défendre leur liberté d'exercer. **@Protectlawyers**

#USARuleOfLaw #USALegalFreedom Lawyers in the United States are the watchdogs of the rule of law: when they are attacked for their work, justice itself is under attack. **@Protectlawyers**

#USARuleOfLaw #USALegalFreedom Les avocats américains sont les gardiens de l'État de droit : lorsqu'ils sont attaqués pour leur travail, c'est la justice elle-même qui vacille. **@Protectlawyers**

#ProtectUSLawyers #USALegalFreedom
No lawyer should have to worry about the legitimate practice of their profession.
@Protectlawyers

#ProtectUSLawyers #USALegalFreedom
Aucun avocat ne devrait avoir à s'inquiéter pour l'exercice légitime de sa profession.
@Protectlawyers

#ProtectUSLawyers #USALegalFreedom
Protecting lawyers means protecting justice and democracy in the United States.
@UNHumanRights @ONUHumanRights
@Protectlawyers

#ProtectUSLawyers #USALegalFreedom
Protéger les avocats, c'est protéger la justice et la démocratie aux États-Unis.
@UNHumanRights @ONUHumanRights
@Protectlawyers





Call NGOs, political and diplomatic figures: mention them using @ (X) in messages:

- OIAD : [@ProtectLawyers](#)
- OHCHR : [@UNHumanRights](#)
- High Commissioner for Human Rights : [@volker_turk](#)
- Secretariat of the United Nations Human Rights Council : [@UN_HRC](#)
- American Bar Association : [@ABAesq](#)
- Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights Under Law: [@lawyerscomm](#)
- Federal Bar Association : [@federalbar](#)
- Human Rights Watch : [@hrw](#)
- The Leadership Conference on Civil and Human Rights: [@civilrightsorg](#)
- American Oversight : [@weareoversight](#)
- American Representation of the United States at the United Nations : [@USUN](#)
- Council of European Bars and Law Societies: [@CCBEinfo](#)
- Avocats Sans Frontières : [@ASF_NGO](#)
- Andrew Puzder (US Ambassador to the European Union) : [@USAmbEU](#)



2. TAKING ACTION ON THE GROUND

Proposal: Go to the US embassy or meet in front of the Courthouse. If the gathering is planned in a public place, remember to inform the authorities in advance. Provide banners, signs and brochures to raise public awareness of World Day.



3. JOIN A RALLY ORGANISED BY OIAD MEMBERS

Each member informs and shares their event so that other bars can join them.

4. DISPLAY A BANNER

Print a banner to display on your facade. Apply to the Town Hall for permission to display the banner. You can also print and display the poster prepared by OIAD at the headquarters and offices of your bar association.

5. WRITING TO THE POLITICAL AND DIPLOMATIC AUTHORITIES

Write to the authorities with your concerns/recommendations. The International Observatory for Lawyers at Risk also provides you with a model letter, **which you can personalise and send on behalf of your organisation**. You will find below the contact details of the diplomatic authorities of the United States:

United States Secretary of State:

Title holder: Marco Rubio

Address: US State Department HQ, 2201 C Street NW, Washington, DC 20520

Website: <https://www.state.gov>

Permanent Mission of the United States of America to the United Nations

Office and other International Organisations in Geneva:

Mandate holder: Tressa Rae FINERTY

Address: Permanent Mission of the United States of America to the United Nations Office and Other International Organizations in Geneva, Route de Pregny 11, 1292 Chambésy Or P.O. Box 2354, 1211 Geneva 2

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E-mail: GenevaUSmission@state.gov

Website: <https://geneva.usmission.gov>

United States Embassy in France:

Representative: Charles H. Rivkin

Address: 2 avenue Gabriel 75382 Paris Cedex 08 France

Phone: +33 1 43 12 22 22

Website: <https://fr.usembassy.gov>

French Embassy in the United States:

Representative: Philippe Etienne

Address: 4101 Reservoir Street, NW, Washington, DC 20007, USA

Tel: (+1) 202 944 6000

E-mail: info@ambafrance-us.org

Website: <https://franceintheus.org.q1>

United States Embassy in the United Kingdom:

Representative: Jane D. Hartley

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Tel: (+44) 20 7499 9000

Website: <https://uk.usembassy.gov>

Embassy of the United Kingdom in the United States :

Representative: Karen Elizabeth Pierce

Address: 3100 Massachusetts Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20008, USA

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Website: www.gov.uk/world/usa

United States Embassy in Spain :

Representative: Julissa Reynoso

Address: C/ Serrano, 75, 28006 Madrid, Spain

Tel: (+34) 91 587 22 00

Website: <https://es.usembassy.gov>

Spanish Embassy in the United States :

Representative: Santiago Cabanas Ansorena

Address: 2375 Pennsylvania Ave. NW, Washington, DC 20037, United States

Tel: (+1) (202) 728 23 40; (+1) (202) 452 01 00

E-mail: emb.washington@maec.es

Website:

www.exteriores.gob.es/Embajadas/washington/es/Paginas/index.aspx

Embassy of the United States in Italy :

Representative: Jack Allan Markell (Chargé d'Affaires a.i.)

Address: Palazzo Margherita, Via Vittorio Veneto, 119/a, 00187 Roma, Italy

Tel: (+39) 6 467 41

Website: <https://it.usembassy.gov>

Italian Embassy in the United States:

Representative: Mariangela Zappia

Address: 3000 Whitehaven Street, NW, Washington, DC 20008, United States

Tel: (+1) 202 612 4400

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Website: <https://ambwashingtondc.esteri.it/it/>

United States Embassy in Switzerland:

Representative: Scott Miller (Chargé d'Affaires a.i.)

Address: Embassy of the United States in Bern, Sulgenekstrasse 19, 3007 Bern, Switzerland

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E-mail: bern-protocol@state.gov ; bernpa@state.gov

Website: <https://ch.usembassy.gov>

Swiss Embassy in the United States:

Representative: Jacques Pitteloud

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E-mail: washington@eda.admin.ch

Website: www.eda.admin.ch/washington

United States Embassy in Germany :

Representative: Amy Gutmann

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Website: <https://de.usembassy.gov>

German Embassy in the United States :

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