



## Team from the University of Fribourg wins 2025 René Cassin advocacy competition

Students from the University of Fribourg have been declared the winners of the 2025 René Cassin advocacy competition for law students after beating a rival team from University of Paris Panthéon-Assas in the final round.

This was the 40<sup>th</sup> René Cassin competition, consisting of a moot court with proceedings conducted in French based on the European Convention on Human Rights. The competition's academic committee, chaired by Mr Sébastien Touzé, Professor of Law at the Panthéon-Assas University Paris, had this year proposed a fictitious case related to the rights of lawyers.

The final took place at the European Court of Human Rights in Strasbourg on 21 March 2025 and the jury was made up of judges of the Court, lawyers, academics and representatives of the competition's partner institutions. It was chaired by Claire Bazy Malaurie, former member of the French Constitutional Council and current President of the Venice Commission.

Thirty-eight teams from several countries (Armenia, Belgium, France, Germany, the Netherlands, Romania, Slovenia and Switzerland) selected following a written stage, competed in the headquarters of the Grand Est Region (Wacken) and the European Court of Human Rights, both in Strasbourg.

Further information about this year's competition and previous competitions can be found on the [René Cassin Competition website](#) and the [Court's website](#).

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