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## CHRISTIANE FERAL SCHUHL PDT OF NATIONAL COUNCIL OF BAR ENCOURAGES PRO BONO

### SHE LAUNCHED ANNUAL TROPHIES OF PRO BONO

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**USPA NEWS** - Christiane Feral Schuhl, President of the National Council of the Paris Bar, received her peers, the presidents of the seven other countries' Bar, from G7, (CNB, Boulevard Haussmann, Paris). On the occasion of this meeting which took place, July 11-12th, 2019, to deliver the proposals of the meetings held at Elysee, received by the President of the Republic, Emmanuel Macron. These twenty proposals for a meeting of 20 proposals will be brought to the G7 under the Presidency of France and will take place 24-26 August in Biarritz. Two essential questions were raised by the USPA's journalist, as far as Resolution 6 is concerned (How to protect the lawyers while practicing the humanitarian law without interference), especially when it comes to the benchmark throughout the world, and to what extent is the pro Bo No implemented in France, knowing that it is more and less an Anglosaxon practice than Latin in the modern Law. The Q&A session has been effective with accurate answer delivered by the President of Bars from G7 countries.

To the question targeting precisely, Mrs. Christiane Feral Schuhl, President of the Paris Bar Association about the evolution of Pro Bo No and this practice recently appearing in France, yet it is progressing slowly but surely, she answers happily, as she is precisely the one who launched the « Pro Bo No Trophies », launched in 2011 in France.

The Pro Bo No question which aroused a great collective interest and the response on the part of Other Presidents of Bars : of the Canadian Bar Association, the National Council of Bars and its President, Edith KINDERMANN - President of the Deutscher Anwaltverein, (GERMANY), Ray ADLINGTON - President of the Canadian Bar Association and Simon DAVIS - President of the Law Society of England and Wales, have wished to provide an answer to this question as well. Here is the Q&A session USPA/ Presidents of G7 Bars.

**QUESTION USPA :** The Pro Bono is a practice rather Anglo Saxon, and in particular the large law firms, overseas. This practice has emerged very recently in France, and is progressing slowly. What is the frequency of this practice in France and what are the incentives, to encourage this practice to firms law firms here in France?

**ANSWER CHRISTIANE FERAL SCHUHL- FRANCE :** People think that Pro Bo No all the lawyer have been practicing Pro Bo No , and got a file on the desk and working in the Pro Bo in term of this logical in France, but it depends on the manner of practicing that the fact of working together with the Anglo-Saxon Pro Bo No is not very official here in France, but we could be surprised to discover the claim is more than effective. Among other things, it is my idea to encourage this practice here in France, and feel very proud now that the Pro Bo No is evolving more and more, especially those law firms that we encouraged to implement the Pro bono in their exemplarity but also in the idea of sharing and spreading this idea and we did a lot and it is a reality in the everyday basis, and it and we could do lot more about Pro Bo No "yet.

**ANSWER EDITH KINDERMANN :** In Germany we've got the Beiratun before to court and the client has to pay 15 Euros and it is the part of the client for paying and it is nearly free, and we have a single part in Europe to be payed for justice for those that cannot pay. Therefore, Pro Bo No is, in Germany more implemented by the NGO's and we are discussing to reform that part, and resolution 12 is suitable for another country and this is amazing for all over Europe and especially for the refugees, and we actually work for them for months and surrounded like that, as a bureau over there, and give them also accommodation for free, and what else is needed ».

**ANSWER CHRISTIANE FERAL SCHUHL- FRANCE :** « I just wanna add something "I'm actually very glad you asked this question, because the matter of Pro Bo No is particularly dear to my heart, and I've been working on it for years, such as creating the Pro Bo No Endowment Fund and 'Lawyers in the city and the bus solidarity lawyers. And then we also launched the Pro Bo No Trophies, which are given every year to the companies that practice Pro Bo No, in order to reward and highlight the actions taken by Parisian lawyers. It is the Paris Bar Solidarité which organizes every year this ceremony bringing together more than 300 Parisian lawyers. The presentation of the "Pro Bono Awards", recognizes five specific initiatives for access to law, culture, the protection of human rights, the insertion and support of the most excluded, or the protection of the environment. In addition to the awards, this event is an opportunity to take stock of the mobilization of the bar and to provoke vocations by showing all the actions that have been taken. ».

**ANSWER RUDY ADLINGTON -CANADA :** The Pro Bo No practice exists means, that the government failed and it is filling the gap

within the bar association providing 15 hours yearly and the government has failed in the legal cases that's why we have the resolution 12, which is proposed in order to provide the Pro Bo No, means they prefer to deduced to the Pro Bo No »-----

ANSWER SIMON DAVIS : Trust is about to be changed, and taking about business cases but in reality, the voice of the law is not much only legal issues, in a general council for major firms, to compare in the world, so to what extend they will implement the turn of the major change.

QUESTION USPA : As far as the Point 6 from the 20 proposals signed up by the G7 Bars and Laws societies, it says « Recall our dedication to human rights and commitment , ensure that lawyers judges and prosecutors, are able their duties without intimidation, harassment, or inappropriate interference. » How to perform this implementation throughout all the world and if then, possible are there any benchmarks in that matter ?-----

ANSWER CHRISTIANE FERAL SCHUHL-FRANCE : « The idea is to bring attention to the human right in the company that responds to a demand expressed in civil society. and concerning the question of the benchmark between the countries of the World, "We can define a transverse method to better understand the laws, the idea is to incite and corroborate and bring reflexes the most possible and it is through dialogue that we will be able to bring them. »

ANSWER RUDY ADDINGTON-CANADA : « The government takes the time to study the international standards, in terms of benchmarks »

ANSWER SIMON DAVIS - THE UK : To what extend the Human right defense of the resolution 6, is now raised"| In the UK in the Law society, according to the resolutions of today, there is an exemple of in our discussion of yesterday we talked about the fact that all the layers receive abuse our comments form the press and the extend to the justice around the lawyer and the prosecutors and thanks to the G7 benchmark, my colleagues and their organisations and bar Association, are not associated are not have been in this ability to remain these countries, in the global community, in under these circumstances »

ANSWER BOB CARLSON-USA: « In terms of prosecutors in domestically in the USA, we compare the rules of conduct to conclude that intimidation or inappropriate interference in respect to opposing council, and speak out in the independent history and why do we counsel or not, The ABA had created trial monitory program that design people who defending human rights violation affairs, have an affair in court. We expanded that in a new program for watch and increasing monitors in the world highly publishes to cite case database, with respect of countries and what they are doing in the countries. We recently made statements in the press in government officials while journalists and human defenders throughout the world, data are activated and appropriate and not only the voice of the on theses ones areas were, it is a clear message that we we are not going on, under appropriate behavior in that a matters,

#### CHRISTIANE FERAL SCHUHL FRENCH CANADIAN IS THE SECOND WOMAN TO CHAIR THE FRENCH NATION COUNCIL BAR FOR 800 YEARS-----

Christiane Feral-Schuhl, is born May 21, 1957, and is a lawyer specializing in new technologies and more specifically in computer law, intellectual property, media and telecommunications. Elected president of the Paris Bar, she held this position from 1 January 2012 to 31 December 2013. She is the second woman after Dominique De La Garanderie to honor this function for 800 years!Christiane studied at the University of Paris II, and later joined the Paris Bar in 1981, becoming the collaborator of Giroux Buhagiar and Huglo-Lepage. In 1988, with Bruno Gregoire Sainte Marie, she founded her law firm Féral-Schuhl / Sainte-Marie. In parallel, she holds several key positions. She successively became a member of the Commission for External Relations of the Bar Association of Paris from 1982 to 1985, a member of the Board of Directors of CARPA from 1987 to 1991 or director of EDIAVOCAT from 1993 to 1997, member of the Board of Directors of the Bar Association from 1994 to 1996, then coordinator of the Emerging Markets and New Technologies Commission from 1997 to 1999. She also chairs the Association for the Development of Legal Computing and teaches in e-commerce law. and contracts at Paris I University, as part of a Master II in Public Internet Law from 2007 to 2009.

#### ICONIC CASES AND FAMOUS CLIENT OF CHRISTIANE FERAL -SCHUHL -----

In July 2012, Christiane Féral-Schuhl has initiated a very specific "punch" operation whose objective is to fight law poachers, fake lawyers who multiply on the internet to engage in an illegal exercise of the profession. The BÃctonnier wants to get rid of all criminal sites. In July 2013, it suspends, temporarily and in a totally unexpected way, the participation of the Paris Bar in the National Bar Council, with the aim of finding an agreement on the reform of the governance of lawyers.-----

Shortly before the end of her term as president of Paris, she pleads, on December 31, 2013, for recognition of the right of a defender to consult the file of a police custody, and invokes, for this purpose, the transposition of a European directive. While the twenty-third

correctional chamber of Paris has ruled in favor of this request, the parquet of Paris will appeal this decision.  
CHRISTIANE FERAL-SCHUHL CREATED THE GENDER EQUALITY COMMISSION & THE PRO BONO ENDOWMENT FUND

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Christiane Feral-Schuhl cannot stop herself from multiplying initiatives to change the Law corporation, and reinforce its image. She creates the gender equality commission, the culture commission, the pro bono endowment fund and establishes a campaign Lawyers in the city, not to mention « the solidarity bus » ... to name only just few. The lawyer Christiane Feral-Schuhl held throughout her mandate as Batonnier de Paris, during her term (2012-2013), to modernize the bar and promote the profession of lawyer, giving back an image was rather tarnished especially by fighting the "dehumanization" of justice. The current batonnier of Paris is the pair Olivier Cousi and Nathalie Roret who was appointed by the Parisian lawyers to succeed in a year on January 1, 2020, to Marie-Aimée Peyron, the current president of Paris and Basile Ader, his vice-bâtonnier. Marie Aimee (At the end of the 2nd round of the election of the future president and vice-president of the Paris Bar) Christiane Feral-Schuhl has been appointed Knight of the National Order of the Legion of Honor and Officer of the National Order of Merit. In 2012, the bâtonnier Feral-Schuhl appears in the category of "World Leading Women in Business Law" and "Best of the Best" in "Information Technology", because she is one of the only women in France recognized in this category.

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In 2013, she received in Paris the AME Mediation Award 2013 from the Association of European Mediators and in London, the International Jurist Award 2013, from the International Council of Jurists. She has also been referenced for more than ten years in the category "leader" or "unavoidable" by the professional legal guides.

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