



ILAWDUN ANNOUNCES ITS 10-LAYERED LAUREL PRIZES AND MERIT AWARDS

The Council for Laurel Honors and Merit Awards (CLHMA) of the Institute of Law Research & Development of United Nations (ILAWDUN) has officially announced its prestigious 10-Layered Laurel Prizes.

In accordance with the **ILAWDUN Constitution Articles** and the **Code of Standards and Procedures for Merit Awards**, the Laurel Prizes are conferred on individuals or a product joined-individuals who have made exceptional and globally impactful contributions in research, innovation, policy, or programmatic alignment for the benefit of humanity.

Award Categories:

- **Law Research (LR)**
- **International Law & Diplomacy (ILD)**
- **Legal Literature & Law Development (LLLD)**
- **Law Litigation Solution (LLS)**
- **Human Rights & Humanitarian Law (HHL)**
- **Civil Liberty & Human Rights (CLH)**
- **Broad-spectrum Literature (BsL)**
- **Broad-spectrum Analytical Philosophy (BsAPhil)**
- **Technology & Science Innovation for Law and Development (TSILD)**
- **Standard-Bearer of Judicial Honoris (SJH)**

These awards are bestowed annually. Each year, a [high-level panel of judges](#) and a technical review team appointed by CLHMA, consider applications and nominations, selecting finalists, and then the winners.

Finalists are invited to the award ceremony which celebrates the winners with award proceedings which includes their own speeches, and music, art, inspiring messages from industry leaders, institutions and willing governments from all backgrounds and regions of the world before the global audiences – with the program participants present, and billions viewers – through Web-TV, public and private national and international broadcasting, print and digital media, featured in high-profile global-level press releases, online publications, and media interviews, ensuring extensive global recognition for their contributions. They are also be enlisted and published in the Role of Laurel Prize Winners and Merit Awardees catalogued annually and archived *ad infinitum*.

To pass absolute integrity and transparency in the selection of award winners, names of members of the Panel of Judges who are high-level academic professors, jurists, captains

of industry and scholars of high repute with impeccable character are only published after the selection process has been concluded.

Although an exclusive and proprietary asset of ILAWDUN, under the approval of the GLOTADALS committee, the **2026 award ceremony** will be one of the highlights of the upcoming *Global Summit and Training Programme on Artificial Intelligence (AI), Digital Technology, Advanced Science and Law for Sustainable Development (GLOTADALS)* scheduled to be held in Charlotte (Concord), North Carolina, USA in July 2026.

According to the Council for Laurel Honors and Merit Awards, evaluation of nominations of the **laurel prize winner in Technology & Science Innovation for Law and Development (TSILD)** that will be decorated in the upcoming **GLOTADALS** program in **Charlotte (Concord), North Carolina USA** focuses on AI and Legal Innovation for SDGs framework. Thus, the **TSILD category prize** in the 2026 event nominations selection process emphasizes innovative achievements in artificial intelligence and their application for human advancement.

Criteria for all categories of laurel prizes are as displayed on the ILAWDUN website.

Winners will be formally announced and celebrated during the **GLOTADALS** program, scheduled to be held in **Charlotte (Concord), North Carolina, USA, from 20-25, July 2026. The announcement of awardees will take place on the last day of the event, particularly on July 25, 2026, at the Dinner, Awards, and Cultural Night.**

ILAWDUN Laurel Prizes & Merit Awards: Step-to-Step Process

⚙ Step 1: Call for Nominations

CLHMA announces the opening of nominations, specifying award categories, eligibility criteria, documentation requirements, submission method, and deadlines.

⚙ Step 2: Submission & Eligibility Screening

Nominations are reviewed for eligibility, completeness, category compliance, and adherence to nomination rules, including restrictions on self-nomination.

⚙ Step 3: Technical and Substantive Review

Eligible nominations are assessed on merit, impact, relevance, and integrity by reviewers or panels appointed by CLHMA.

⚙ Step 4: Due Diligence and Validation

Shortlisted nominations undergo verification of claims, documentation, and reputational assessment. CLHMA may seek clarification or disqualify entries that fail validation.

⚙ Step 5: Nominee Announcement (Where Applicable)

Where more than one valid nomination exists in a category, CLHMA may announce nominees or shortlisted candidates. Where only one valid nomination exists, CLHMA may proceed without nominee disclosure.

⚙ Step 6: Final Deliberation and Selection

CLHMA deliberates on validated nominations and approves final awardees. All decisions are final and not subject to appeal.

⚙ Step 7: Notification of Awardees

Selected awardees are confidentially notified in advance and provided with information relating to acceptance, attendance, and ceremony arrangements.

⚙ Step 8: Official Announcement and Conferment

Awards are officially announced and conferred at the **GLOTADALS 2026 Dinner, Award, and Cultural Night**, and subsequently publicized through ILAWDUN's official platforms.

Rules of Nominations and Awards:

- The ILAWDUN Laurel Prizes and Merit Awards are global in scope. Nominations may be submitted for individuals, institutions, courts, organisations, or innovations from any country or region of the world, provided they comply with the eligibility criteria applicable to each award category. Interested nominators are encouraged to confirm eligibility and submit entries via the official ILAWDUN website: www.ilawdun.us
- Nominations may be submitted by third parties, institutions, organizations, or by the nominee themselves (self-nomination), except where expressly restricted under a specific category or at any point in time by the Council for Laurel Honours and Merit Awards (CLHMA).
- Self-nomination shall not be allowed for the following award categories: Standard-Bearer of Judicial Honoris (SJH); Civil Liberty & Human Rights (CLH); Human Rights & Humanitarian Law (HHL), as they could involve judicial office, institutional recognition, or ethical or moral authority. Also, where the nominee occupies a position that may give rise to a conflict of interest or influence over the award process, such nominations must originate from third parties or institutions of good standing.
- Self-nominations must be supported by verifiable documentary evidence demonstrating the nominee's contribution, impact, and eligibility. Self-nominated entries shall be subjected to the same level of scrutiny and independent evaluation as third-party nominations and shall not receive preferential consideration.
- No nominee, nominator, or third party shall attempt to improperly influence the selection process through inducement, misrepresentation, or undue pressure.
- ILAWDUN and CLHMA reserve the right to verify all information submitted and may disqualify any nomination found to contain false, misleading, or materially exaggerated claims.
- CLHMA reserves the right to require additional references, endorsements, or independent verification for self-nominated entries where necessary to ensure objectivity.
- CLHMA may publicly announce nominees or shortlisted candidates in any award category only where more than one valid and eligible nomination has been received and considered for that category. Where a category receives a single nomination, CLHMA may proceed directly to final selection and announcement of the awardee without prior nominee disclosure.
- The decision to announce nominees in any category remains at the discretion of CLHMA, taking into account the nature of the category, sensitivity, and institutional considerations.
- CLHMA of the Institute of Law Research & Development of United Nations (ILAWDUN) is the sole and ultimate authority responsible for the administration, evaluation, selection, and conferment of all ILAWDUN Laurel Prizes and Merit Awards.
- All decisions taken by CLHMA, whether through its appointed panels, reviewers, or internal procedures, are final and binding.
- Until official announcement by ILAWDUN, all award outcomes shall remain confidential.
- Awardees shall be formally announced through ILAWDUN's official platforms, partner channels, and during the designated award ceremony.
- Nominees and awardees may not publicly represent themselves as winners prior to official announcement.
- All decisions of CLHMA regarding nominations, shortlisting, selection, or non-selection of awardees are final and not subject to appeal or review.
- Notwithstanding the above, CLHMA reserves the absolute right to withhold, withdraw, or decline to confer any award where, in its opinion, no nomination sufficiently meets the required standards, or where subsequent information arises that may bring the award into disrepute.
- **Documentation Requirements for Nomination**
 - ⊗ **Required Documentation:**
 - Completed nomination form

- Summary of contribution and impact (as specified per category)
- ⚙️ **Optional but Encouraged:**
 - Evidence of work or achievement (e.g., publications, judgments, projects, innovations, policies)
 - Supporting materials (links, documents, media coverage, endorsements)
 - Curriculum Vitae or institutional profile (where applicable)
 - Reference letters
 - Independent citations or recognitions
 - Proof of implementation or real-world impact
- ILAWDUN and CLHMA shall not be liable for any delay, modification, postponement, or cancellation of the awards or ceremony due to events beyond their reasonable control, including but not limited to acts of God, pandemics, war, governmental restrictions, natural disasters, or other force majeure events.

ILAWDUN LAUREL PRIZES & MERIT AWARDS – NOMINATION FORM

Presented by:

The Council for Laurel Honours and Merit Awards (CLHMA), Institute of Law Research & Development of United Nations (ILAWDUN)

SUBMISSION DEADLINE: June, 20 2026

Read FAQs [here](#) for more information

SECTION A: NOMINATOR INFORMATION

1. Full Name:
2. Organization (if applicable):
3. Title/Position:
4. Email Address:
5. Phone Number:
6. Country of Residence:

Are you the nominee? (Yes/No – If no, proceed to Section B. If yes, only choose your preferred category (No.7) in Section B, then skip the other fields in Section B, then move to Section C.)

SECTION B: NOMINEE INFORMATION

1. Full Name of Nominee:
2. Organization/Institution (if any):
3. Title/Position:
4. Email Address:
5. Phone Number:
6. Country of Citizenship/Residence:
7. Preferred Award Category (Select one):
 - Law Research (LR)
 - International Law & Diplomacy (ILD)

- Legal Literature & Law Development (LLLD)
- Law Litigation Solution (LLS)
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Please click [here](#) to see the eligibility guideline

SECTION C: NOMINATION JUSTIFICATION

1. Summary of Nominee’s Contribution (max 500 words):

Describe the nominee’s work and its relevance to innovation, policy, or research. Highlight the humanity impact on the global scale.

2. Key Achievements (Bullet points or brief list):

Include publications, projects, legal reforms, advocacy, innovations, or initiatives.

3. How does this contribution align with the goals of the Laurel Award? (Max 250 words)

4. Has this work been recognized by other institutions?

- Yes
- No

If yes, briefly list awards or recognitions.

5. Relevant Supporting Materials (upload links/ documents):

Examples: CV/resume, publications, news articles, videos, endorsement letters, etc.

SECTION D: REFERENCES

Referee 1 – Full Name, Contact, Organization, Relationship to Nominee

Referee 2 – Full Name, Contact, Organization, Relationship to Nominee

SECTION E: DECLARATION

I confirm that the information provided is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge.

I understand that the submission does not guarantee selection, and the decision of the Awards Council is final.

Signature: _____

Date: _____

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

1. LAW RESEARCH (LR)

The **Laurel Prize for Law Research** recognizes an individual or project joined-individuals on exceptional, transformative legal productivity that redefines, advances, or profoundly critiques existing legal frameworks, jurisprudence, or legal philosophies, with demonstrable impact on global legal thought, governance, or justice systems. This prize celebrates legal researchers whose body of work has significantly contributed to the evolution of law or law development in alignment with human dignity, sustainable development, and international cooperation.

1.1. Eligibility Requirements

A. Scholarly Impact

Nominee must have authored a body of original, peer-reviewed legal research, books, or landmark work or theses that:

- i. Introduce innovative legal theories, reinterpret existing doctrines, or develop comprehensive frameworks addressing a solution-based complex legal challenges.
- ii. Are widely cited in academic, policy, or judicial contexts, across multiple jurisdictions or legal traditions (e.g., common law, civil law, religious law, customary law, or hybrid systems).
- iii. Demonstrate intellectual depth and rigor comparable to the most celebrated international legal thinkers.

B. Global Relevance and Influence

- i. Research must have transcended national boundaries, influencing legal systems, international bodies, treaties, or cross-border cooperation mechanisms.
- ii. Recognized contribution to comparative legal scholarship, harmonization of laws, or advancement of universal legal standards (e.g., legal jurisprudence, sociology of law, environmental law, AI and technology law, intellectual property law, climate justice, human rights law, and any law thematic area and specialization).

C. Originality and Theoretical Contribution

Nominee's work must break new ground—conceptually, doctrinally, or methodologically. For instance:

- i. Introducing new legal methodologies or interdisciplinary approaches (e.g., law + AI, law + behavioral economics, legal futurism, etc.).
- ii. Reframing normative legal values in ways that reimagine justice, equity, and sovereignty in global governance.

D. Policy or Jurisprudential Translation

Must have influenced policy formulation, lawmaking, or judicial reasoning, with direct or indirect citations in government reports, court rulings, or international institutional recommendations.

E. Longevity and Continuity of Contribution

- i. At least 10 years of documented academic research or legal scholarship post-terminal degree (e.g., PhD, LL.D, SJD, Post-doctorate, etc) with demonstrable productivity.
- ii. Body of work must show progressive development, intellectual maturity, and sustained engagement with evolving legal questions.

F. Ethical and Professional Standing

- i. Nominee must have a proven commitment to scholarly writing integrity, inclusivity, and public-minded research.
- ii. Must not have been involved in any serious ethical breaches, misconduct, or established practice controversies that undermine the integrity of their work or career.

1.2. Desirable (but Non-Mandatory) Considerations

- a) Recipient of prior prestigious legal research awards, fellowships, or endowed chairs.
- b) Contributor to open-access legal knowledge or capacity-building initiatives in underrepresented jurisdictions.
- c) Participation in law reform commissions, constitutional drafting, or advisory roles at international level, international tribunals or UN bodies.

2. INTERNATIONAL LAW & DIPLOMACY (ILD)

The **Laurel Prize for International Law & Diplomacy** honors an individual or a product joined-individuals whose exceptional work has profoundly advanced the principles, frameworks, and practice of international law, and contributed to diplomatic innovation, peaceful coexistence, global cooperation, transnational justice, and works that foster applicability of the purposes and principles contained in the Charter of the United Nations and regional instruments of economic, social and human rights character. This includes but not limited to legal theorists, law publicists, diplomats, legal advisors, negotiators, and statespersons, etc., whose efforts have shaped international legal orders or institutions, contributing to peace and development.

2.1. Eligibility Requirements

A. Leadership in International Legal Development

- i. Nominee must have played a pivotal role in proposing, drafting, interpreting, implementing, or reforming international legal instruments leading to acceptable positive outcomes, including but not limited to: Treaties, conventions, protocols, UN resolutions, international arbitration frameworks, regional or multilateral cooperation agreements, or draft proposal that enhances positive outcome of international law and diplomacy practice, peace and development.
- ii. May have served as:

- Advisor to international tribunals or intergovernmental organizations.
- Negotiator or delegate in high-stakes international diplomatic settings.
- Sensitive contributor and coordinator to the works of international organizations whether inter-governmental or non-governmental status.

B. Diplomatic Innovation and Conflict Resolution

- i. Demonstrable contribution to the peaceful resolution of international or transboundary conflicts, especially through legal and diplomatic mechanisms.
- ii. Innovations in preventive diplomacy, cross-border humanitarian negotiation, cyber diplomacy, or climate diplomacy are highly valued.
- iii. Work must reflect a balance of pragmatism, legal fidelity, and ethical diplomacy.

C. Advancement of Legal Multilateralism and Human Security

- i. Evidence of championing global legal norms, such as:
 - International humanitarian law
 - Human rights law
 - Refugee and asylum law
 - Environmental law or climate law
 - International economic justice and trade equity
 - Other areas of international law
- ii. Must have contributed to institution-building or the strengthening of global legal architecture (e.g., legal capacity-building in post-conflict societies, strengthening international courts, etc.).

D. Cross-Cultural or Global Jurisdictional Influence

- i. Work must have transcended regional or political blocs, promoting dialogue between differing legal cultures and ideologies.
- ii. Contributions to South-South or North-South legal cooperation, or innovative frameworks for inclusive global governance.

E. Track Record of International Engagement

- i. Minimum of 10 years of continuous, verifiable engagement in international legal or diplomatic practices.
- ii. Must have been affiliated with, or advised recognized international institutions, governments, or coalitions on matters of international law and diplomacy.

F. Professional Standing and Integrity

- i. Nominee must have an unblemished record of public service or public international conduct, with demonstrable adherence to the principles of neutrality, justice, transparency, and rule of law.
- ii. Must not have been implicated in any international sanctions, disciplinary actions, or breaches of international norms.

2.2. Desirable (but Non-Mandatory) Considerations

- a) Architect or lead negotiator of a landmark international treaty or legal mechanism.

- b) Scholarly contributions to international legal thought (books, journals, lectures) alongside practical diplomacy.
- c) Participation in transnational task forces, peace missions, or legal-diplomatic capacity building.
- d) Multilingual diplomacy and cross-border coalition building.

3. LEGAL LITERATURE & LAW DEVELOPMENT (LLLD)

The **Laurel Prize for Legal Literature & Law Development** celebrates an individual or a product joined-individuals' authors, editors, and legal thinkers whose exceptional writings have profoundly influenced legal development, institutional reform, public legal awareness, or systemic change in society. This category honors those whose literary contributions to the field of law combine **intellectual depth**, **narrative clarity**, and **transformational impact** on the theory and practice of law, especially in contexts of development, transition, or post-conflict reconstruction.

3.1. Eligibility Requirements

A. Original Legal Authorship

- i. Nominee must be the author or principal contributor of significant legal texts, which may include:
 - Legal literature book whether fictional or non-fictional writing or theoretical writing
 - Legal treatises, commentaries, or casebooks
 - Legislative drafting manuals or legal education materials
 - Public law reform guides
 - Legal memoirs or works of legal historiography
 - Poetry related to law or legal philosophy
- ii. The works must demonstrate exceptional literary craftsmanship, precision, and accessibility without compromising doctrinal rigor.

B. Contribution to Law Development

- i. The nominated works must be seen to demonstrate exceptionality of positive benefit to humanity and the system of law, or have contributed to legal advancement, including:
 - Modernization or codification of laws
 - Judicial reforms
 - Access to justice
 - Public legal education or civic awareness
- ii. Preference will be given to works that have directly influenced or stir wider academic or institutional discourse, policy changes, legislative drafting, or court decisions.

C. Transformative Narrative Power

- i. The literature must go beyond technical legal writing to illuminate the moral, cultural, social, economic, and humanitarian context of law.
- ii. It must provoke intellectual engagement, expand public legal consciousness, or stimulate systemic legal reform.

- iii. Works that address legal pluralism, indigenous legal systems, or underrepresented jurisdictions are highly valued.

D. Scope and Dissemination

- i. The work must have wide circulation and proven engagement among lawyers, legal professionals, scholars, policymakers, or the public.
- ii. Recognition may be given to those who have produced open-access or translated materials to broaden legal understanding across socio-economic or linguistic barriers.

E. Duration and Depth of Contribution

- i. The nominee must have a minimum of 10 years of active engagement in legal writing, or legal journalism, or scholarly editing.
- ii. A portfolio of work evidencing development over time (in complexity, sophistication, and reach) is expected.

F. Ethical Standing and Public Service Orientation

- i. Nominee's work and public conduct must demonstrate a commitment to truth, justice, public enlightenment, and intellectual honesty.
- ii. Any work promoting misinformation, terrorism or terrorist group sympathy, nationalistic bigotry and extremism, religious extremism and zealotry, racial and ethnic chauvinism, political propaganda disguised as law, or harmful bias is disqualifying.

3.2. Desirable (but Non-Mandatory) Considerations

- a) Recipient of literary awards in legal or scholarly writing.
- b) Editor of landmark legal journals or law reports.
- c) Contributor to legal knowledge production in fragile states, underserved communities, or transitional democracies.
- d) Popular citation of work in scholarly or international policy reports.

4. LAW LITIGATION SOLUTION (LLS)

The **Laurel Prize for Law Litigation Solution (LLS)** recognizes an exceptional legal team or law firm, lawyer, public defender, litigator who have demonstrated exceptional creativity, resilience, and impact humanity positively through legal litigation. Awarded to those whose innovative approaches have significantly contributed to resolving complex disputes, reforming litigation practices, or enhancing the judicial system, this prize upholds the highest standards of strategic legal advocacy and ethical conduct.

4.1. Eligibility Requirements

A. Demonstrable Litigation Excellence

- i. Nominee must have been directly involved in high-impact litigation that has:
 - Led to significant legal precedents or influenced the reform of judicial practices.

- Addressed complex issues such as constitutional challenges, human rights claims, environmental justice, or innovative legal disputes (e.g., technology, cyber law, or commercial litigation, any other thematic area of law).
- ii. Work may include both civil and criminal contexts, as long as the impact is measurable and transformative.

B. Innovative Legal Strategy

- i. The litigation strategy employed must have introduced novel legal arguments, procedural innovations, or integrative approaches combining multiple areas of law.
- ii. Nominee's approach should be recognized for:
 - Breaking conventional boundaries of litigation.
 - Demonstrating clear originality and adaptability in challenging entrenched legal norms.

C. Impact on Legal Reform and Public Policy

- i. The outcomes of the litigation practice must have:
 - Driven substantive changes in legal policy or judicial processes.
 - Enhanced the ability of courts or legal institutions to deliver fair and efficient justice.
- ii. Evidence should indicate that the nominee's legal battles have catalyzed broader changes, such as influencing legislative amendments, judiciary reforms, or improved legal protections at a national or international level.

D. Enduring Contributions and Professional Experience

- i. Nominee should possess at least 10 years of active, verifiable litigation experience post-qualification as a lawyer or legal practitioner.
- ii. The documented body of work should illustrate a trajectory of continued innovation and influence in litigation practice over the years.

E. Ethical Integrity and Professional Conduct

- i. Nominee must demonstrate exemplary ethical standards in both practice and conduct, embodying the principles of justice, transparency, and fairness.
- ii. Any history of professional misconduct, ethical breaches, or litigation practices that undermine public confidence in the legal system will be disqualifying.

4.2. Desirable (but Non-Mandatory) Considerations

- a) Recognition through national or international litigation awards, and commendations by peers or legal institutions.
- b) Publication of articles, commentaries, or case studies that document and disseminate innovative litigation practices.
- c) Leadership roles in legal reform projects, public interest litigation, or contributions to judicial training programs.
- d) Involvement in pro bono or community-focused litigation that has demonstrably improved access to legal representation for disadvantaged groups.

5. HUMAN RIGHTS & HUMANITARIAN LAW (HHL)

The **Laurel Prize for Human Rights & Humanitarian Law** honors an individual, legal team, law firm or institution, whose work in advocacy, legal reform, or humanitarian intervention has significantly advanced the protection and promotion of human rights. This award recognizes profound contributions that have alleviated human suffering, upheld justice, and influenced both national and international legal frameworks in contexts of conflict, oppression, human rights violation, or humanitarian crises.

5.1. Eligibility Requirements

A. Exemplary Advocacy for Human Rights

- i. Nominee must have a demonstrable history of engaging in landmark cases, policy reform, or grassroots initiatives that have expanded human rights protections.
- ii. Contributions should have led to tangible improvements in the rights and welfare of marginalized or vulnerable populations, including documented improvements in legal safeguards, procedural justice, or access to essential services.

B. Innovation in Humanitarian Law

- i. Nominee's work must introduce innovative legal frameworks, methodologies, or practices that enhance humanitarian response or expand the interpretative boundaries of existing legal norms.
- ii. Efforts must show adaptability by addressing emerging challenges, such as technological impacts on human rights, climate-induced displacement, or any novel forms of human rights crisis or humanitarian crises.

C. Global and Multidisciplinary Impact

- i. Work must have transcended local or national boundaries and had influence at the regional or international level, shaping policies, treaties, or practices in human rights and humanitarian law.
- ii. Evidence of collaboration across disciplines (e.g., law, public policy, social sciences) to address complex humanitarian challenges is highly valued.

D. Documented Influence on Legal and Policy Frameworks

- i. Nominee must have contributed to the drafting, reform, or successful implementation of laws, treaties, or policies that significantly advance human rights or humanitarian protections.
- ii. Contributions might include shaping guidelines and standards adopted by international bodies (e.g., the United Nations, regional human rights commissions) or influencing national legal reform.

E. Longevity of Contribution and Professional Experience

- i. A minimum of **10 years of verifiable work** in the area of human rights or humanitarian law is required, showcasing consistent advocacy, reform initiatives, or academic contributions.
- ii. Nominee's body of work should reflect a trajectory of evolving impact, from grassroots actions to influencing global legal discourse.

F. Ethical and Professional Integrity

- i. Nominee must demonstrate unwavering integrity, accountability, and dedication to the principles of human dignity and justice.
- ii. Any engagement in unethical practices, legal controversies, or actions that undermine humanitarian principles will result in disqualification.

5.2. Desirable (but Non-Mandatory) Considerations

- i. Recipients of national or international human rights awards, honorary doctorates, or recognitions from reputable human rights organizations.
- ii. Participation in international inquiry commissions, fact-finding missions, or leadership roles in humanitarian legal initiatives.
- iii. Contributions to academic research, publications, or public discourse that have advanced a deeper understanding of humanitarian law and human rights.
- iv. Active engagement in capacity-building initiatives or training programs for emerging human rights defenders and legal advocates.

6. CIVIL LIBERTY & HUMAN RIGHTS (CLH)

The **Laurel Prize for Civil Liberty & Human Rights** honors an individual or exceptional work joined individuals whose relentless advocacy, policy innovations, or transformative initiatives have decisively advanced civil liberties, human dignity, and fundamental rights. This prize aims to acknowledge those whose contributions resonate with the highest ideals of liberty and equality.

6.1. Eligibility Requirements

A. Profound Commitment to Civil Liberties

- i. Nominee must have demonstrated unwavering commitment to protecting and advancing civil liberties in contexts that may involve political, social, or economic oppression.
- ii. Evidence of initiating or leading breakthrough projects, legal battles, or advocacy campaigns that have substantially improved individual rights and societal freedoms.

B. Impact on Human Rights Policy and Legal Frameworks

- i. Nominee's work must have contributed to the formulation, exceptional level advocacy reform, or implementation of policies, laws, or constitutional amendments that bolster civil rights, pluralism, and social justice on either a national or international scale.
- ii. Contributions that have resulted in landmark legal precedents, court decisions, or governmental actions that affirm and protect civil liberties will be strongly favored.

C. Innovation in Rights-Based Advocacy

- i. Nominee's efforts should embody innovative and often interdisciplinary approaches that redefine the struggle for civil rights. This may include integrating technology, data analysis, community mobilization, or cross-sector partnerships.

- ii. Work that addresses contemporary challenges—such as digital surveillance, discriminatory practices, or erosion of privacy rights—through inventive legal or civic strategies is highly valued.

D. Global Reach and Comparative Impact

- i. Nominee's contributions must extend beyond national borders, influencing international human rights norms, strengthening global civil society networks, or fostering transnational solidarity.
- ii. Contributions should exhibit a capacity to inspire or guide legal reforms in diverse regions, particularly in contexts of significant civil or democratic deficit.

E. Longevity and Depth of Contribution

- i. A demonstrable track record of **at least 10 years of dedicated work** in civil liberties and human rights is required, with a clear trajectory of increasing impact and influence.
- ii. The body of work should reflect both immediate effects and a lasting, transformative impact on the legal and societal landscape.

F. Ethical Integrity and Professional Conduct

- i. Nominee must exhibit unquestionable ethical rigor, accountability, transparency, and personal integrity.
- ii. Any history of unethical practices, conflicts of interest, or actions that contravene the core values of civil liberty and human rights will disqualify the nominee.

6.2. Desirable (but Non-Mandatory) Considerations:

- a) Recognition from reputable international or national civil rights organizations, such as awards, honorary doctorates, or commendations.
- b) Experience serving on advisory panels, human rights committees, or as part of intergovernmental missions.
- c) Contributions through academic research, public commentary, or community leadership that have furthered a broader understanding and application of civil liberties.
- d) A documented record of engaging with marginalized or underrepresented communities to foster inclusion and equity.

7. BROAD-SPECTRUM LITERATURE (BsL)

The **Laurel Prize for Broad-spectrum Literature (BsL)** honors an individual or product joined individuals' authors, literary collectives, artists, whose work spans genres and disciplines to create profound, multifaceted narratives that engage with legal, cultural, ethical, and societal dimensions. This prize acknowledges works that foster critical reflection, inspire reform, and integrate thought with the broader human experience—pushing the boundaries of literature as a force for social transformation. It is awarded to an author (whether essayist, prose writer, or poet) or artist, whose literal or art work is deemed exceptional and has helped provide more access to the heart and core values of humanity and works of the classical most highly recognized publicists, and also has

become one of the key voices about commitment to freedom, democracy and the rule of law or history and culture that helps to promote humanity-values civilization world and research in humanities.

7.1. Eligibility Requirements

A. Interdisciplinary Literary Innovation

- i. Nominee’s literary or art output should transcend conventional treatises to include:
 - Creative non-fiction, prose, poetry, or dramatic literature, narrative journalism, treatise or memoirs that interweave themes with broader societal issues.
 - Fictional works, prose, poetry, or dramatic literature that interrogate legal and ethical questions in innovative ways.
 - Creative art or music that interrogate legal and ethical questions in innovate ways and which perception enhances healthy and positive orientation, and transcends territorial boundaries.
 - Sport law development or innovative measures in sporting activity which perception enhances healthy and positive interrelations that promote global or territorial peace.
- ii. The work must exhibit exceptional narrative quality, originality, and the ability to stimulate intellectual and emotional engagement among diverse audiences.

B. Impact on Public Discourse and Cultural Understanding

- i. The work should have significantly influenced public debate, cultural perceptions, or academic discourse related to humanity, spirituality or other dimensions, law and society.
- ii. Evidence of widespread readership or engagement—including translations, international acclaim, or integration into educational curricula—is strongly preferred.

C. Contribution to Legal and Social Narratives

- i. Nominee’s literature must contribute to a deeper understanding of how the work interacts with social, ethical, and cultural dynamics, offering fresh perspectives or critiques on established norms.
- ii. The work should foster multidisciplinary conversations among scholars, policymakers, cultural critics, and the general public, thereby contributing to societal reform and awareness.

D. Sustained and Diverse Literary Output

- i. A substantial body of work should be evident, demonstrating at least 10 years of active contribution to broad-spectrum literature that intertwines legal and cultural narratives.
- ii. The nominee’s portfolio should show versatility in style, content, and format, reflecting a sustained commitment to pushing literary boundaries across themes.

E. Professional and Ethical Integrity

- i. Nominee must maintain a reputation for intellectual honesty, cultural sensitivity, and ethical accountability in their literary endeavors.

- ii. The work should resonate with values of balanced inclusivity, equity, and social responsibility, avoiding the promotion of harmful stereotypes or divisive rhetoric.

7.2. Desirable (but Non-Mandatory) Considerations

- a) Recognition through reputable libraries, literary awards, fellowships, or critical accolades from reputable literary or academic institutions.
- b) Active engagement in public literary festivals, workshops, or academic panels, furthering the dialogue between literature, and society.
- c) Collaborative projects or cross-disciplinary ventures that merge the work's subject thought with other creative disciplines such as art, music, or digital media.

8. BROAD-SPECTRUM ANALYTICAL PHILOSOPHY (BsAPHIL)

The **Laurel Prize for Broad-spectrum Analytical Philosophy (BsAPhil)** recognizes and individual or product joined individuals, academic institutions, or research collectives whose philosophical work employs sophisticated analytical frameworks to interrogate legal, ethical, spiritual or other dimensions and social phenomena. This award commends thinkers who advance critical inquiry, deepen our understanding of complex legal, social, moral, spiritual or other dimensions dilemmas, and influence both theoretical debates and practical policymaking.

8.1. Eligibility Requirements

A. Rigorous Analytical Scholarship

- i. Nominee must have produced a body of scholarly work that demonstrates exceptional analytical rigor in philosophical inquiry. This includes: Publications in peer-reviewed journals, authored books, authored monographs, or influential essays that critically assess legal principles, ethical frameworks, or social theories, spiritual or other dimensions philosophies.
- ii. The development or refinement of analytical methodologies that enhance the precision and clarity of philosophical and legal debates.

B. Interdisciplinary Integration

The work must effectively integrate analytical philosophy with other fields such as law, religion, ethics, political science, sociology, medical science or technology, spiritual or other dimensions sciences. Contributions should:

- i. Offer novel insights that influence or reshape established paradigms.
- ii. Encourage cross-disciplinary dialogue and enhance the understanding of legal and ethical issues in multifaceted contexts.

C. Impact on Theory and Practice

- i. Nominee's work should reflect an enduring impact on both theoretical discourse and practical applications. This may include:

- ii. Influencing policy debates, judicial reasoning, or the development of new legal frameworks.
- iii. Providing critical analyses that have fostered knowledge system, revised ethical standards, or guided public policy directions.

D. Scholarly Contributions Over Time

- i. The nominee must have a demonstrable history of **at least 10 years of active contribution** in the field of analytical philosophy. This includes evidence of continuous intellectual evolution and sustained engagement in rigorous debate.
- ii. A comprehensive portfolio that illustrates an evolving impact—ranging from pioneering theoretical work to collaborative interdisciplinary projects—is highly desired.

E. Ethical and Academic Integrity

- i. Nominee must maintain the highest standards of academic honesty, transparency, and ethical conduct. Integrity in research methodology, data interpretation, and argumentation is paramount.
- ii. Contributions should resonate with principles of fairness, inclusivity, and social responsibility, avoiding the propagation of ideologically extreme or divisive ideas.

8.2. Desirable (but Non-Mandatory) Considerations:

- a) Receipt of prestigious academic awards, fellowships, or invitations to deliver keynote lectures at leading international conferences in relation to the work.
- b) Engagement in public discourse through academic panels, interdisciplinary workshops, or media contributions that make complex analytical philosophy accessible to broader audiences in relation to the work.
- c) Collaborative projects with legal, ethical, or scientific institutions that have demonstrably influenced policy or advanced public understanding of critical philosophical debates in relation to the work.
- d) A robust record of mentorship, thought leadership, and contributions to scholarly communities that foster future generations of analytical philosophers.

9. TECHNOLOGY & SCIENCE INNOVATION FOR LAW AND DEVELOPMENT (TSILD)

The **Laurel Prize for Technology & Science Innovation for Law and Development (TSILD)** acknowledges an individual or product joined individuals, research group, startup, company or institution that have integrated cutting-edge technology and scientific advances into the legal domain and stimulation of sustainable development systems, improve access to justice, and foster transparency and efficiency of legal systems.

9.1. Eligibility Requirements

A. Groundbreaking Technological and Scientific Innovation

- i. Nominee must have developed or implemented innovative technologies or scientific discovery or methodologies that transform legal research, practice, or policy development or development across themes. This may include, but is not limited to development in the areas of:

- Artificial intelligence, machine learning, big data analytics, or blockchain technologies applied to the advantage of legal systems.
 - Technological solutions that enhance access to legal information, streamline judicial processes, or facilitate remote legal services.
 - Scientific or technological solution which product advancement enhances the value of humanity and stimulates global sustainable development in any area such as medical-health, environmental systems, and any other area or measures protecting of human survival, with potentiality of applicability of law altogether.
- ii. Innovations must demonstrate the potential to redefine or significantly alter traditional legal frameworks, offering new paradigms for efficiency, transparency, or equity in legal contexts and foster sustainable development

B. Contribution to Law and Sustainable Development

- i. The work should have influenced the development or reform of legal policies, bridging the gap between technology and law. Contributions may include:
- Tools or platforms that enable more effective governance, regulatory oversight, or public participation in legal processes.
 - Initiatives that have catalyzed legislative changes, reformed regulatory systems, or enhanced the delivery of justice through technology.
- ii. Demonstrable improvements in societal outcomes, such as increased access to justice, enhanced legal education, or higher government transparency, are key factors for eligibility.

C. Multidisciplinary and Collaborative Approach

- i. Nominee’s work must embody a convergence of disciplines—combining legal studies with science, technology, and innovation—that produces solutions addressing real-world challenges.
- ii. Evidence of successful partnerships with academic institutions, government agencies, or private sector innovators is highly valued, reflecting the capacity to bring together diverse expertise for systemic change.

D. Demonstrated Impact and Scalability

- i. There should be clear evidence of the innovation’s effectiveness, whether through pilot projects, case studies, or widespread adoption in legal systems.
- ii. The initiative must have the potential for broader implementation across different jurisdictions or contexts, promoting global standards in law and development.

E. Longevity and Experience

- i. A minimum of **10 years of demonstrable experience** in integrating technology and science and extension to legal frameworks or development processes is required.
- ii. The body of work should illustrate continuous refinement, adaptation, and expansion of the innovation over time.

F. Ethical Standards and Professional Integrity

- i. Nominee must follow internationally recognized ethical standards in both technological innovation and law system.
- ii. The innovation should be developed and implemented with full accountability, ensuring user privacy, data security, and non-discriminatory practices.

9.2. Desirable (but Non-Mandatory) Considerations

- a) Prior accolades, patents, or recognition from esteemed technology or legal organizations may strengthen the nomination.
- b) Active participation in publishing research, participating in conferences, or contributing to public forums that foster technological advancement in legal contexts is advantageous.
- c) Involvement in training programs, mentorship, or initiatives that aim to build technical capacity within legal communities, particularly in underrepresented regions or sectors, is highly desirable.
- d) Practical functionality and usage of the product globally.

10. STANDARD-BEARER OF JUDICIAL HONORIS (SJH)

The **Laurel Prize for Standard-Bearer of Judicial Honoris (SJH)** is of two segments, namely, individual and institutional. The SJH honors an individual jurist or a country's judiciary, state's judiciary, international court/tribunal/courthouses whose work exemplifies excellence in adjudication, legal interpretation, and the promotion of public trust in legal institutions. This prize celebrates those whose decisions and conduct have not only reinforced the rule of law but have also inspired judicial reform and elevated global standards of justice.

10.1. Eligibility Requirements

A. Exemplary Judicial Record

- i. Nominee for individual award must be a serving or retired jurist, magistrate or court/tribunal rapporteur
- ii. Nominee for institutional award must be a court within a country's judiciary or state's judiciary or international court/tribunal/courthouse.
- iii. Nominee must have a well-documented history of adjudicating cases with exceptional fairness, impartiality, and legal acumen.
- iv. Evidence of landmark decisions that have contributed to the evolution of legal doctrines and the protection of human rights, civil liberty and humanity values.
- v. Demonstrated ability to interpret and apply the law in ways that benefit society and reinforce justice.
- vi. The nominee's rulings should have been cited widely or recognized as setting important legal precedents, thereby shaping judicial practice both nationally and internationally.

B. Commitment to Judicial Integrity and Ethics

- i. Nominee must be known to exemplify the highest standards of judicial integrity, exhibiting transparency, accountability, and impartiality in all judicial functions.
- ii. A proven record of ethical conduct free from corruption, bias, or undue political influence.
- iii. Consistent commitment to enforcing the rule of law and protecting the rights of all individuals, particularly the vulnerable and marginalized.

C. Innovation in Judicial Practice

- i. Evidence of innovative practices in judicial administration or decision-making processes that have improved efficiency, fairness, or access to justice.
- ii. Introduction of new methodologies such as use of technology or other innovative measures to modernize court procedures without compromising judicial independence.
- iii. Demonstrated leadership in judicial reform initiatives or institutional improvements that enhance transparency, accountability, and public confidence in the judicial system.

D. Leadership and Mentorship

- i. Nominee for individual award must have served as a mentor or an inspirational figure within the legal community, contributing to the professional development of emerging judges and legal practitioners.
- ii. Active participation in judicial training programs, panel discussions, or legal education efforts.
- iii. Where applicable, the judicial institution led by the institutional nominee should reflect an organizational culture that prioritizes fairness, accountability, and continuous improvement in judicial processes.

E. Longevity and Consistency in Service

- i. A minimum of 10 years of verifiable integrity-based judicial service is required, with a record that reflects evolving responsibility, influence, and sustained excellence.
- ii. The nominee's career should demonstrate not only remarkable case-specific decisions but also an enduring impact on the overall quality and reputation of the judiciary within and beyond their jurisdiction.

F. Global and Comparative Relevance

- i. While primarily focused on national or regional excellence, work should have global or comparative impact—contributing to international legal standards or promoting judicial best practices recognized globally.
- ii. The nominee's contributions should set a benchmark for judicial performance, serving as a model for reforms and inspiring improvements in judicial systems worldwide.

10.2. Desirable (but Non-Mandatory) Considerations

- a) Receipt of prior judicial honors or recognitions from reputable legal institutions or organizations.
- b) Contributions to national and international legal literature, judicial commentaries, or scholarly articles that analyze and shape judicial practices.
- c) Participation in international judicial conferences, workshops, or cross-border judicial training initiatives that further the dialogue on judicial reforms and human rights protection.
- d) Initiatives aimed at educating the public about the judicial process or enhancing community engagement with the legal system.

ILAWDUN LAUREL PRIZE AND MERIT AWARD BENEFITS

1. FINANCIAL REWARDS AND RESEARCH FUNDING

A. Monetary Award

Winners in each category may receive a prestigious sponsored cash prize. The award amount may vary by category and is determined by the Council for Laurel Prizes and Merit Awards (CLHMA), reflecting the award's significance and impact. The amount will be communicated to successful winners.

B. Research Grants and Fellowships

Awardees may be eligible for additional funding or research grants aimed at furthering innovative projects, scholarly pursuits, or the implementation of ground-breaking technology or policy initiatives.

C. Travel and Accommodations Support

Selected winners will receive financial assistance covering travel, lodging, and related expenses for participation in the award ceremony, related symposiums, and international conferences (e.g., the Global Summit and Training Programme on AI, Digital Technology, Advanced Science and Law for Sustainable Development, GLOTADALS).

2. PUBLIC RECOGNITION AND PRESTIGE

A. Trophy and Certificate

Each recipient will be presented with a distinctive trophy and an official certificate of recognition and distinctive title representing each laurel prize category that embodies the unique identity and tradition of ILAWDUN's Laurel Prize.

B. Global Media Coverage

Winners will be featured in high-profile global-level press releases, online publications, and media interviews, ensuring extensive global recognition for their contributions. They will also be enlisted and published in the Role of Laurel Prize Winners and Merit Awardees which will be catalogued annually and archived *ad infinitum*.

The winners are celebrated in the award proceedings which includes their own speeches, and music, art, inspiring messages from industry leaders, institutions and willing governments from all backgrounds and regions of the world before the global audiences – with the program participants present, and billions of viewers – through Web-TV, public and private national and international broadcasting print and digital media.

C. Official Award Ceremony

The accolades are celebrated in a formal awards ceremony annually.

For the **2026 award ceremony**, it is made as an integral segment of the **Global Summit and Training Program on Artificial Intelligence (AI), Digital Technology (DT), Advanced Science and Law for Sustainable Development (GLOTADALS)**, providing

winners with a platform to share their achievements before an esteemed audience of industry experts and global leaders, academics, and policy-makers.

3. PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND NETWORKING OPPORTUNITIES

A. Exclusive Access to ILAWDUN Networks

Individual laurel prizes and merit award winners will join an elite community of international scholars, practitioners, and innovative thinkers. This network provides valuable opportunities for collaboration, mentorship, and cross-border partnerships.

B. Invitations to High-Level Events

Recipients are granted VIP invitations to all ILAWDUN-sponsored events, including workshops, panels, and roundtable discussions that bring together influential stakeholders in law, policy, technology, and development across themes.

C. Impact Case Studies and Publication

Selected winners will have the opportunity to contribute to an annual compendium of case studies, showcasing their work alongside other global thought and industry leaders. This publication serves as both a professional portfolio and an inspirational resource for the broader community.

4. OPPORTUNITIES FOR INSTITUTIONAL AND PROFESSIONAL ENHANCEMENT

A. Endorsement and Institutional Prestige

Winning an ILAWDUN laurel prize and merit award serves as a mark of excellence and innovation, bolstering the reputation of the individual or institution on international platforms.

B. Partnership Facilitation

The award often acts as a catalyst for future collaborations. Recipients may be invited to participate in joint projects with global institutions, intergovernmental organizations, and academic bodies, further expanding the reach and application of their work.

C. Long-term Support for Transformative Initiatives

Winners will gain access to longer-term support mechanisms such as advisory roles, participation in think tanks, or opportunities to influence policy and legal frameworks at global level, following ILAWDUN works.

5. AUTOMATIC HONORARY MEMBERSHIP AND DESIGNATION OF HONOR

All winners will automatically receive honorary membership in ILAWDUN, which includes admission into the **Colleges of Fellow of the Institute** and **College of the Scholar and Reader of the Institute**, where applicable, subject to ILAWDUN's Constitution Articles.

Also, individual winners in categories such as **Law Research (LR)**, **International Law & Diplomacy (ILD)**, **Legal Literature & Law Development (LLD)**, **Law Litigation**

Solution (LLS), and **Human Rights & Humanitarian Law (HHL)** are designated as *Law Advocate of Nations (LAN)*. Winners in categories like **Broad-spectrum Literature (BsL)**, **Civil Liberty & Human Rights (CLH)**, and **Broad-spectrum Analytical Philosophy (BsAPhil)** are designated as *Letters Publicist of Nations (LPN)*. Winners in category of **Standard-Bearer of Judicial Honoris (SJH)** maintains the title of *Standard-Bearer of Judicial Honoris (SJH)* while winners of **Technology & Science Innovation for Law and Development (TSILD)** are designated as *Pathfinder of Humanity Burgeon (PHB)*. Laurel winners are entitled to suffix their names with respective designations of honor and be addressed as such.