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Instructions

1 Préciser si l'entité candidate participe aux activités listées à la question 141.

2 Le cas échéant, documenter ce rôle. Dans le cas contraire, expliquer pourquoi.

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0. Definitions

“Profession d’avocat” (referred to as **“Legal Profession”** in the Internal Regulations of the Bordeaux Bar Association) shall hereinafter refer exclusively to the legal profession of lawyer, as regulated in France by Law No. 71-1130 of 31 December 1971, reforming certain judicial and legal professions, Decree No. 91-1197 of 27 November 1991, and the Barreaux’ national rules of procedure.

“Avocat” (referred to as **“Attorney”** in the Internal Regulations of the Bordeaux Bar Association) shall hereinafter refer to any person practising the Profession d’avocat and registered on the Tableau, whether a natural person (an Avocat individually registered with a Barreau) or a legal entity (a company or practice entity of Avocats registered with a Barreau).

“Barreau” (referred to as **“Bar Association”** in the Internal Regulations of the Bordeaux Bar Association) shall hereinafter refer to all Avocats practising before each French judicial court, as well as before the Conseil d’État and the Cour de cassation, and registered on the Tableau.

“Ordre” (referred to as **“Bar Association”** in the Internal Regulations of the Bordeaux Bar Association) shall hereinafter refer to the democratic institution representing each Barreau, administered by a Conseil de l’Ordre chaired by a Bâtonnier (or by a President in the case of the Ordre des avocats près du Conseil d’État et de la Cour de cassation), elected by all avocats of that Barreau.

“Conseil de l’Ordre” (referred to as **“Bar Association Board of Directors”** in the *Internal Regulations of the Bordeaux Bar Association*) shall hereinafter refer to the representative and deliberative body of the Barreau, elected by all its Avocats.

“Bâtonnier” (referred to as **“President”** in the *Internal Regulations of the Bordeaux Bar Association*) shall hereinafter refer to the person who chairs the Conseil de l’Ordre and whose mission is to represent the Avocats of their Barreau, uphold professional ethics, ensure discipline, and promote the activities of the Ordre.

“Tableau” (referred to as **“Roll”** in the *Internal Regulations of the Bordeaux Bar Association*) shall hereinafter refer to the official list of Avocats of each Barreau adopted by the Conseil de l’Ordre, including two main sections: natural persons (Avocats individually registered with the Barreau) and legal entities (companies or practice entities of Avocats registered with the Barreau).

“Conseil National des Barreaux” and/or **“CNB”** (referred to as **“National Council of Bar Associations”** in the *Internal Regulations of the Bordeaux Bar Association*) shall hereinafter refer to the public-interest organisation responsible for representing the Profession d’avocat nationally before public authorities.

“Conférence des Bâtonniers” shall hereinafter refer to the association representing 163 Barreaux and 45,000 Avocats.

“Centre Régional de Formation Professionnelle des Avocats” and/or **“CRFPA”** (referred to as **“School of Attorney”** in the *Internal Regulations of the Bordeaux Bar Association*) shall hereinafter refer to the institution providing the initial professional training of Avocats to-be after they have passed the entrance examination organised through the Instituts d’Études Judiciaires, preparing them for the Certificat d’Aptitude à la Profession d’Avocat (or “CAPA”), and providing continuing training for Avocats.

“Caisse Autonome des Règlements Pécuniaires des Avocats” and/or **“CARPA”** (referred to as **“Attorney Payment Fund”** in the *Internal Regulations of the Bordeaux Bar Association*) shall hereinafter refer to the intra-professional institutions that secure fund-handling transactions carried out by Avocats on behalf of their clients.

“Conseil de discipline” (referred to as **“Disciplinary Council”** in the Internal Regulations of the Bordeaux Bar Association) shall hereinafter refer to a professional disciplinary jurisdiction established at each french court of appeal and competent to hear breaches and misconduct committed by Avocats belonging to the Barreaux established within that jurisdiction.

“Syndicat d’avocats” and/or **“Association d’avocats”** (referred to as **“Attorney’s Union”** and/or **“Professional Union”** in the Internal Regulations of the Bordeaux Bar Association) shall hereinafter refer to a collective organisation of Avocats, distinct from the Ordres and Barreaux, responsible for advancing claims, defending professional interests, and participating in debate on the development of the Profession d’avocat.

“Institution de la Profession d’avocat” (referred to as **“Professional institution”** in the Internal Regulations of the Bordeaux Bar Association) shall hereinafter refer interchangeably to the Ordres, the CNB, and the Conférence des Bâtonniers.

“Communauté professionnelle des Avocats” shall hereinafter refer collectively to the Avocats, the Ordres, the CNB, the Conférence des Bâtonniers, the CRFPAs, the CARPAs, the Conseils de discipline, the Syndicats and Associations d’avocats, as well as ad hoc entities mandated by the Institutions de la Profession d’avocat and social and/or technical bodies mandated by the Institutions de la Profession d’avocat.

1. A role as a territorial relay for national initiatives

The Ordre des Avocats du Barreau de Bordeaux first performs **the function of implementing, at the local level, the national policies** promoted by the Conseil National des Barreaux. When the latter identifies an issue affecting the Profession d'avocat as a whole, the Barreau de Bordeaux ensures that it is translated into concrete action for its members.

The **National Avocats' Health Day** is a particularly significant example. The Conseil National des Barreaux incorporated this event into a nationwide initiative aimed at promoting the work-life balance and well-being of Avocats, inviting the Barreaux to organize local actions tailored to the Communauté professionnelle des Avocats. [CNB – Première édition de la Journée nationale de la santé des Avocats](#).

The Barreau de Bordeaux gave concrete effect to this national initiative by organizing a **Health Day for Bordeaux Avocats**, including round-table discussions, workshops, meetings with healthcare partners and preventive health activities. [Barreau de Bordeaux – Journée Santé des Avocats bordelais](#).

This demonstrates that the Barreau de Bordeaux acts as an **active relay** rather than merely as a passive recipient of national initiatives: it ensures that the priorities established for the Profession d'avocat as a whole are effectively implemented at the local level.

2. A role as a practical service provider for Avocats

The Ordre des Avocats du Barreau de Bordeaux also acts as a **service provider**. It implements practical measures intended to support Avocats in their day-to-day professional practice.

This function is particularly apparent in its initiatives relating to artificial intelligence. The Conseil National des Barreaux established a national framework for information and safeguards by adopting guidelines on professional ethics and artificial intelligence, intended to support Avocats in their use of generative AI. [CNB – Guide sur la déontologie et l'intelligence artificielle](#).

The Ordre des Avocats du Barreau de Bordeaux extended this policy through highly practical measures: it was selected as an ambassador for the “**Osez l'IA**”

(**Taking a Chance on AI**) initiative, with the aim of encouraging the adoption of artificial intelligence by Bordeaux Avocats. [Barreau de Bordeaux – Ambassadeur IA](#).

It also entered into a partnership with **Haiku** to provide Bordeaux Avocats with access to an intelligent legal assistant. [Barreau de Bordeaux – Partenariat Haiku](#).

The Barreau de Bordeaux therefore acts as an **operational facilitator**: it does not merely disseminate principles or recommendations, but provides Avocats with tools and services that can be used in their professional practice.

3. A role in identifying and addressing the specific local needs of the Communauté professionnelle des Avocats

The Ordre des Avocats du Barreau de Bordeaux also performs an essential role in **listening to and addressing the specific needs** of the Communauté professionnelle des Avocats. It identifies the practical difficulties encountered by Avocats within its jurisdiction and implements appropriate responses.

This function is particularly apparent in its initiatives relating to quality of professional life. The Barreau de Bordeaux’s activity report refers to measures such as a micro-nursery and partnerships with “**Ema ma nounou à moi**” (Ema my nanny) and “**Bloomdayz**”, intended to facilitate childcare and improve the work-life balance of Avocats. [Barreau de Bordeaux – Rapport d’activité 2024](#).

Similarly, the **disability legal advice sessions** introduced by the Barreau de Bordeaux from November 2024 illustrate its ability to address specific legal needs while promoting the social role of the Avocat. [Barreau de Bordeaux – Rapport d’activité 2024](#).

The Barreau de Bordeaux therefore acts as a **local mechanism for identifying needs**: it understands the realities on the ground, the expectations of Avocats and the specific issues within its jurisdiction, and translates them into practical measures.

4. A role in mobilizing and collectively defending the Profession d’avocat

Lastly, the Ordre des Avocats du Barreau de Bordeaux plays a role in **collective mobilization** whenever a reform or regulatory development is perceived as affecting the essential interests of the Profession d'avocat, the rights of the defence and victims, or the safeguards attached to the role of the Avocat.

This function is apparent in its position against the “**legal privilege**” proposed for in-house legal counsel. Like the CNB and the provincial Barreaux, the Barreau de Bordeaux publicly stated its opposition to the proposed legislation concerning the confidentiality of advice provided by in-house legal counsel, citing, in particular, the protection of litigants' rights and the risk of inequality between businesses. [Barreau de Bordeaux – Communiqué sur le legal privilege](#).

It is also apparent in the mobilization against the **proposed legislation concerning criminal justice and respect for victims**. The CNB adopted a national resolution condemning the adverse effects on the fundamental safeguards of criminal proceedings and expressing its support for the mobilization of the Barreaux. [CNB – Résolution sur le projet de loi Justice criminelle](#). The Barreau de Bordeaux relayed this mobilization locally together with other Barreaux. [Barreau de Bordeaux – Communication LinkedIn sur la mobilisation des barreaux](#).

From this perspective, the Barreau de Bordeaux acts as a **local voice for the Profession d'avocat**. It contributes to the collective defence of the interests of Avocats and enables Bordeaux Avocats to participate in a structured national mobilization.

5. A role in fostering engagement and cohesion within the Communauté professionnelle des Avocats

Lastly, the Ordre des Avocats du Barreau de Bordeaux contributes to maintaining links within the Communauté professionnelle des Avocats by organizing or hosting training, discussion and networking events.

The **Territorial Public Law Meetings**, organized in Bordeaux by the CNB, the Barreau de Bordeaux and the Conférence des Bâtonniers, illustrate this function. They brought Avocats together around the theme “**Normes et État de droit**” (Rules and the Rule of Law), while enabling them to complete 6.5 hours of continuing professional training out of the 20 hours of annual training required of an Avocat. [CNB – Rencontres territoriales de droit public à Bordeaux](#).

Similarly, the **National Magistrat-Avocat-Court Clerk Relations Day**, organized in the city of Bordeaux by the Barreau de Bordeaux, the French National School for the Judiciary, the Bordeaux Court of Appeal and the Bordeaux Judicial Court, around the theme “**À l’ère de l’IA, faire vivre une déontologie partagée**” (Upholding Shared Professional Ethics in the Age of AI), demonstrates that the Barreau de Bordeaux plays a role in fostering dialogue between Avocats and other participants in the justice system. [Barreau de Bordeaux – Journée Magistrat-Avocat-Greffier](#).

This engagement role helps maintain active links among members of the Profession d’avocat, as well as between the Profession d’avocat and its institutional environment.

The Ordre des Avocats du Barreau de Bordeaux therefore plays a central role in the practical implementation of the engagement initiatives of the Communauté professionnelle des Avocats. As a local governing body, it serves as the **territorial anchor** of the Profession d’avocat: it represents Bordeaux Avocats, identifies their specific needs, relays the national policies of the Conseil National des Barreaux and translates them into operational measures accessible to its members.