

Is the existence of the identified community known outside that community?

Instructions

1 Demonstrate that individuals and groups outside the community are aware of its existence.

2 The applicant entity must provide documented evidence of the following practices carried out during the two years preceding the submission of the application:

- a) media coverage or other public information concerning the community, its activities or its members;
- b) mentions of the community in various forums, online or in person;
- c) evidence of partnerships or collaborations with groups outside the identified community;
- d) evidence that the community was created or structured before the application submission period opened;
- e) evidence of contributions (for example, cultural or scientific) to society or to a broader population.

Are individuals and groups outside of the identified community aware of the existence of the identified community?

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. Media coverage or other public information concerning the Communauté professionnelle des Avocats, its activities or its members

The Communauté professionnelle des Avocats **is widely known outside the professional community itself** because of its institutional role in the judicial system, its media visibility, and its interactions with public, academic, and social stakeholders.

This external recognition is documented by recent public sources.

The Communauté professionnelle des Avocats plays a fundamental role in defending citizens' rights and interests. Avocats are emblematic figures of the French judicial system and play an indispensable role in the daily lives of litigants, whether natural or legal persons, seeking legal advice.

Because of its central role in society, the Profession d'avocat generally enjoys a high degree of visibility: the Communauté professionnelle des Avocats, the activities carried out by Avocats, and its individual members are frequently covered by the press.

Accordingly, when court cases attract public interest because of their seriousness, they receive extensive media coverage. Journalists covering such cases frequently devote part of their reporting to the role of Avocats in the proceedings, their oral submissions, or interviews with them:

- Rio-Paris air crash case: Alain Jakubowicz, the Avocat for the civil parties, was interviewed by French journalists when AIR FRANCE and AIRBUS were convicted by the Paris Court of Appeal; https://www.bfmtv.com/police-justice/video-crash-rio-paris-une-victoire-de-la-justice-reagit-alain-jakubowicz-avocat-de-parties-civiles_VN-202605210623.html
- Samuel Paty trial: remarks made by the preacher's Avocat prompted a reaction from the Minister of National Education, who referred an ethical complaint to the Bâtonnier of the Ordre des Avocats du Barreau de Paris, alleging that the Avocat had breached the principles of tact, dignity, and courtesy; <https://france3-regions.franceinfo.fr/paris-ile-de-france/paris/samuel-paty->

[le-ministre-de-l-education-saisit-l-ordre-des-avocats-apres-des-propos-de-l-avocat-d-abdelhakim-sefrioui-3355162.html](https://www.le-ministre-de-l-education-saisit-l-ordre-des-avocats-apres-des-propos-de-l-avocat-d-abdelhakim-sefrioui-3355162.html)

- Interview with Avocats opposing the “SURE” bill concerning criminal justice and respect for victims, which had been adopted by the Senate on 14 April 2026. <https://www.ouest-france.fr/pays-de-la-loire/nantes-44000/video-l-interview-les-avocats-mobilises-contre-la-reforme-de-la-justice-9bbe0cb6-6eb3-30ff-b2a9-6348fffce01c>

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- Survey on perceptions of Avocats and the justice system (Barreau de Paris / IFOP): it highlights recognition of the central role of the Avocat in defending rights and ensuring access to justice; <https://www.avocatparis.org/actualites/le-regard-des-francais-sur-la-justice-et-les-avocats>
- 2025 Access to Law Barometer (CNB – ODOXA): this study confirms the structuring role of Avocats in society and their recognition by the public; <https://cnb.avocat.fr/actualite/barometre-de-l-acces-au-droit-2025-l-acces-au-droit-progresse-malgre-de-fortes-disparites>

These elements **demonstrate a measured and documented level of public awareness of the Profession d’avocat.**

2. Mentions of the Communauté professionnelle des Avocats in various forums, online or in person

The Communauté professionnelle des Avocats is regularly mentioned in:

- National and European judicial institutions, such as the Délégation des Barreaux de France <https://www.dbfbruxelles.eu/category/evenements/>, which organises events with Institutions de la Profession d'avocat from other EU and non-EU countries. In this connection, the European Legal Sovereignty Day, organised by the Conseil National des Barreaux in collaboration with the Barreau de Bruxelles, took place on 24 June 2026: <https://cnb.avocat.fr/evenement/european-legal-sovereignty-day>
- Academic and legal conferences, including the conference held by the Cour de cassation on 23 March 2026 as part of the Journée Nationale de la relation Magistrat-Avocat: <https://www.courdecassation.fr/agenda-evenementiel/journee-nationale-de-la-relation-magistrat-avocat-2026>
- Public reports on access to law and the rule of law: the Conseil National des Barreaux publishes various public reports online: <https://cnb.avocat.fr/les-comptes-rendus-publics> <https://cnb.avocat.fr/medias/beauvau-de-la-securite-table-ronde-sur-la-relation-police-justice-694128caca3ad9.98133933.pdf>

Publications issued by the Institutions de la Profession d'avocat (CNB, Barreaux) are also publicly accessible and disseminated in environments outside the Profession d'avocat.

3. Evidence of partnerships or collaborations with groups outside the Communauté professionnelle des Avocats

The Institutions de la Profession d'avocat and the Communauté professionnelle des Avocats more generally cooperate with numerous stakeholders, as demonstrated by the websites of their various members.

On the website of the Ordre des Avocats du Barreau de Bordeaux, a dedicated section presents its partners , which belong to several types of organisation:

<https://www.barreau-bordeaux.com/qui-sommes-nous/partenaires-barreau-bordeaux/>

- Courts and legal stakeholders;
- Institutional partners;
- Economic partners;
- And non-profit partners.

These various types of organisations have entered into partnerships with the Ordre des Avocats du Barreau de Bordeaux; similar events are also organised across the other 163 Barreaux and at national level:

- Courts and legal stakeholders:
 - On 15 December 2025, an exchange took place between the Ordre des Avocats du Barreau de Bordeaux and the Bordeaux administrative courts: <https://bordeaux.cour-administrative-appel.fr/qui-sommes-nous/vie-de-la-cour/echanges-entre-le-barreau-de-bordeaux-et-les-juridictions-administratives-bordelaises>
 - On the occasion of the Journée Nationale de l'Accès au Droit, the Ordre des Avocats du Barreau de Bordeaux organised several initiatives to inform the public about legal matters, including conferences and legal-information stands alongside the Défenseur des droits and the Conseil Départemental de l'Accès au droit de la Gironde: https://www.instagram.com/p/DYhr1VxjErT/?img_index=1. Events are also organised nationally on this occasion by the Conseil National des Barreaux, which in 2025 organised a symposium on access to law and Avocats: <https://cnb.avocat.fr/cnb/acces-au-droit-et-avocats-nouveaux-regards-nouveaux-enjeux>.
- **Institutional partners:**
 - Collaboration between the Ordre des Avocats du Barreau de Bordeaux and Université Bordeaux Montaigne in 2025: creation of a “point justice” to provide students at universities in Gironde with free legal consultations when a student is a victim of gender-based or sexual violence or discrimination: https://www.linkedin.com/posts/alexandreperaud_en-

[signant-une-convention-avec-le-barreau-activity-7273651187227189248-aLyy/?originalSubdomain=fr](https://cnb.avocat.fr/la-convention-de-partenariat-cnb-enm)

- Since 2011, the Conseil National des Barreaux has had a partnership agreement with the École nationale de la magistrature. The agreement aims to improve cooperation between Avocats and Magistrats by encouraging mutual cooperation between their respective professions. <https://cnb.avocat.fr/la-convention-de-partenariat-cnb-enm>. This partnership between the Communauté professionnelle des Avocats and the community of Magistrats also has a local impact, as half-day exchanges are organised between the two professions during events such as the Journée nationale de la relation Magistrat-Avocat: https://cnb.avocat.fr/la-convention-de-partenariat-cnb-enmhttps://www.linkedin.com/search/results/all/?keywords=eda%20ali%C3%A9nor%20julie%20couturier&origin=GLOBAL_SEARCH_HEADER

- **Economic partners:**

- In July 2025, the Ordre des Avocats du Barreau de Bordeaux entered into a partnership with a local community, the Communauté d'Agglomération du Bassin d'Arcachon Sud (COBAS), to provide legal support to regional businesses through training, discussions, and meetings. <https://www.facebook.com/ordredesavocats.bordeaux/posts/%EF%B8%8F-Barreau-de-Bordeaux-COBASjérôme-delas-vice-bâtonnier-a-signé-hier-un-partenari/1479506076636788/>
- The Conseil National des Barreaux has been an official partner of the "Go Entrepreneurs" trade fair for several years. Avocats from different regions of France provide legal consultations to business founders and company directors in various areas of law: <https://cnb.avocat.fr/go-entrepreneurs/go-entrepreneurs>

- **Non-profit partners:**

- In May 2026, the Ordre des Avocats du Barreau de Bordeaux entered into a partnership with the Centre de Ressources, d'expertise et de performance sportive (CREPS) to provide high-level athletes with dedicated legal support. https://www.instagram.com/p/DYomQjgDHK/?img_index=1

- On 12 March 2026, the CNB entered into a partnership with the Association Française des Femmes Juristes to strengthen the presence of female experts in public and media debate and to organise gender-balanced conferences. https://www.linkedin.com/posts/association-fran%C3%A7aise-des-femmes-juristes_2gap-cnb-activity-7438247208451403776-m4js/?originalSubdomain=fr

4. Evidence that the Communauté professionnelle des Avocats was created or structured before the application submission period opened

Historically, the Profession d'avocat has existed in France since the Middle Ages. The Profession d'avocat in its current form emerged in the thirteenth century, with the first regulations dating back to 1274 and notably requiring Avocats to take an oath and be entered on an official list.

Today, the Profession d'avocat in France is embodied in a professional community regulated by various legal instruments, including a statute more than 50 years old: the Law of 31 December 1971.

This law applies uniformly, at national level, to all French Avocats.

A law of 31 December 1990 also established a "new Profession d'avocat", intended to be liberal and independent and notably incorporating the former legal advisers.

The Profession d'avocat is represented nationally by the Conseil National des Barreaux and is structured through inter-Ordre bodies (Conférence des Bâtonniers) and various trade unions.

This long-standing and stable structure ensures lasting **external recognition of the Profession d'avocat as an institution of the judicial system.**

Today, more than 79,000 practising Avocats are recorded in France.

5. Evidence of contributions (for example, cultural or scientific) by the Communauté professionnelle des Avocats to society or to a broader population

The Communauté professionnelle des Avocats makes numerous contributions concerning current legal developments, particularly bills affecting the legal system in which its members practise:

- At the beginning of 2026, the bill on criminal justice and respect for victims prompted numerous reactions from the Institutions de la Profession d'avocat, particularly the Conseil National des Barreaux and the Barreau de Bordeaux:
 - The Conseil National des Barreaux: <https://cnb.avocat.fr/actualite/projet-de-loi-sur-la-justice-criminelle>
 - The Ordre des Avocats du Barreau de Bordeaux: <https://www.barreau-bordeaux.com/poursuite-de-la-greve-des-avocats-du-barreau-de-bordeaux/>

These elements demonstrate **strong, documented, and lasting external visibility**, consistent with ICANN's criteria for recognition of the community by third parties.