

# JUDGMENTS AWARD

ACCESS TO JUSTICE FOR MIGRANTS OR PERSONS  
UNDER INTERNATIONAL PROTECTION



## Objective:

The award seeks to offer recognition to judgments that have been issued in accordance to the highest human rights rules and standards as well as the best practices that have served to guarantee access to justice and enjoyment of human rights for migrants and persons with international protection needs in the Americas.

**May 8th:** Submission of decisions can begin.

**July 31:** Deadline for submission of decisions; no extension will be granted.

**September:** Notification of winners.

**October 20th:** The awards virtual ceremony.



**1. Decisions must have**

been handed down by a judge, magistrate or collegiate judicial body (not restricted to the Judicial Branch) of any country in the Americas. <sup>1</sup>

**2. The decisions must**

have been handed down in the period between January 2010 and the deadline for submission of decisions.

**3. Any kind of decisions**

will be admissible for consideration regardless of procedural status. The evaluation and eventual award of a decision that is not final and subject to appeal does not bind nor will have an effect on future proceedings.

**4. All personal data** of the parties involved in the case must be omitted; submitted decisions should contain public information according to the rules on transparency and access to information in the countries in which they were rendered.

**5. Individuals, non-governmental**

organizations, academic institutions and justice providers may participate in the competition by proposing and submitting decisions. Only in the first three cases (decisions submitted by individuals, non-governmental organizations or academic institutions), the justice provider who rendered the decision will be informed that it has been proposed for consideration of the jury to receive the award.

**6. The award will be** granted to the justice provider that rendered the decision.

**7. Decisions must have been**

handed down in English or Spanish or, if it is not the case, be submitted for consideration with a translation to English or Spanish.

**8. Decisions must be submitted in a**

PDF or Word format alongside its summary which will include the below mentioned. The summary must not exceed two pages, should be written in Spanish or English, in Arial font size 12, single-spaced, 1.0 margins.

<sup>1</sup> Canadá, Estados Unidos, México, Antigua y Barbuda, Bahamas, Barbados, Belice, Costa Rica, Cuba, Dominica, El Salvador, Granada, Guatemala, Haití, Honduras, Jamaica, Nicaragua, Panamá, Puerto Rico, República Dominicana, San Cristóbal y Nevis, Santa Lucía, San Vicente y las Granadinas, Trinidad y Tobago, Argentina, Bolivia, Brasil, Chile, Colombia, Ecuador, Guyana, Paraguay, Perú, Surinam, Uruguay, Venezuela.

## General information about the decision:

(Should not exceed one page)

1. Country in which the decision was handed down.
2. Judicial body and/or Administrative Judge and/or Office that rendered the decision.
3. Name(s) of the individuals who handed down the decision.
4. Procedural instance in which the decision was reached.
5. Detail of relevant procedural considerations.
6. File Number.
7. Date the decision.
8. Rights that were subjected to analysis in the case.
9. Legal framework(s) reviewed in the decision
10. International instruments and/or international standards invoked in the decision.
11. Comprehensive reparation measures adopted (when applicable).
12. Details regarding the voting on the decision (when applicable).
13. Concurring or dissenting opinions (when applicable).
14. Other relevant issues related to the decision.

## SPECIFICATIONS OF THE DECISION:

(Should not exceed one page)

15. **Abstract** containing the fact of the case and legal grounds for the adopted decision
16. **Explanation of** why the decision is considered to have been delivered with a Human Rights perspective, underscoring the Right to Access Justice for Migrants and People with International Protection Needs
17. **The pages** containing the primary claim, for which that decision was submitted, are to be indicated.



**If requirements 15, 16 and 17 are not fulfilled the submission will be automatically dismissed.**

## The deadline for submissions is **July 31, 2023**. Decisions should be submitted per the following **Instructions:**

1. All decisions should be sent to the following email: [premiosentencias@sinfronteras.org.mx](mailto:premiosentencias@sinfronteras.org.mx)
2. Printed documents will not be accepted.
3. Awards for the laureated decisions will be presented during the Fifth Regional Forum on “Analysis of Judgments on the matter of Migration and International Protection”, which will be held in October 2023.

## Jury:

The Jury, which will be selected by the organizing institutions, will assess the proposals. The jury's decision is final. The names of the members of the jury will be disclosed after the process has concluded.

The jury will offer awards to four submissions and grant them:

- **First place:**  
Diploma and statuette.
- **Second place:**  
Diploma and statuette.
- **Thirds place:**  
Diploma and statuette.

“HONOR ROLL MENTIONS” may be awarded to decisions that may not have won an award, but are worthy of recognition due to their argumentative quality or merits.

Likewise, “AN ACKNOWLEDGEMENT” may be granted to the organization or litigant whose legal actions and arguments were incorporated into the respective decision, that contributed to improve access to justice for migrants and people with international protection needs.

For the purposes of the preceding paragraph, the jury will determine whether an award is granted based on the decisions submitted.

## The first three places will also be awarded:

- a) Public recognition during the awards ceremony.
- b) Distribution of the decision subject of the award on the websites of all the organizers.
- c) Publication of the decisions or an abstract of them in the records of Recognition of Judgments 2023, which will be widely circulated throughout the continent.
- d) The possibility of participating in regional forums and presenting the awarded proposals.

## General information

Proposals will be disqualified if any of the preceding requirements are not fulfilled.

All matters related to this summons will be referred to the following email for attention:

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