



**Jeune Barreau
de Montréal**
Young Bar of Montreal

2021 Virtual International Debate Championship

September 8th, 2021

Guidelines

presented by

THE YOUNG BAR OF MONTREAL (YBM)

DATES

The 2021 International Debate Championship will be held on a videoconference platform on September 8th, 2021 at 12 PM (Montreal time).

OBJECTIVES OF THE 2021 CHAMPIONSHIP

- To promote young, talented and eloquent lawyers, and to give them exposure to the Montreal and international legal community;
- To create connections and networking opportunities between the various representatives of different Bar associations from around the world who will be attending the competition.

TOPIC FOR THE 2021 CHAMPIONSHIP*

- **Is Love all you need?**

*Please note that the same topic will be attributed to all the participants. Participation is limited to five (5) participants, based on a first-request basis.

ADMISSIBILITY

Any lawyer with less than ten (10) years at Bar is eligible to participate in the 2021 Championship. The event will be held in English so candidates must be able to plea in English.

REGISTRATION AND DEADLINE

Candidates must submit their application by filling the online registration form and sending their resume to Stéphanie Lenoir by email at slenoir@ajbm.qc.ca.



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Applications must be received by August 9th, 2021. Please note that the YBM's office may be closed for summer vacation, any form received during this period will be acknowledged upon our return.

Candidates must also submit, with their registration, a condensed version of their Resume for the purposes of presenting the candidate at the Competition.

2021 COMPETITION GUIDELINES

Participants must take a position either in the affirmative or negative on the proposed topic. The same topic will be attributed to all the participants. Participation is limited to five (5) participants, based on a first-request basis.

Participants are invited to wear the **judicial gown** that is customary in their country of origin.

The virtual public is welcome to attend the competition, and participants are encouraged to invite guests, family and friends to watch the competition online.

Presentations cannot exceed **four (4) minutes** in duration, and cannot be interrupted by the jury.

Following each participant's presentation, the jury will have the opportunity to comment on the presentation, and ask one (1) question to each participant. The participant's ability to answer any questions the jury may ask will also serve as a basis for the jury's evaluation of the participant's presentation.

After all the presentations are completed, the jury will name the winner of the International Debate Championship. The winner will be announced during the award cocktail which will be held immediately following the Competition.

JURY

Participants will be evaluated by a jury composed of a judge of the Quebec Court of Appeal, and the President or Chairman (or a representative) of each Bar association participating in the Competition.



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EVALUATION

The jury will evaluate each participant's presentation based the following criteria: Command of the English language, general knowledge, originality, humor, ease, personality, charisma, communication abilities and overall impression.

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