

*To the presidency committee of the IAJ  
Palazzo di Giustizia, Piazza Cavour, 00193 Roma, Italy*



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*Dear Colleagues,*

*On behalf of the Norwegian Association of Judges, it is my honor to formally inform you that the International Association of Judges (IAJ) has been nominated for the 2026 Nobel Peace Prize.*

*The nomination was made by Even H. Eriksen, who is a member of the Norwegian Parliament, the Labour Party's spokesperson on justice policy and First Deputy Chair of the Standing Committee on Justice.*

*In his letter of nomination Mr. Eriksen argues that the prize should be shared between IAJ and the International Court of Justice and highlights the essential role of an independent judiciary in safeguarding democratic governance, securing human rights, and contributing to processes of peace and reconciliation.*

*Mr. Eriksen emphasizes the global challenges judges face today, including increasing pressure on judicial independence and attempts in several jurisdictions to undermine courts that uphold the rule of law. The nomination recognizes IAJ's steadfast commitment to defending judicial independence worldwide and its enduring contribution to strengthening the international legal order.*

*We are pleased to share this news with you, and we ask you kindly to inform all IAJ member associations. The Norwegian Association of Judges is grateful for IAJ's continuous work and stands proudly beside you as this important nomination is made known internationally.*

*Kind regards*



*Torbjørn Saggau Holm  
President  
Norwegian Association of Judges*