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14-7 AVOCATS

(14-7 Lawyers)

THE GROUP OF LAWYERS FOR VICTIMS OF THE JULY 14th, 2016 ATTACK

Who are we ?

14-7 Avocats is made up of lawyers who have been representing about 300 victims of the July 14th, 2016 Nice attack, for several years, and has been meeting regularly for many months. The group is preparing for the hearing in front of the Criminal Court, which will be an exceptional trial.

We will conduct the trial in front of the Criminal Court (Cour d'Assises) in Paris on September 5th, 2022.

We only work under pro bono format, which is available to both French and foreign victims.

The group is divided into sub-groups (criminal lawyers and personal injury specialists).

The group meets in "plenary" session at least once a month to go over the work progress and what has been accomplished.

The group of lawyers aim to :

- Give victims a prominent place in the trial ;
- Prepare the victims and coordinate their hearings ;
- Prepare interventions during the hearing, so that they are efficient and productive, avoiding redundancy ;
- Establish a common list of witnesses to be called ;
- Designing a new kind of pleading: the collective pleading and also in memory of the deceased.

Why become a civil party?

This is a right for all victims of the attack.

It is the only way for victims to be heard at the trial; and also to have their name written on the decision that will be handed down by the Assize Court.

The role of the civil parties is important during the criminal trial. Through their hearings the truth of the victims becomes visible.

But civil parties can also simply be present at their own trial, participate in it or simply listen.

The lawyer is present at the victim's side throughout the trial, helping the victim to make his or her voice heard.

Legal aid is a right for victims of terrorist attacks who wish to act as a civil party; there are no costs or fees to pay.

The terrorist act traumatizes an entire nation, and the victims who are civil parties are the embodiment of this collective trauma. And only the victims can express the extent of the trauma they have suffered. They must take their rightful place in the trial.

Who can be a civil party:

The direct victims:

The victims present at the scene on the day of the terrorist act. Those of French nationality but also of foreign nationality.

Including any public official or soldier, as well as their dependants, whatever their nationality.

NOTE: Even if **the victim's file has been refused** by the FGTI or by the investigating judge, the victim can still file a civil action claim in front of the Assize Court, following a new case law from February 15th, 2022 of the Court of Cassation:

All persons who were on the Promenade des Anglais near the attack, and who may have legitimately felt exposed to the attack, are eligible to bring civil proceedings: French AND foreigners;

People who have not yet joined as civil parties can do so directly before the specially composed Court of Assizes, until the end of the proceedings.

People who have been previously refused can therefore also file a civil action in front of the Assize Court.

... regardless of the nature of their physical or psychological injuries.

The physical or psychological injuries of the victims make it possible to constitute civil parties;

People who were physically injured by the truck, but also people who were injured during the crowd movement that followed, from a fall...

People who have been psychologically shocked can also bring civil action.

The indirect victims:

Relatives of direct victims who personally suffer as a consequence of the direct victim's situation resulting from the attack, whether dead or injured.

The following persons may therefore be brought as civil parties in front of the Assize Court, if they demonstrate that they have suffered personal, direct and certain harm in connection with the attack:

- All family members cohabiting with the direct victim of the attack (spouse, ascendants, descendants, siblings).
- Family members not cohabiting with the direct victim of the attack;
- The cohabiting partner of the direct victim of the attack (the stability of the couple's relationship must be established);
- Godparents,
- Members of the blended family (half-brother, half-sister).

People who have not yet joined as civil parties can do so!

Indirect victims refused by the FGTI or the investigating judge can bring civil proceedings before the Assize Court.

How to attend the trial? :

Where?

IN PARIS : Court of Appeal of Paris, Entrance rue de HARLEY, 75004 PARIS.

For civil parties, there is a dedicated entrance: rue de Harlay, 75001 Paris ;

For relatives who are not civil parties, the family, public entrance: 10 boulevard du Palais, 75001 Paris.

The hearing will take place on the ground floor, in courtroom 8-3 n° 0D30 - sector D - ex tribunal correctionnel (10 bd du Palais in Paris - métro cité station).

IN NICE : a non-interactive broadcast in Nice is being organized.

Civil parties called to testify will have to travel to Paris. It will not be possible to intervene from Nice in any case.

When will it take place? The hearing is officially scheduled from September 5th, 2022 until November 15th, 2022 but an extension until mid-December is already expected.

How ? Those who are already civil parties: Before the hearing, you will receive a form from the clerk's office to fill in and return, along with various supporting documents. Those who must constitute: You must file a civil party's constitution at the Court of Assizes.

When you arrive, you must go to the "point greffe" to present your badge. This place will be located near the courtroom, i.e. the "salle des grands procès".

You will choose to wear a red lanyard if you do not wish to speak to journalists, a green lanyard if you wish to speak to them. Lawyers will have a black cord, organizers a blue lanyard, journalists an orange cord.

Please note: it is the check-in, everyday that you are present at the Palais, that gives you the right to be reimbursed for the costs associated with your participation in the trial in Paris.

French and foreign victims can apply for legal aid.

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On the terms of reimbursement of costs related to the trial

For the reimbursement of expenses related to your presence at the trial in Paris, you must return the form to the courthouse with the original of your summons, a bank statement, a copy of your identity card or passport and an up-to-date proof of address (+ copy of the family record book if the civil party is French).

You are entitled to reimbursement when you check-in with your badge each day you are at the courthouse.

In summary :



One group of lawyers, one email:

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14-7avocats is a working group made of lawyers from the Nice, Grasse and Ajaccio Bars who will be present at the hearing in Paris from September 5, 2022 and who will intervene exclusively on the basis of legal aid.

14-7 avocats was formed several months ago in order to organize a constant presence in Paris throughout the trial, to share preparatory work and to coordinate interventions, as well as a memorial and collective pleading.