



EUROPEAN COURT OF HUMAN RIGHTS  
COUR EUROPÉENNE DES DROITS DE L'HOMME

## **René Samuel CASSIN**

### **President of the European Court of Human Rights**

#### **Personal Details**

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Born: 5 October 1887

Died: 20 February 1976

Nationality: French

#### **Curriculum vitae**

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- Education: Lycée, Nice; Faculties of Law, Aix and Paris; Licencié ès lettres (1908)
- Doctor of Jurisprudence, Economics and Politics (1914), Agrégé (1920); Professor of Law, Faculty of Law, Lille (1919) and Paris (1929)
- Professor, Hague Academy and Institut universitaire des Hautes Etudes Internationales, Geneva
- Doctor honoris causa, Oxford University
- National Commissary for Justice and Education in the French Government, London (1941-43); member of the Algiers Consultative Assembly and Chairman of Legal Committee (1943-44)
- Vice-President of the Conseil d'Etat (since 1944)
- Member of the Institut (Académie des Sciences morales et politiques)
- President of the Commission Constitutionnelle provisoire (set up by the 1958 Constitution)
- French Representative to League of Nations (1924-38)
- French co-founder of UNESCO (1942-45-46-52)
- Delegate to United Nations (1946-50-51)
- Member (since 1945) and former President, United Nations Commission of Human Rights; principal author of Universal Declaration of Human Rights (1948)
- Chairman of Board, Ecole Nationale d'Administration, Institut international d'Etudes et de Recherches diplomatiques and Amis de l'Université de Paris
- Président d'honneur, International Institute of Administrative Sciences and Society of Comparative Legislation
- Between the two wars, president of the Union Fédérale des Mutilés et anciens Combattants (in which capacity played a large part in preparing laws and regulations on rehabilitation of war victims and education of orphan wards of the Nation)
- Président d'honneur, Union Française des Anciens Combattants
- President, Alliance Israélite Universelle
- Grand-Croix de la Légion d'Honneur; Compagnon de la Libération; Médaille Militaire; Croix de Guerre
- Vice-President of the Court from 15 September 1959 to 20 May 1965
- President of the Court from 20 May 1965 to 15 June 1968
- Judge of the European Court of Human Rights from 21 January 1959 to 20 February 1976