

SOMERSET, N.J., Jan. 22, 2014 /PRNewswire/ -- The family of Joseph H. Lemkin, partner at the New
Jersey
law firm of
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, was honored last month at the United Nations during the commemoration of the 65th
Anniversary of the Genocide Convention that paid tribute to
Raphael Lemkin
, an international attorney who coined the word "genocide" and who has been recognized as
being primarily responsible for the creation of the UN Convention for the Prevention and
Punishment of the Crime of Genocide.

"What Raphael Lemkin did was incredible — to persevere until genocide was made into a
palpable crime that can be prosecuted," said Joseph Lemkin, who is second cousin to Raphael.
"For the family, it was deeply meaningful to witness this event led by United Nations
Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon,
who was represented by Deputy Secretary-General
Jan Eliasson
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Raphael Lemkin was born in Poland and escaped to the U.S. ahead of the Nazi occupation.
His cousin Daniel, Joseph's father, was conscripted into the Russian army and survived World
War II, but the rest of the Lemkin family in Poland perished
in the Nazi concentration camps or died in the resistance movement.

"My father told me of Raphael's trips to Washington, D.C., having spent all of his money and
being shunned by many," said Joseph. "But his legacy lives on, as one of the initial acts of the
first-ever United Nations General Assembly was to adopt the convention that
Raphael Lemkin
had been promoting."

Joseph Lemkin currently serves as chairman of Parker Ibrahim & Berg's bankruptcy practice group. He is admitted to practice in New Jersey and New York and is a member of the New Jersey State Bar Association, the New York State Bar Association and the American Bankruptcy Institute. Lemkin is a graduate of Hofstra University School of Law, where he was awarded the Charles Falabella Labor Studies Award, and received his BA degree from Rutgers College .

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