



Protection of Rights Without Borders NGO



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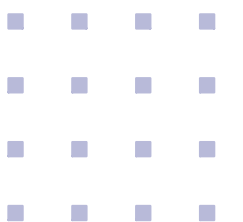
About us

The mission of the Protection of Rights without Borders NGO is to enhance the effectiveness of human rights protection in Armenia and to promote the principles of the rule of law and good governance.

The organization specializes in the fields of human rights, judiciary, public administration, anti-corruption, and security.

OUR WORK

- ✓ Pro bono legal aid to victims of human rights violations
- ✓ Strategic litigation
- ✓ Monitoring and reporting on human rights and democracy situation, court monitoring
- ✓ Documentation of human rights and humanitarian law violations
- ✓ Research, assessment of sectoral policies
- ✓ Capacity building and human rights education
- ✓ Domestic and international advocacy





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Our team



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Reports

We prepared and presented seven analytical reports, including:

- A summary of judicial practice concerning confiscation of property of illegal origin in the Republic of Armenia;
- An analysis of the practice of disciplinary liability of judges;
- A review of the application of detention and house arrest in cases pending before the courts;
- An assessment of the election process for judges of the Anti-Corruption Court;
- A summary of the open competition to supplement the list of prosecutors authorized under the Law “On Confiscation of Property of Illegal Origin”;
- Findings from monitoring the open competition for the selection of the Head and Deputy Head of the Department for Confiscation of Property of Illegal Origin of the Prosecutor General’s Office;
- Findings from monitoring the election of judges under the general procedure during 2022–2023.





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Opinions and Proposals



We submitted seven expert opinions and proposals on draft legislation and regulatory decisions, including:

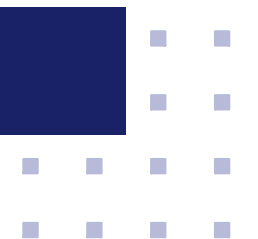
- The draft framework for a digital system for the conclusion of employment contracts;
- Amendments to the Law “On Non-cash Transactions” (jointly with partner NGOs);
- Amendments to the Criminal Procedure Code of the Republic of Armenia (jointly with partner NGOs);
- Amendments and supplements to the Administrative Procedure Code of the Republic of Armenia;
- The draft law on persons missing under conditions and circumstances arising from military operations;
- The draft decision on the procedure for granting scholarships to cover full or partial tuition fees for students forcibly displaced from Nagorno-Karabakh after 19 September 2023 (jointly with partner NGOs);
- Amendments to the Law “On Alienation of Property for the Purpose of Ensuring the Overriding Interests of Society” (jointly with partner NGOs).



Statements

We have issued or joined 11 public statements addressing matters of significant legal and public importance, including:

- A call on the Government not to abandon interstate lawsuits against Baku;
- Monitoring of the trials of Armenian detainees commencing in Baku;
- Condemnation of efforts by the U.S. to impose sanctions against the International Criminal Court;
- An assessment of the Republic of Armenia–United States strategic partnership;
- Concerns relating to the Law on Military Service and the Status of Servicemen;
- A statement regarding the lawsuit filed by ZCMC against its former employees;
- Objections concerning violations of the Constitution of the Republic of Armenia, the principles of human rights protection and the rule of law, and the autonomy of the Church;
- A statement on the environmental and public health implications of the fire at the Nubarashen landfill;
- An appeal to OSCE participating States not to dissolve the Minsk Group;
- Concerns over selective, disproportionate, and unlawful application of the criminal justice system;
- Condemnation of interference with the autonomy and freedom of Church activities.





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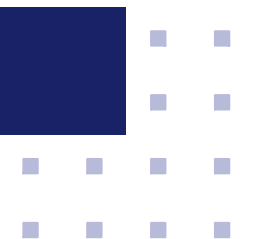


European Court on Human Rights



Strategic litigation conducted by PRWB has led to landmark judgments concerning Armenia.

- In its judgment of 3 April 2025 in Hayk Grigoryan v. Armenia, the European Court of Human Rights confirmed a violation of the applicant's right to freedom of expression.
- In Manukyan v. Armenia, the European Court likewise found violations attributable to Armenia, holding that the national authorities had unlawfully interfered with the applicant's right to private life and had failed to carry out an effective investigation.





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Legal aid

In 2025, our lawyers provided pro bono legal assistance to more than 500 individuals in connection with human rights violations across administrative, criminal, and civil matters.





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Public activities

Over the reporting period, we organized three professional discussions and two training courses, and took part in a wide range of international and domestic activities, including conferences, observation missions, public discussions, moot court exercises, an international law forum, and other relevant events.





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Media coverage

More than 120 interviews and comments to media outlets





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