



Judgments and decisions of 9 November 2023

The European Court of Human Rights has today given notification in writing of 13 judgments¹ and ten decisions²:

two Chamber judgments are summarised below;

a separate press release has been issued for one Chamber judgment in the case of *Legros and Others v. France* (application no. 72173/17 and 17 other applications);

a separate press release has also been issued for a decision in the case of *Rivadulla Duró v. Spain* (no. 27925/21)

ten Committee judgments, concerning issues which have already been examined by the Court, and the nine other decisions can be consulted on [Hudoc](#) and do not appear in this press release.

The judgments summarised below are available only in English.

[Toivanen v. Finland](#) (application no. 46131/19)

The applicant, Kari Risto Kalevi Toivanen, is a Finnish national who was born in 1958 and lives in Sulkava (Finland). He is a lawyer licensed to act as counsel before the courts.

In connection to court proceedings he himself was involved in, he wrote emails to several judges and judicial bodies, criticising them and asking them to take measures on his behalf. This led to the Board on Trial Counsel (*oikeudenkäyntiavustajalautakunta, rättegångsbiträdesnämnden*) revoking his licence to represent clients before the courts. The case concerns the applicant's appeal against that decision to the Helsinki Court of Appeal and that court's subsequent decision to hear the case in its extended composition.

Relying on Article 6 (right to a fair trial) of the European Convention on Human Rights, the applicant complains of bias against him in the Court of Appeal and of the alleged unlawful transfer of his case to the extended composition of that court.

No violation of Article 6

[Lang v. Ukraine](#) (no. 49134/20)

The applicant, Craig Austin Lang, is a United States national who was born in 1990 and lives in Kyiv.

Mr Lang, who had previously served in the US army, fought with varying Ukrainian armed formations for several periods between 2015-19. The case concerns the possible extradition of Mr Lang to the US following requests by the US Government. He is wanted in the States of Florida, North Carolina and Arizona and for a number of offences, including, among others, use and discharge of a firearm during and in relation to a crime of violence resulting in murder; conspiracy to kill, kidnap, maim or

¹ Under Articles 43 and 44 of the Convention, Chamber judgments are not final. During the three-month period following a judgment's delivery, any party may request that the case be referred to the Grand Chamber of the Court. If such a request is made, a panel of five judges considers whether the case deserves further examination. In that event, the Grand Chamber will hear the case and deliver a final judgment. If the referral request is refused, the Chamber judgment will become final on that day. Under Article 28 of the Convention, judgments delivered by a Committee are final.

Once a judgment becomes final, it is transmitted to the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe for supervision of its execution. Further information about the execution process can be found here: www.coe.int/t/dghl/monitoring/execution.

² Inadmissibility and strike-out decisions are final.

injure persons in a foreign country (specifically Venezuela); violation of the neutrality act; and passport fraud.

Relying on Article 3 (prohibition of inhuman and degrading treatment) of the European Convention, Mr Lang alleges that if extradited to the US, he would risk receiving a sentence of life imprisonment without hope of release.

No violation of Article 3 if the applicant were to be extradited to the United States of America

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