



Publications

XIII. Publications

A. Institutional publications

During 2022, the Inter-American Court worked on the production and edition of 25 new publications. These included institutional texts, such as the proceedings of the Inauguration of the 2022 Inter-American Judicial Year and the volume 40th anniversary of the entry into force of the American Convention on Human Rights and the creation of the Inter-American Court of Human Rights. International Seminar. In addition, six new Bulletins were prepared in the series Case Law Bulletins of the IACtHR, five of which relate to the Case Law of the IACtHR with regard to the countries of the region (Nicaragua, Brazil, Uruguay, Bolivia, Paraguay); eleven Bulletins were updated to 2022 and a start was made to producing the collection in Portuguese with the translation of four Bulletins into that language (in addition to the publication of the new Bulletin on Brazil). Also, two new infographics were prepared and published.

1. Institutional texts

1.1. Inauguration of the 2022 Inter-American Judicial Year²⁷⁷

The Court again prepared and published the proceedings of the Inauguration of the Inter-American Judicial Year, which took place on February 7, 2022. To this end, it coordinated all aspects of the elaboration of the documents, such as their preparation, drafting of sections, editing, revision, submission for printing, and dissemination on the website and social networks of the IACtHR.



This publication includes the presentations made during the ceremony by the Court's former President, Elizabeth Odio Benito; the Minister of Foreign Affairs and Worship of the Republic of Costa Rica, Rodolfo Solano Quirós, and the President of the IACtHR, Ricardo C. Pérez Manrique. It also records the formal installation of the Board for 2022-2023, and the swearing in of the new members of the Court.

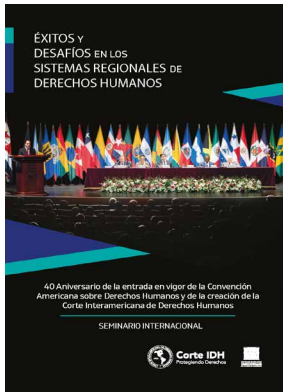
The proceedings were published on October 27, 2022, and disseminated on the social networks of the Inter-American Court of Human Rights.²⁷⁸ In addition, the print version was published in December 2022.

²⁷⁷ Link to the publication: https://www.corteidh.or.cr/sitios/libros/todos/docs/apertura/aj_2022.pdf.

²⁷⁸ Dissemination on social networks: <https://www.facebook.com/photo/?fbid=494425679381678>.

1.2. Successes and challenges in regional human rights systems. 40th Anniversary of the entry into force of the American Convention on Human Rights and the creation of the Inter-American Court of Human Rights. International seminar²⁷⁹

This text, published in conjunction with the Institute for Constitutional Studies of the state of Querétaro (ICECQ), is a record of the international seminar held as part of the activities to commemorate the 40th anniversary of the entry into force of the American Convention on Human Rights and the creation of the Inter-American Court of Human Rights, held from July 16 to 19, 2018, in San José, Costa Rica.



The publication makes available to all those interested, the presentations made during this event, which contain in-depth reflections on the 40 years that the Pact of San José has been in effect, on the work of the Inter-American Court over this period, and on the challenges faced by the regional and universal human rights system. It also includes the Declaration of San José, Costa Rica, signed by the Presidents of the Inter-American Court of Human Rights, the African Court of Human and Peoples' Rights and the European Court of Human Rights, issued to reinforce the collaborative work between the only three regional courts in the world. The digital version of this publication was issued on November 24, 2022, and disseminated by a press release²⁸⁰ and by the social networks of the IACtHR.

2. Case Law Bulletins of the Inter-American Court of Human Rights

The Case Law Bulletins of the IACtHR are an important tool for training and dissemination of the Court's Case Law and are also used as study materials in the increasing number of training activities that the Court offers, and also in the work of various courts, institutions and organizations in the region. In this way, in addition to fulfilling their pedagogic function for the actors, users and other people interested in the Inter-American human rights system, and in access to international justice, they increase the visibility of the Court's work.

As has been the custom for several years, a consultant was hired to provide support for some of the publications produced in this series. In such cases, the Court continued efforts to consolidate the editorial line of the series of Bulletins and, in this way, once the texts have been received from the consultant, its team carries out the revision, editing and publication of the texts, based on the editorial guidelines. As a result, it has been possible to gradually standardize and substantially improve both the general design and the internal form and content of the Bulletins. Also, with the support of the Communications and Library teams, they have been published on the webpage specifically set up to this end: <https://www.corteidh.or.cr/publicaciones.cfm> — the design of which has also been greatly improved this year — and were disseminated by press releases on the IACtHR website and its social networks, and by other institutional mechanisms.

During 2022, six new Case Law Bulletins were prepared: one on judicial independence, and five on the Case Law of the IACtHR with regard to one specific country, namely: Nicaragua, Brazil (in Portuguese), Uruguay, Paraguay and Bolivia. Additionally, work was done to translate four Bulletins into Portuguese,

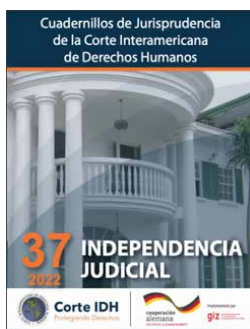
²⁷⁹ Link to publication: <https://biblioteca.corteidh.or.cr/adjunto/38854>.

²⁸⁰ Press release: https://www.corteidh.or.cr/docs/comunicados/cp_83_2022_eng.pdf

thereby expanding their target audience, as well as the reach and impact of these publications. Lastly, eleven Bulletins were updated. This means that the series has been updated to either 2021 or 2022.

2.1. New Case Law Bulletins of the IACtHR

2.1.1. Case Law Bulletin of the Inter-American Court of Human Rights No. 37: Judicial independence, 2022

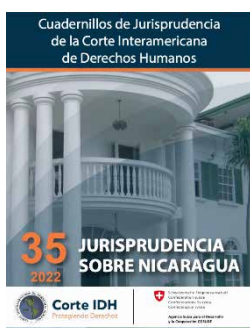


This Bulletin is devoted to the increasingly wide-ranging Case Law of the Court with regard to judicial independence and to the principles applicable to the Public Prosecution Service in the area of irremovability in office, and appraisal and evaluation processes, among other relevant issues. The text includes aspects related to judicial independence, its relationship to the Rule of Law, the right to due process of law, the removal of Judges and justices, impeachment, and political rights. In addition, it reviews the Case Law of the IACtHR on the independence of prosecutors; specifically, the standards for judicial independence applicable to them, the irremovability of provisional prosecutors, and some considerations on removal from office based on appraisal and evaluation processes. Lastly, some of the measures of reparation established by the Inter-American Court in relation to the independence of Judges and prosecutors are systematized.²⁸¹

This Bulletin was published on September 30, 2022, and disseminated by the Inter-American Court's social networks and a press release.²⁸²

2.2 New Case Law Bulletins of the IACtHR with regard to countries

2.2.1 Case Law Bulletin of the Inter-American Court of Human Rights No. 35: Case Law concerning Nicaragua, 2022



This Bulletin addresses the Court's Contentious Case Law with regard to the Republic of Nicaragua. It includes a systematization of the most relevant paragraphs of the Nicaraguan Contentious Cases and addresses matters relating to the competence of the IACtHR and the admissibility of cases; the general obligations to respect and to ensure rights and to adopt domestic legal provisions; the rights to life, personal integrity, judicial guarantees and judicial protection, protection of honor and dignity, and protection of the family, the rights of the child, the right to property, freedom movement and residence, political rights, and equality before the law, among other topics of great relevance.²⁸³

The Bulletin was published on March 22, 2022, and disseminated by the Inter-American Court's social networks and a press release.²⁸⁴

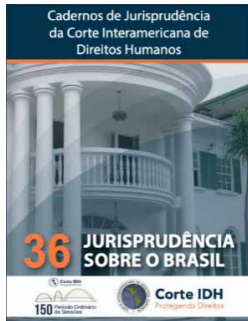
²⁸¹ Link to publication: <https://biblioteca.corteidh.or.cr/adjunto/38635>.

²⁸² Press release: https://www.corteidh.or.cr/docs/comunicados/cp_67_2022_eng.pdf.

²⁸³ Link to publication: https://www.corteidh.or.cr/sitios/libros/todos/docs/cuadernillo35_2021.pdf.

²⁸⁴ Press release: https://www.corteidh.or.cr/docs/comunicados/cp_18_2022_eng.pdf.

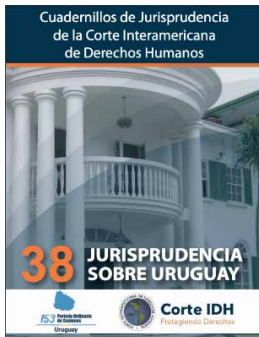
2.2.2. Case Law Bulletin of the Inter-American Court of Human Rights No. 36: Case Law concerning Brazil, 2022



This Bulletin [in Portuguese] was published within the framework of the 150th Regular Session that the Inter-American Court of Human Rights held in Brazil from August 22 to 26, 2022, and its publication constituted a historical occasion because it was the first Case Law Bulletin that the Court of San José had prepared in Portuguese. The publication addresses the Court's Case Law concerning the Federative Republic of Brazil and includes references to the rights to juridical personality, life, personal integrity, the prohibition of slavery and servitude, personal liberty, judicial guarantees and judicial protection, the rights of the child, the right to property of indigenous peoples, the right to equality and non-discrimination, and the economic, social, cultural and environmental rights.²⁸⁵

The Bulletin was published on August 22, 2022, and disseminated by the Inter-American Court's social networks and a press release.²⁸⁶

2.2.3. Case Law Bulletin of the Inter-American Court of Human Rights No. 38: Case Law concerning Uruguay, 2022



This Bulletin was published within the framework of the 153rd Regular Session, which the Inter-American Court of Human Rights held in Uruguay in October 2022. This issue is dedicated to systematizing the Contentious and advisory Case Law of the IACtHR with regard to the Oriental Republic of Uruguay. It incorporates the most relevant paragraphs of the Judgments, Advisory Opinions, and orders on monitoring compliance with Judgment that address the competence of the Court, the acknowledgement of international responsibility, and the general obligations to respect and to ensure rights, and to adopt domestic legal provisions. In addition, it systematizes the decisions of the Inter-American Court that concern Uruguay in relation to the rights to juridical personality, life, personal integrity, personal liberty, judicial guarantees and judicial protection, protection of the family, the rights of the child, the right to nationality, and freedom of movement and residence. Lastly, it includes references to the Case Law on control of conventionality, forced disappearance of persons, women's rights, and reparations.²⁸⁷

The Bulletin was published on October 12, 2022, and disseminated by the Inter-American Court's social networks and a press release.²⁸⁸

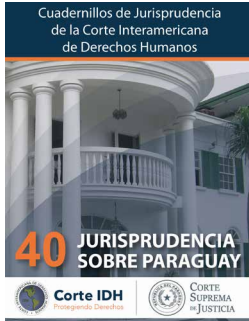
²⁸⁵ Link to publication: https://www.corteidh.or.cr/sitios/libros/todos/docs/cuadernillo36_2022_port1.pdf.

²⁸⁶ Press release: https://www.corteidh.or.cr/docs/comunicados/cp_50_2022_eng.pdf.

²⁸⁷ Link to publication: <https://biblioteca.corteidh.or.cr/adjunto/38697>.

²⁸⁸ Press release: https://www.corteidh.or.cr/docs/https://www.corteidh.or.cr/docs/comunicados/cp_73_2022_eng.pdf.

2.2.4. Case Law Bulletin of the Inter-American Court of Human Rights No. 40: Case Law concerning Paraguay, 2022

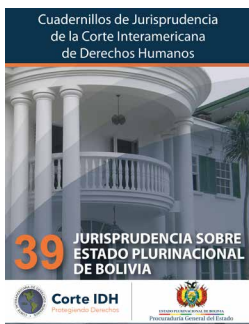


This Bulletin was published in the context of the visit to Paraguay by the President of the Inter-American Court of Human Rights on November 28 and 29, 2022. The issue is dedicated to systematizing the Case Law of the IACtHR concerning the Republic of Paraguay. It was elaborated jointly by the Inter-American Court and the Human Rights Directorate of the Supreme Court of Justice of Paraguay and constitutes a testimony to the collaboration and Case Law dialogue for the protection and guarantee of human rights.

The publication addresses topics relating to the Court's Contentious Jurisdiction, acknowledgement of international responsibility, and the general obligations to respect and to ensure rights and to adopt domestic legal provisions. It also includes measures of reparation and extracts from Provisional Measures issued by the Inter-American Court with regard to the Paraguayan State.²⁸⁹

The Bulletin was published on November 28, 2022 and disseminated by the Inter-American Court's social networks and a press release.²⁹⁰ It was also presented in the course held by the IACtHR in the auditorium of the Supreme Court of Justice of Paraguay on November 28 and 29, 2022.

2.2.5. Case Law Bulletin of the Inter-American Court of Human Rights No. 39: Case Law concerning Bolivia, 2022



This Bulletin was dedicated to the Court's Contentious Case Law concerning the Plurinational State of Bolivia. It was prepared jointly by the Office of the Prosecutor General of Bolivia and the Inter-American Court of Human Rights. The publication addresses matters relating to the Court's jurisdiction and the admissibility of cases, and also the general obligations to respect and to ensure rights and to adopt domestic legal provisions. It also reviews the different lines of the Court's Case Law in cases involving Bolivia as well as the measures of reparation established by the Inter-American Court.²⁹¹

The Bulletin was published on December 6, 2022, and disseminated by the Inter-American Court's social networks and a press release.²⁹²

²⁸⁹ Link to publication: <https://biblioteca.corteidh.or.cr/adjunto/38869>.

²⁹⁰ Press release: https://www.corteidh.or.cr/docs/comunicados/cp_85_2022_eng.pdf.

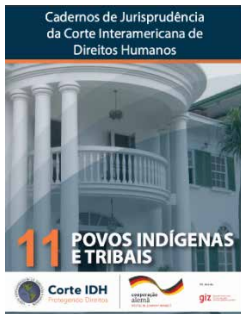
²⁹¹ Link to publication: <https://biblioteca.corteidh.or.cr/adjunto/38870>.

²⁹² Press release: https://www.corteidh.or.cr/docs/comunicados/cp_94_2022_eng.pdf.

2.3. Start of a series of IACtHR Case Law Bulletins in Portuguese

Thanks to German cooperation, implemented by GIZ, the Inter-American Court of Human Rights was able to initiate a series of Case Law Bulletins in Portuguese. During 2022, five Bulletins were published in Portuguese: the aforementioned text on Brazil and the translations of the Bulletins summarized below.

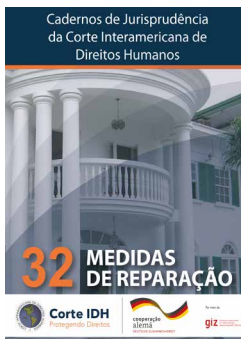
2.3.1. Case Law Bulletin of the Inter-American Court of Human Rights No. 39: No. 11: Indigenous and Tribal Peoples [in Portuguese]



This publication corresponds to the Portuguese translation of the Bulletin on indigenous and tribal peoples updated to 2021. It initiates the series in Portuguese for all those interested and, especially, for nationals of the Federative Republic of Brazil. The text includes the Court's decisions on general matters concerning the rights of indigenous and tribal peoples and, also, particularities of the interpretation of the different rights established in the American Convention. Lastly, the reparations ordered in the corresponding cases are systematized.²⁹³

The Bulletin was published on May 9, 2022, and disseminated by the Inter-American Court's social networks and a press release.²⁹⁴

2.3.2 Case Law Bulletin of the Inter-American Court of Human Rights No. 32: Measures of reparation [in Portuguese]



This publication corresponds to the Portuguese translation of the Bulletin on measures of reparation, updated to 2021, which compiles the most relevant decisions of the IACtHR in relation to measures of reparation established under Article 63(1) of the American Convention. The Bulletin sets out general aspects of integral reparation that must be taken into consideration to fully understand the scope of the measures adopted by the IACtHR starting with its first judgment, as well as the principal measures relating to restitution, rehabilitation, compensation, satisfaction, guarantees of non-repetition, and those relating to the duty to investigate human rights violations.²⁹⁵

The Bulletin was published on August 25, 2022, and disseminated by the Inter-American Court's social networks and a press release.²⁹⁶

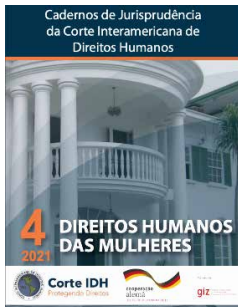
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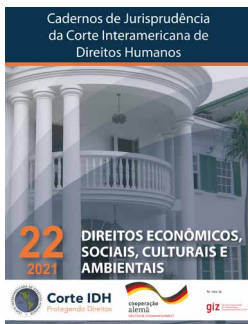
2.3.3. Case Law Bulletin of the Inter-American Court of Human Rights No. 4: Women's human rights [in Portuguese]



This publication corresponds to the Portuguese translation of the Bulletin on women's human rights updated to 2021, which is dedicated to gender issues, specifically to the situation of women and their treatment in Inter-American Case Law. Thus, it sets out the decisions in which the IACtHR has examined general aspects related to women, as well as how the Inter-American Court has addressed the violation of specific rights established in the American Convention. In addition, it includes measures of reparation that include a gender perspective that the Court has established in such cases.²⁹⁷

The Bulletin was published on October 20, 2022, and disseminated by the Inter-American Court's social networks and a press release.²⁹⁸

2.3.4. Case Law Bulletin of the Inter-American Court of Human Rights No. 22: Economic, Social, Cultural and Environmental Rights [in Portuguese]

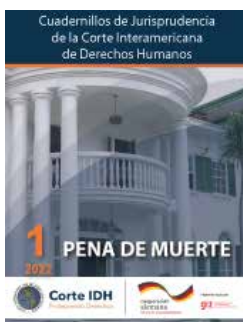


This publication corresponds to the Portuguese translation of the Bulletin on economic, social, cultural and environmental rights (ESCR), updated to 2021, which sets out general aspects related to those rights, such as their principles and their relationship to the prohibition of discrimination, and their connection to other rights established in the Convention. In addition, it analyzes thematic areas that have been addressed by the IACtHR, and includes a section on the evolution of the Court's Case Law in relation to Article 26 of the American Convention on Human Rights. Lastly, it describes the measures of reparation that the IACtHR has established in relation to the violation of the ESCR.²⁹⁹

The Bulletin was published on December 12, 2022, and disseminated by the Inter-American Court's social networks and a press release.³⁰⁰

2.4. Case Law Bulletins of the IACtHR updated to 2022

2.4.1. Case Law Bulletin of the Inter-American Court of Human Rights No. 1: The death penalty



This Bulletin, updated to 2022, systematizes the Inter-American Court's Case Law related to the issue of the death penalty. The first part sets out general aspects related to the death penalty; including the discussions concerning the interpretation of Article 4 of the American Convention and the reservations made to the Convention in this regard. The second part give special attention to the way in which the Inter-American Court - based on an analysis of the death penalty and the circumstances in which it is applied - has declared that different rights established in the American

297 Link to publication: <https://biblioteca.corteidh.or.cr/documento/68695>.

298 Press release: https://www.corteidh.or.cr/docs/comunicados/cp_75_2022_eng.pdf.

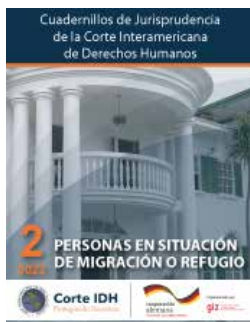
299 Link to publication: <https://biblioteca.corteidh.or.cr/adjunto/38939>.

300 Press release: https://www.corteidh.or.cr/docs/comunicados/cp_99_2022_eng.pdf.

Convention have been violated, such as the rights to life, personal integrity, and due process. Lastly, it describes different measures of reparation that the IACtHR has established in such cases.³⁰¹

The Bulletin was published on December 13, 2022 and disseminated by the Inter-American Court's social networks and a press release.³⁰²

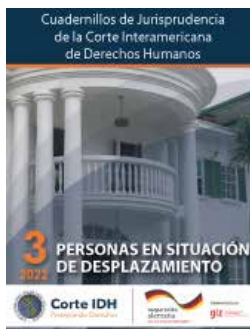
2.4.2. Case Law Bulletin of the Inter-American Court of Human Rights No. 2: Migrants and refugees or asylum seekers



This Bulletin updates the Case Law of the Inter-American Court with regard to migrants and refugees or asylum seekers, with the decisions issued by the Court up to 2022. First, it includes orders where the IACtHR has addressed basic concepts on this issue, the vulnerability experienced by migrants, and considerations on equality and non-discrimination. Then it systematizes the way in which the Court – based on an analysis of the circumstances in which migrants exercise their rights – has declared that various rights of the American Convention have been violated. Lastly, it describes some measures of reparation that the IACtHR has established in such cases.³⁰³

The Bulletin was published on December 13, 2022, and disseminated by the Inter-American Court's social networks and a press release.³⁰⁴

2.4.3. Case Law Bulletin of the Inter-American Court of Human Rights No. 3: Displaced persons



This Bulletin refers to the situation of displaced persons in Inter-American Case Law up to 2022. The publication includes general aspects examined by the Court in relation to the situation of displaced persons. In addition, it sets out the way in which the IACtHR, based on an analysis of the circumstances in which displaced persons exercise their rights, has declared that various rights of the American Convention have been violated. It also describes the way in which the Court has addressed this issue in relation to certain holders of rights, such as indigenous peoples, women and children. Lastly, it lists some measures of reparation established in such case.³⁰⁵

The Bulletin was published on December 13, 2022, and disseminated by the Inter-American Court's social networks and a press release.³⁰⁶

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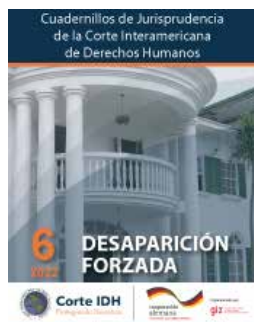
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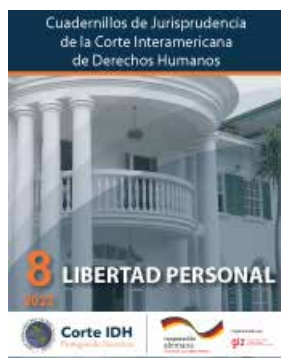
2.4.4. Case Law Bulletin of the Inter-American Court of Human Rights No. 6: Forced disappearance



This Bulletin, updated to 2022, addresses the issue of the forced disappearance of persons, emphasizing the evolution of the Court's Case Law on the special characteristics of this human rights violation. To this end, it systematizes the principal Case Law criteria on the nature and characteristics of such human rights violations and the way in which the forced disappearance of persons violates diverse rights of the victims and also of the members of their family. In addition, it compiles criteria on the obligations of the State in relation for the forced disappearance of persons and list some measures of reparation established in this regard.³⁰⁷

The Bulletin was published on December 13, 2022.³⁰⁸

2.4.5. Case Law Bulletin of the Inter-American Court of Human Rights No. 8: Personal liberty



This Bulletin, updated to 2022, addresses the right to personal liberty in Inter-American Case Law. To this end, it includes the most relevant paragraphs from Contentious Cases and Provisional Measures that the Court has examined from 2010 onwards. Special emphasis has been placed on the evolution of the Court's Case Law on the meaning and scope of this rights; particularly, with regard to its restriction. In addition, it describes the Convention-based requirements to guarantee that any detention is in keeping with international human rights standards. Lastly, in the updated version a section containing some relevant measures of reparation has been added.³⁰⁹

The Bulletin was published on December 13, 2022, and disseminated by the Inter-American Court's social networks and a press release.³¹⁰

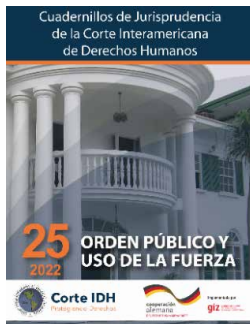
On November 29, 2022, the consultant forwarded the final six updated Bulletins to the IACtHR; three of these have already been published while the other three are being edited prior to their publication and dissemination through the institutional channels. The final updated Bulletins are as follows:

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308 Press release: https://www.corteidh.or.cr/docs/comunicados/cp_100_2022_eng.pdf

309 Link to publication: https://biblioteca.corteidh.or.cr/engine/download/blob/cidh/168/2022/49/68699_2022.pdf?app=cidh&class=2&id=38898&field=168

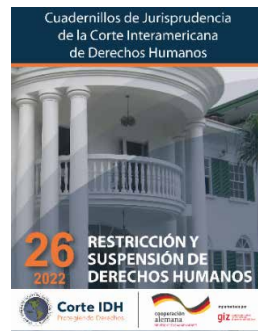
310 Press release: https://www.corteidh.or.cr/docs/comunicados/cp_100_2022_eng.pdf



2.4.6. Case Law Bulletin of the Inter-American Court of Human Rights No. 25: Public order and the use of force

This Bulletin, updated to 2022, is dedicated to the issue of public order and the use of force within the framework of the American Convention on Human Rights. It sets out the decisions in which the IACtHR has examined the right of Assembly, in both its general aspects and in the exercise of this right by Judges in moments of democratic crisis. It also systematizes the issue of the use of force placing special emphasis on the relationship between the use of forces and social protest. In addition, it refers to rights that are related to public order and the use of force. Lastly, it reviews specific measures of reparation related to public order and the use of force.³¹¹

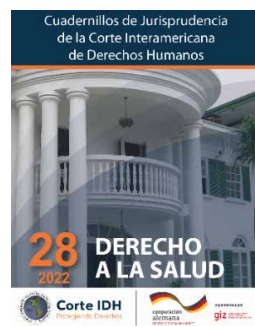
The Bulletin was published on December 21, 2022, and disseminated by the Inter-American Court's social networks and a press release.³¹²



2.4.7. Case Law Bulletin of the Inter-American Court of Human Rights No. 26: Restriction and suspension of human rights

This Bulletin, updated to 2022 addresses the restriction and suspension of rights within the framework of the American Convention on Human Rights. To this end, it refers to the decisions in which the IACtHR has dealt with the legitimate restriction of human rights, both the general aspects, and those specific aspects related to the rights and freedoms that permit this restriction. It also discusses the issue of the suspension of human rights within the framework of the American Convention, as well as the Court's Case Law on rights that cannot be suspended and those that can be suspended, and pays special attention to the minimum judicial guarantees in constitutional states of emergency and the guarantee of the right to habeas corpus.³¹³

The Bulletin was published on December 21, 2022, and disseminated by the Inter-American Court's social networks and a press release.³¹⁴



2.4.8. Case Law Bulletin of the Inter-American Court of Human Rights No. 28: Right to health

This Bulletin, updated to 2022, is dedicated to the right to health in Inter-American Case Law. To this end, it describes general aspects related to the ESCER, such as its principles and its relationship to the prohibition of discrimination (relevant to the right to health). It then reviews the Court's Case Law concerning the right to health in both its content and scope and some specific innovations in the Case Law of the IACtHR. It also refers to the link between the right to health and other well-established rights recognized in the Convention, and the thematic areas related to this right that the Court has examined. Lastly, it describes the measures of reparation ordered in relation to the violation of the right to health.³¹⁵

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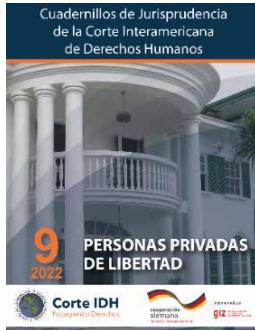
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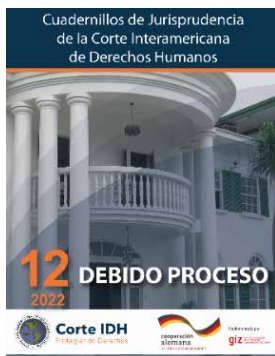
2.4.9. Case Law Bulletin of the Inter-American Court of Human Rights No. 9: Persons deprived of liberty



This Bulletin, updated to 2022, is dedicated to the situation of persons deprived of liberty in Inter-American Case Law. It systematizes the Contentious Cases, Advisory Opinions, and Provisional Measures in which the IACtHR has addressed this issue, its rulings on the content and scope of the rights involved, the State obligations, and the restrictions of rights. It sets out general aspects that should be observed in detention centers, as well as the particularities with regard to certain groups deprived of liberty, such as women, children and adolescents; the treatment that persons deprived of liberty should receive; the limitations to the use of force, and the right to personal integrity. In addition, it reviews judicial guarantees in relation to persons deprived of liberty, the presumption of innocence, and the right to habeas corpus. Lastly, some measures of reparation are included.

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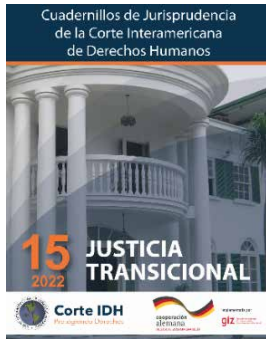
2.4.10. Case Law Bulletin of the Inter-American Court of Human Rights No. 12: Due process



This Bulletin, updated to 2022, is dedicated to the most recent and relevant Case Law of the IACtHR in relation to the right to due process, recognized in Article 8 of the American Convention. It sets out general aspects related to the right to judicial guarantees, such as their concept, scope and relationship to other rights, including access to justice. In addition, it systematizes the general guarantees contained in Article 8(1) of the Convention, such as the rights to be heard, to be tried by an independent, impartial and competent Court, and to obtain a reasoned decision. Then, it describes the specific guarantees contained in paragraph 2 of Article 8, placing special emphasis on the content of the right of defense, amply developed by the IACtHR. Lastly, it refers to the measures of reparation that the IACtHR has ordered in relation to the violation of the right to judicial guarantees.

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2.4.11. Case Law Bulletin of the Inter-American Court of Human Rights No. 15: Transitional justice



This Bulletin, updated to 2022, addresses the issue of transitional justice in the Case Law of the IACtHR. To this end, the most relevant paragraphs of the contention cases in which the Court has examined this wide-ranging issue have been extracted, placing special emphasis on the advances in the Court's Case Law with regard to the characteristics of peacemaking processes, the transition to democracy, and democratic consolidation. It refers to issues related to truth, justice, reparations and institutional reform. Also, in this updated version, a section has been added on some relevant measures of reparation in this regard.

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B. Infographics

In recent years, the IACtHR has created and published infographics on some of its decisions in order to reach a wider public in an accessible manner, especially those who do not have a legal training or in-depth knowledge of human rights. The infographics are instruments that represent, graphically and visually, the main aspects of the Court's judgments and Advisory Opinions, combining different elements of image and text that summarize and simplify the decisions of the IACtHR, so that they may be easily understood. These publications are addressed at an audience that does not follow the Inter-American Court regularly, and supplement other publications – such as the institutional publications and Case Law Bulletins – that are evidently addressed at a highly specialized audience.



In order to produce these publications, the Inter-American Court the IACtHR works with the Instituto de Estudios Constitucionales de Querétaro (IECEQ), Mexico. To prepare this material, the International Cooperation Team prepares summaries of the cases and send this information to the IECEQ, which is responsible for designing and assembling the infographics.

During 2022, two infographics were made available to the public: the first, on the Case of Bedoya Lima et al. v. Colombia,³¹⁷ was published on February 2, 2022, and the second, on the Case of Vera Rojas v. Chile,³¹⁸ was published on August 10, 2022. Both infographics were disseminated on the social networks of the IACtHR.

317 Link to publication: https://www.corteidh.or.cr/sitios/libros/todos/docs/Infografia_Bedoya_Lima.pdf.

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