

Laws & Regulations Violated during the “709 Crackdown” on Human Rights Lawyers

- **Interference in lawful rights and interests of lawyers:** Article 4 of the Lawyers Law;
- **Denying access to legal counsel:** Article 37 of the Criminal Procedure Law; Article 125 of the Constitution;
- **Preventing lawyers from acting as counsel for detainees:** Article 37 of the Criminal Procedure Law;
- **Forced “firing” of family-appointed lawyers without written documentation** Article 8 of the 2015 Provisions on Ensuring the Practice Rights of Lawyers in Accordance with Law;
- **Intimidation of legal counsel:** Articles 3, 33 & 37 of Lawyer’s Law; Article 3 of 2015 Provisions on Ensuring the Practice Rights of Lawyers in Accordance with Law;
- **Interfering in right to free association:** Article 35 of the Constitution;
- **State media aired confessions & violation of presumption of innocence:** Article 12 of the Criminal Procedure Law; Article 38 of the Constitution;
- **House searches without warrants:** Articles 136 & 137 of the Criminal Procedure Law; Article 245 of the Criminal Law;
- **Detention without a warrant:** Articles 83 & 91 of the Criminal Procedure Law;
- **Breaking into private residences:** In violation of Article 39 of the Constitution of the People’s Republic of China; Article 245 of the Criminal Law;
- **Abduction of individuals:** Article 239 of the Criminal Law;
- **Secret detention:** Article 83 of the Criminal Procedure Law;
- **Exceeding legal limit for criminal summons:** Article 117 of the Criminal Procedure Law;
- **Exceeding legal limit for criminal detentions:** Article 89 of the Criminal Procedure Law;
- **Harassment of families including the elderly and children:** Article 37 of the Constitution of the People’s Republic of China; and Category 4 (Crimes Infringing Upon Citizens’ Right of the Person and Democratic Rights) of the Criminal Law.