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.