



EUROPEAN COURT OF HUMAN RIGHTS
COUR EUROPÉENNE DES DROITS DE L'HOMME

FIRST SECTION

DECISION

Applications nos. 19314/22 and 29418/22
Wojciech MACZUGA against Poland
and Rafał LISAK against Poland
(see appended table)

The European Court of Human Rights (First Section), sitting on 1 October 2026 as a Committee composed of:

Frédéric Krenc, *President*,

Davor Derenčinović,

Alain Chablais, *judges*,

and Viktoriya Maradudina, *Acting Deputy Section Registrar*,

Having regard to the above applications against the Republic of Poland lodged with the Court under Article 34 of the Convention for the Protection of Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms (“the Convention”) on the various dates indicated in the appended table,

Having regard to the formal declarations accepting a friendly settlement of the cases,

Having deliberated, decides as follows:

FACTS AND PROCEDURE

The list of applicants is set out in the appended table.

The applicants were represented by Ms N. Klima-Piotrowska, a lawyer practising in Katowice.

The applicants’ complaints under Article 6 § 1 of the Convention concerning the legal status of the Chamber of Professional Liability of the Supreme Court, Article 8 of the Convention concerning the alleged damage to the applicants’ reputation, Article 18 read in conjunction with Article 8 of the Convention concerning the alleged ulterior motives behind the disciplinary measures taken against the applicants, as well as Article 6 § 1 and Article 13 read in conjunction with Article 6 § 1 of the Convention concerning the reasonableness of the length of the disciplinary and suspension proceedings brought against the applicants and the lack of

effective remedies in that respect were communicated to the Polish Government (“the Government”).

The Court received the friendly-settlement declarations, signed by the parties, under which the applicants agreed to waive any further claims against Poland in respect of the facts giving rise to these applications, subject to an undertaking by the Government to pay them the amounts detailed in the appended table. These amounts will be converted into the currency of the respondent State at the rate applicable on the date of payment, and will be payable within three months from the date of notification of the Court’s decision. In the event of failure to pay these amounts within the above-mentioned three-month period, the Government undertake to pay simple interest on them, from the expiry of that period until settlement, at a rate equal to the marginal lending rate of the European Central Bank during the default period plus three percentage points.

The payment will constitute the final resolution of the cases.

THE LAW

Having regard to the similar subject matter of the applications, the Court finds it appropriate to examine them jointly in a single decision.

The Court takes note of the friendly settlement reached between the parties. It is satisfied that the settlement is based on respect for human rights as defined in the Convention and the Protocols thereto and finds no reasons to justify a continued examination of the applications.

In view of the above, it is appropriate to strike the cases out of the list.

For these reasons, the Court, unanimously,

Decides to join the applications;

Decides to strike the applications out of its list of cases in accordance with Article 39 of the Convention.

Done in English and notified in writing on 22 October 2026.

Viktoriya Maradudina
Acting Deputy Registrar

Frédéric Krenc
President

APPENDIX

List of applications raising complaints under Article 6 § 1, Article 8, Article 13 read in conjunction with Article 6 § 1, and Article 18 read in conjunction with Article 8 of the Convention
(tribunal established by law, excessive length of disciplinary and suspension proceedings and lack of any effective remedy in domestic law, protection of reputation, limitation on use of restrictions of rights)

No.	Application no. Date of introduction	Applicant's name Year of birth	Date of receipt of Government's declaration	Date of receipt of Applicant's declaration	Amount awarded for non-pecuniary damage and costs and expenses per applicant (in euros) ¹
1.	19314/22 01/04/2022	Wojciech MACZUGA 1967	30/07/2026	01/07/2026	12,000
2.	29418/22 06/06/2022	Rafał LISAK 1968	30/07/2026	01/07/2026	12,000

¹ Plus any tax that may be chargeable to the applicants.