

DISABILITY RIGHTS

— international —

Litigation Docket 2025

No.	Country	Litigation & Co-petitioners	Human Rights Body	Plaintiffs: who they are and what we are seeking for them	Legal issues and strategic impact of case
1	Mexico	<p><u>Petition</u> on grave violations at private Institution Casa Esperanza where people with disabilities were detained, abused, tortured, and forcibly sterilized.</p> <p>Co-petitioner: O'Neill Human Rights Institute, Mental Health Initiative</p>	Inter-American Commission on Human Rights	Seeking community integration and reparations for the 37 people detained at private facility "Casa Esperanza"	<p><u>Impact of the case:</u> 175,000 children and adults officially estimated to be detained in institutions. Unofficial estimates put this number at over 300,000.</p> <p><u>Legal issues:</u> Deprivation of the right to community integration and to no discrimination; legal capacity; access to justice; not be arbitrarily deprived of liberty; not to be subjected to torture, inhuman and degrading treatment; and to health.</p> <p>The Casa Esperanza case has a special emphasis on women rights and focuses on grave human rights violations including forced sterilization, forced labor and trafficking.</p>

2	Guatemala	<p><u>Precautionary measure and petition</u> on grave violations at the National Mental Health Hospital “Federico Mora,” considered to be “the most dangerous hospital in the world” per the BBC.</p> <p>Co-Petitioners: Colectivo Vida Independiente; Co-petitioner: O’Neill Human Rights Institute, Mental Health Initiative</p>	Inter-American Commission on Human Rights	Seeking community integration and reparations for the 334 people detained at the institution in 2014	<p><u>Impact of the case:</u> 1,000 people with disabilities who have been detained in the institution since the case was filed (2014). There are no official estimates, but the number could be in the thousands.</p> <p>People with mental disabilities in seven departments (States) of Guatemala, where, thanks to DRI’s litigation, have now access to mental health closer to their communities.</p> <p><u>Legal issues:</u> Deprivation of the right to community integration and to no discrimination; legal capacity; access to justice; not be arbitrarily deprived of liberty; not to be subjected to torture, inhuman and degrading treatment; and to health.</p>
3		<p><u>Precautionary measure</u> for Hogar Seguro Virgen de la Asunción, public facility where children were tortured and trafficked, and 41 girls were killed in a fire after protesting the sexual violence.</p> <p>Co-petitioner: Procuraduría de Derechos Humanos</p>	Inter-American Commission on Human Rights	Seeking family and community integration and reparations for the 600 children detained at Hogar Seguro Virgen de la Asunción on March 7, 2017	<p><u>Impact of the case:</u> 4,000 children with and without disabilities detained in institutions according to official estimates. Unofficial estimates are much higher.</p> <p><u>Legal issues:</u> Deprivation of the rights to grow up in a family; community integration; access to justice; and not to be subjected to torture, inhuman and degrading treatment.</p>

4	Serbia	<p><u>Petition and interim measures</u> on human rights violations of children and people with disabilities detained as children at Dusko Radovic Group Home in Serbia</p>	UN Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities	Seeking community integration and reparations for the two people with disabilities detained at Dusko Radovic Group Home in Serbia	<p><u>Impact of the case:</u> 14 young adults detained at Dusko Radovic Group Home in Serbia</p> <p>700 children with disabilities detained in institutions in Serbia according to official estimates -the unofficial estimates could be higher.</p> <p><u>Legal issues:</u> Deprivation of the rights to grow up in a family; no discrimination; community integration; access to justice; not to be subjected to torture, inhuman and degrading treatment; to education and to health.</p>
5	Peru	<p><u>Petition</u> for person with disability arbitrarily detained in private psychiatric institution in Peru.</p> <p>Co-petitioner: Sociedad y Discapacidad (SODIS), Perú</p>	UN Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities	Seeking community integration for one person detained in private psychiatric facility in Peru	<p><u>Impact of the case:</u> People with disabilities detained in institutions in Peru.</p> <p><u>Legal issues:</u> Arbitrary detention; forced medication; violation of the right to legal capacity, community integration, no discrimination and access to justice.</p>
6	Honduras	<u>Implementation</u> of the judgment by the Inter-American Court on Human Rights on violations to the rights of Miskito lobster divers, who faced exploiting working conditions that	Inter-American Court on Human Rights	Seeking to provide a disability perspective in the the implementation of the reparations ordered by the Court for 42 Miskito divers and their families.	<p><u>Impact of the case:</u> 42 Miskito divers and their families.</p> <p>Over 4,000 Miskito divers who face disability as a result of the working conditions in La Mosquitia.</p>

		lead to disability and in some cases, death.			<u>Legal issues:</u> Community integration and supports, social protection, right to health and accessibility.
7	Ukraine	<u>Implementation of the judgment by the European Court of Human Rights in the Gorbayuk v. Ukraine regarding violations of her right to legal capacity</u>	European Court of Human Rights	Seeking restoration of the right to legal capacity and to community integration for Ms. Gorbayuk, a woman with a psychosocial was appointed a guardian and deprived of her liberty in a psychiatric institution without her consent.	<u>Impact of the case:</u> Ms. Gorbayuk and people with disabilities in Ukraine deprived of their legal capacity and detained in institutions against their will. <u>Legal issues:</u> Right to community integration and supports, right to legal capacity and to personal liberty.