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Monaco

Ratified the European Convention on Human Rights in 2005

National Judge: Sébastien Biancheri (7 July 2025 -
Previous Judge: Isabelle Berro (2006-2015),Stéphanie Mourou (2015-2025)

List of judges of the Court since 1959

Judges' CVs are available on the ECHR Internet site

The Court dealt with 16 applications concerning Monaco in 2025, of which were declared inadmissible or struck out. It delivered no judgment.

Applications processed in	2024	2025	2026*
Applications allocated to a judicial formation	15	12	12
Communicated to the respondent Government	0	10	0
Applications decided:	10	16	12
- Declared inadmissible or struck out (Single Judge)	4	9	11
- Declared inadmissible or struck out (Committee)	3	7	1
- Declared inadmissible or struck out (Chamber)	1	0	0
- Decided by judgment	2	0	0

* from January to July 2026

For information about the Court's judicial formations and procedure, see the ECHR internet site.
Statistics on interim measures can be found here.

Applications pending before the Court on 01/07/2026	
Applications pending before a judicial formation:	15
Single Judge	4
Committee (3 Judges)	4
Chamber (7 Judges)	7
Grand Chamber (17 Judges)	0

The Principality of Monaco and ...

The Registry

The task of the Registry is to provide legal and administrative support to the Court in the exercise of its judicial functions. It is composed of lawyers, administrative and technical staff and translators. There are currently **673** Registry staff members.

Noteworthy cases, judgments delivered

Chamber

Cases relating to custody

Navone and Others v. Monaco
24.10.2013
These cases concern the rights of a person held in police custody, including the unequivocal confirmation of waiver of the right to the assistance of a lawyer, notification of the right to remain silent, or the effective assistance of a lawyer when expressly requested.
Violation of Article 6 § 1 – Mr Navone and Mr Lafleur not having been informed of their right to remain silent during their custody
Violation of Article 6 § 3 (c) read together with Article 6 § 1– the three applicants having been deprived of their right to be assisted by a lawyer while in police custody

Other noteworthy case, judgment delivered

Prencipe v. Monaco
16.07.2009
Josette Prencipe, a French national, was charged with misappropriating funds when she worked as a bank employee in Monaco. She spent four years in detention pending trial.
Violation of Article 5 § 3 (right of a detained person to be tried within a reasonable time)
The Court considered the reasons given by the domestic courts to justify the applicant's detention too abstract and insufficiently substantiated.

Scavetta v. Monaco
30.05.2017
The case concerned a failure to communicate to the Review Court a report by the reporting judge and the written conclusions of the representative of the prosecutor's office.
Violation of Article 6 §

Bersheda and Rybolovlev v. Monaco
06.06.2024
The case concerned the conduct of a judicial investigation directed by a French judge seconded to the Monegasque courts.
Violation of Article 8

Noteworthy cases, decisions delivered

Levrault v. Monaco
25.07.2024
The case concerned a decision by the Monegasque authorities not to renew the secondment of the applicant, Mr Edouard Levrault, a French judge acting as an investigating judge in Monaco.
Application declared inadmissible.

Ordre des avocats défenseurs et avocats près la cour d'appel de Monaco v. Monaco
21.05.2013
Case concerning Monaco's law of 3 August 2009 placing obligations on lawyers in connection with money laundering activities and imposing criminal sanctions in the event of failure to comply.
Application declared inadmissible as incompatible *ratione personae* with the provisions of the Convention.

Fogwell v. Monaco
15.06.2010
According to the Court's case-law, the reasonableness of the length of the proceedings must be assessed in the light of the particular circumstances of the case and notably with regard to the complexity of the case and the conduct of the applicant and the national authorities. In this instance the complexity of the case had justified the Review Court's failure to give judgment within the requisite 45-day time-limit.
Application declared inadmissible as manifestly ill-founded.

Noteworthy pending cases

Gardetto and Samson v. Monaco (no. 19906/24)

Case communicated to the Government in 2025

The applications concern the applicants' situation as Monegasque and United States nationals, respectively, who were married in the United States in 2019 and unsuccessfully applied for their same-sex marriage to be entered in the Monegasque marriage register in 2020.
Article 8 (right to respect for private and family life
Article 14 (prohibition of discrimination)

Julia Stewart v. Monaco and 3 other applications (nos. 5221/24 27765/24 27966/24 29969/24

Case communicated to the Government in2025

The applications concern the freezing of the applicant's bank account and those of two companies run by her in the context of criminal proceedings instituted against a person or persons unknown on charges of money laundering, complicity in money laundering and handling laundered money.
Article 6 (right to a fair trial)

Carpinelli v. Monaco (no. 41392/23)

Case communicated to the Government in 2025

The application concerns criminal proceedings brought against the applicant, a former chief superintendent of police, for influence peddling and offences under the laws governing the entry and residence of foreign nationals.
Article 6 (right to fair trial)

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