

# საქართველოს ახალგაზრდა იურისტთა ასოციაცია GEORGIAN YOUNG LAWYERS' ASSOCIATION



## Complaints and Appeals Filed by the Georgian Young Lawyers' Association with the Electoral Administration and Courts

The Georgian Young Lawyers' Association observers filed 39 complaints with the Tbilisi, Kutaisi and Batumi district electoral commissions, 12 complaints with the Central Electoral Commission (CEC), and 10 appeals with the city courts and the Court of Appeals.

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Of the 39 complaints filed by the organization with the district electoral commissions:

- . 8 complaints sought administrative penalties for the members of 11 precinct electoral commissions. District electoral commissions did not uphold any of these complaints;
- . 19 complaints sought disciplinary sanctions against the members of 40 precinct electoral commissions. District electoral commissions upheld 11 of these complaints;
- . 13 complaints sought invalidation of results in 13 electoral precincts. District electoral commissions did not uphold any of these complaints;
- . Six complaints sought a recount of votes in 27 electoral precincts. One complaint was fully upheld and another one was upheld partially by the district electoral commissions.

The Georgian Young Lawyers' Association appealed against the rejections issued by district electoral commissions with the CEC and the courts.

In 12 complaints filed by the organization with the CEC:

- . Three complaints sought administrative penalties for the commission members who committed violations;
- . Four complaints sought disciplinary sanctions for the commission members who committed violations;
- . Four complaints filed prior to the election day sought inquiries into the instances of attempted bribery of voters by electoral subjects and the subsequent filing of cases with courts whenever the fact of violations was confirmed;
- . In one complaint, GYLA wanted an administrative violation protocol over illegal use of administrative resources to be produced.

The CEC only upheld one of the 12 complaints.

Of the eight appeals filed by the organization with city courts:

- . Two appeals sought administrative penalties for the commission members who committed violations. The court did not uphold any of these complaints;
- . Two complaints sought annulment of voting results in a number of precincts (Electoral Precinct #35 of Mtatsminda Electoral District #1, Electoral Precincts ##3, 16, 23, 27, 28, 41, 62 of Batumi Electoral District #79). The court only upheld one appeal, albeit partially. It annulled voting results in Batumi's Electoral Precinct #3);
- . One appeal sought a ballot recount in an electoral precinct. The court did not uphold the appeal.
- . Two appeals sought cancellation of registration of electoral subjects for voter bribing and dissemination of calls for violence. The court did not uphold either appeal;
- . One appeal sought annulment of the CEC decision regarding voter lists. The appeal

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was not upheld.

Of the three appeals the organization filed with the Court of Appeals:

- . One appeal sought annulment of voting results in an electoral precinct, while
- . Another appeal sought administrative penalty for the commission members who committed violations;
- . One appeal was filed against the decision by a court of first instance and sought annulment of a CEC decision.

The Court of Appeals did not uphold any of these appeals.

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