



## **Due to the violation of property rights, the City Hall and the Public Registry were ordered to compensate for the damages in favor of the citizen**

Tbilisi City Court ordered the Tbilisi Municipality City Hall and the National Agency of Public Registry to compensate the citizen for material damages in the amount of 14,000 USD. The court found that the above-mentioned administrative bodies' wrongful actions violated the citizen's right to property. In particular, the mentioned person registered the right of ownership on the land plot in 2005. Nevertheless, LEPL the Property Management Agency applied to the National Agency of Public Registry in 2011 requesting registration of the same land plot for the self-governing unit, which the Agency complied with without investigating the matter. Following the property rights registration, the Property Management Agency sold the property to the private entity through an auction.

The court clarified that it was necessary to properly investigate the circumstances of the case when applying for registration of a land plot in the name of the self-

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government. As a person becomes the owner of the land plot after registration in the Public Registry, the administrative body, when applying to the registration service for registration of a real estate as its property, should have had any information on the land plot in the Public Registry, including in case of inaccurate registration of the land plot. The court also noted that the National Agency of Public Registry, as the registering authority, had an obligation to decide as a result of the investigation of the circumstances of the case.

The plaintiff has started several property disputes in court since 2011. GYLA has been representing his interests in court to date.