

**REPUBLIC OF ARMENIA LAW
ON ADVOCACY**

(The Law has been adopted on December 14, 2004)

Article 7: Republic of Armenia Chamber of Advocates

1. The Chamber of Advocates of the Republic of Armenia (hereinafter referred to as the Chamber of Advocates) shall be a professional, independent, self-governing, non-profit organization of advocates established on the basis of this Law. The Chamber of Advocates shall acquire legal personality upon registration in accordance with the law.
2. The tasks of the Chamber of Advocates are to:
 - 1) Protect the rights and legitimate interests of its members in relations with state government and local self-government agencies and organizations, as well as with the court;
 - 2) Arrange the process for certification of advocates;
 - 3) Organize professional of training of hearer advocates and retraining of advocates;
 - 4) Supervise compliance of its members with the requirements of this Law, the Charter of the Chamber of Advocates and the Advocates' Code of Conduct, as well as with the Republic of Armenia Law on Combating Money Laundering and Terrorism Financing and the legal statutes adopted on the basis thereof;
 - 5) Take action to increase the prestige of advocacy;
 - 6) Ensure even implementation of the right for everyone to affordable and efficient free legal aid in the cases stipulated by this Law;
 - 7) Contribute to raising public awareness and legal culture.
3. The Chamber of Advocates may interact with advocacy organizations of foreign countries, international and other organizations.
4. The Chamber of Advocates may personally engage in entrepreneurial activities only in cases where it serves performing the tasks specified in this Article. The Chamber of Advocates shall be entitled to personally engage only in entrepreneurial activities stipulated by its Charter.

(Article 7 has been revised by HO-339-N of December 08, 2011; amended by HO-121-N of June 21, 2014)

Article 25: Legal Professional Privilege

1. Legal professional privilege shall cover the information and evidence that the person seeking legal aid has transferred to the advocate, the content and nature of the advocate's advice, as well as the information and evidence (materials, carriers) that the advocate acquired independently in the course of his legal practice.
2. Advocates, non-advocates employed by an advocate, as well as employees of the Chamber of Advocates shall not be entitled to disclose legal professional secrecy, except for the cases specified in this Article.
3. The advocate may disclose legal professional secrecy, if:

- 1) There is the consent of the client;
- 2) It is necessary in relation to a dispute between the advocate and the client in court litigation or disciplinary proceedings to support the advocate's claims or provide for his defense;
- 3) If it is necessary for providing information, that is stipulated under the Republic of Armenia Law on Combating Money Laundering and Terrorism Financing and constitutes legal professional secrecy, to the Authorized Body specified by that Law, in the presence of suspicions on an on-going preparation of money laundering or terrorist financing, or upon the request of the Authorized Body, in the cases and manner established by that Law, except for information received from the client or from other sources in performing the advocate's legally prescribed task of defending or representing the client in judicial, administrative, arbitration or mediation proceedings, as well as of providing legal advice, except for the cases when the client receives advice for money laundering or terrorism financing purposes.
4. The advocate shall disclose legal professional secrecy, if there is information on authentically known grave or especially grave imminent crime, as stipulated by the Criminal Code of the Republic of Armenia.
5. The obligation of non-disclosure of legal professional secrecy shall not be limited in time and shall extend also on persons whose advocate's license has been suspended or terminated.

(Article 25 has been revised by HO-339-N of December 8, 2011; and amended by HO-121-N of June 21, 2014)

Article 39: Grounds for Advocates Responsibility

1. Advocates shall be subject to disciplinary responsibility for the infringement of the requirements of this Law and the Advocates' Code of Conduct, as well as to disciplinary penalties and responsibility stipulated under the Republic of Armenia Administrative Violations Code for the violation of the requirements of the Republic of Armenia Law on Combating Money Laundering and Terrorism Financing and of the legal statutes adopted on the basis thereof.

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(Article 39 has been revised and amended by HO-121-N of June 21, 2014)