



## THE RIGHT OF ACCESS TO JUSTICE IN VIETNAM: SITUATION AND PERSPECTIVE

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### ABSTRACT

This paper analyzes the current legal framework and practice on access to justice in Vietnam – one of several remained socialist countries in the world. By comparing Vietnam's law on the right of access to justice with related international human rights standards, the author points out a big gap of Vietnam's law in this area, which makes the local victims of human rights violations difficult in seeking for a remedy and reparation. As argued by the author, those weaknesses mainly result from the lack of judicial independence and authoritarian culture that still heavily influences the structure and operations of the political system of Vietnam. The author demonstrated that recently there is some progress in law in protecting the right of access to justice in the country but the change is still limited. As believed by the author, even if the right of access to justice is well protected by the domestic law, this right would unlikely to be fully respected in Vietnam due to the conflict between the secret and absolute nature of the socialist regime and the democratic demands of access to justice

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