

# Legal assistance program results of 2014

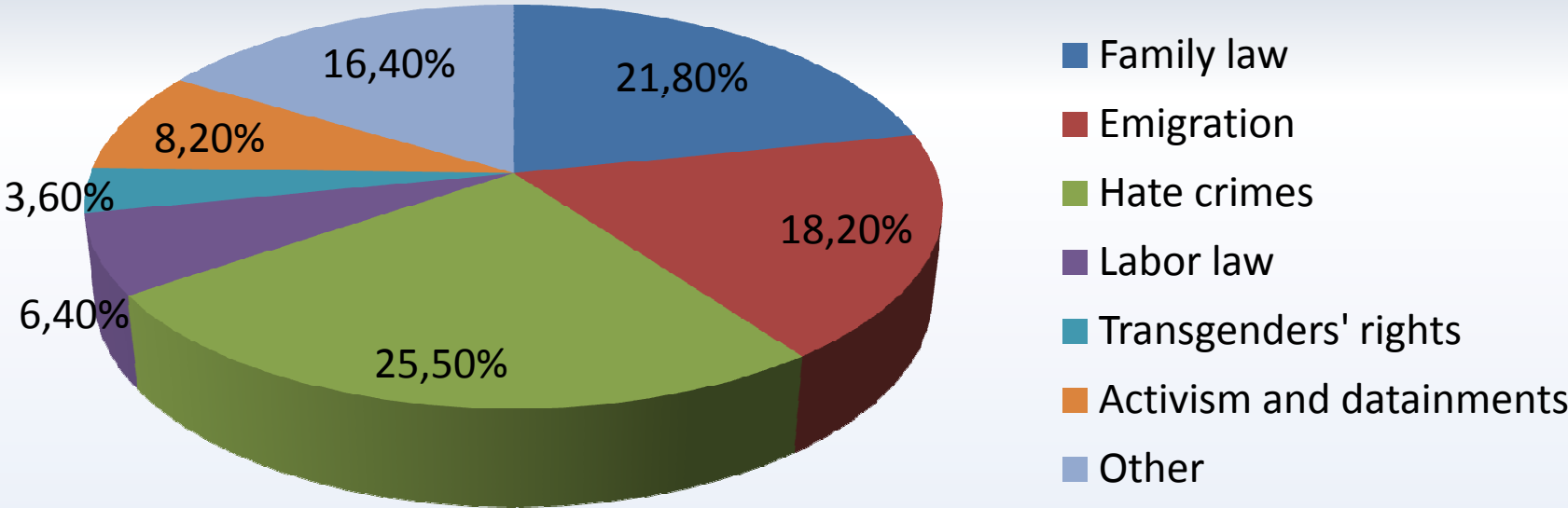


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# Lawyers organization had 154 remote consultations.

subject of consultations



# Lawyers from 11 regions of Russia.



# Legal protection for LGBT activists

- **Lawyer on call** or **legal support** for LGBT rallies: on Day of Silence, IDAHO, gay-pride in Saint-Petersburg.
- Defending LGBT activist in courts: **propaganda law** – activist in Saint-Petersburg, Nizhii Tagil; **laws on public rallies** – 2 activists in Saint-Petersburg, 6 activists in Samara, 1 activist in Kazan.
- Presenting a conclusion on the situation of LGBT people in Russia in **the case of asylum**: more than 10 cases were supported this year.

# Legal support for victims of hate crimes

On 3th November 2013 office of organization LaSky was attacked by 2 men with baseball bat and pneumatic pistol.

Dmitrii was one of victims. The attackers shot him in eye and he lost a vision in his right eye. Russian LGBT Network provided lawyer to Dmitrii from the day of the attack and up to now. LGBT organization Coming Out provide lawyer to second victim as well.

Police opened a case of hooliganism firstly and then reclassified it in the serious bodily injury with hooligan motivation. No attackers were found by the police no matter they have a video records with attackers.

Dmitrii decided to leave country this summer. We are collecting evidence to file a complaint with the ECHR.



# First court victory under “propaganda law”

In February 2014 the Russian LGBT Network had a series of consultations to the founder of the project "Children 404. LGBT teens – We exist" Lena Klimova. Klimova was accused in violation of "propaganda of non-traditional sexual relations among minors".

During the court hearing lawyer Maria Kozlovskaya defended Lena right to freedom of speech and childrens the right to disseminate and receive information on sexual orientation and gender identity.

It became the first and only one case there court find LGBT activist not guilty under the “propaganda law”.



