The right to privacy and freedom of expression

Abstract: The right to privacy is the right guaranteed by Art. 8 of the Convention, to any person regarding the publishing, without his consent, of some aspects of his private life. European Court of human rights litigation has often been confronted with the conflict that can occur between freedom of expression and the need to protect „the reputation and rights belonging to other persons”. Most often this was a concern when one argued that the conviction of journalists or individuals for defamatory statements made against some politicians, officials, members of judiciary bodies, public persons or even other individuals are a freedom of expression violation of authors of such statements.

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