Abstract

In this text, we study in the first place the nature, components and limitations of the right to freedom of thought and speech, according to the American Convention on Human Rights, as well as the manner in which this right has been interpreted and applied in the Inter-American Court of Human Rights. We turn to sentences, Separate Opinions and Advisory Opinion of this tribunal. We also discuss the rights that have represented tensions (such as the right to honor and dignity) and the manner in which the court has pronounced itself with respect to these tensions. Subsequently, we analyze the first case that the Court knew about this right, "The last temptation of Christ" (Olmedo Bustos and others vs. Chile). This allows the study of the concrete way in which the Court and the Chilean State act.

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