

Norway

“Verdens Gang”

**Decision of the Supreme Court of Norway
2 June 2022 – Case No. HR-2022-1113-A**

Advokatfirmaet Rogstad AS v. Verdens Gang AS

**Copyright Act, Secs. 29 and 36(2); European
Convention on Human Rights, Art. 10**

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- 1. The use by a newspaper of photographs taken from a law firm’s website and from an open Facebook profile without consent and without paying a remuneration is to be assessed under the current event rule in Sec. 36 subsection 2 of the Copyright Act and not under the rule on the right of quotation in Sec. 29.**
- 2. Here it was found that: The newspaper’s use of the photographs has a legal basis in Sec. 36 subsection 2 of the Copyright Act – Use of works in connection with the media’s reporting of a current event – and, also taking into account freedom of expression, it was entitled to reproduce them without permission but must, however, pay remuneration for the use.**

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