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Adam Bodnar in years 1999-2004 worked as an associate for Weil Gotshal & Manges, Warsaw office. In October 2004 he joined the Helsinki Foundation for Human Rights in Warsaw and started the new [Strategic Litigation Program](#). Following over three years of activity, the Program includes more than 100 precedent cases, which are litigated in order to bring systemic change in the human rights' protection in Poland. Cases included those concerning freedom of speech. The biggest success of the Program is victory in ECHR case of Baczkowski and others v. Poland, which concerned sexual minorities' right to enjoy freedom of assembly. The Program introduced also the practice to submit amicus curiae briefs by Polish NGOs to the European Court of Human Rights and the Polish Constitutional Court.

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