

**LAW NO. 08/L-035**

**ON AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING THE LAW NO.04/L-017  
ON FREE LEGAL AID**

**The Assembly of the Republic of Kosovo;**

Based on Article 65 (1) of the Constitution of the Republic of Kosovo,

Approves:

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**Article 1  
Purpose**

The purpose of this law is to amend and supplement the Law no.04/L-017 on Free Legal Aid.

**Article 2**

After Article 10 of the basic law, a new Article 10/A is added, with the following text:

**Article 10/A  
Special categories of beneficiaries of free legal aid**

1. Notwithstanding the criteria required under Article 8 and 9 of the basic Law, free legal aid is offered to:

- 1.1. sexually raped persons during the war in Kosovo in 1998-1999;
- 1.2. victims of domestic violence;
- 1.3. victim witnesses of violence, who are dependent on victims of domestic violence;
- 1.4. victims of gender-based violence;
- 1.5. victims of any kind of sexual violence, including sexual harassment;
- 1.6. victims of trafficking in human beings;
- 1.7. juvenile victims;
- 1.8. children living in social care institutions;
- 1.9. children under guardianship seeking to initiate proceedings without the consent of their legal guardian or against their legal guardian;
- 1.10. persons whose rights have been violated through an act or failure to act that constitutes discrimination, based on the decision of the competent body under applicable law for protection against discrimination;

1.11. journalists, independent journalists, photo-reporters, cameramen and editors who for media licensed by the Independent Media Commission (IMC) and/or in media that are members at the Press Council of Kosovo (PCK).

2. Free legal aid for the categories defined in paragraph 1. of this Article includes the following services:

- 2.1. information and legal advice on legal proceedings;
- 2.2. drafting documents and any technical assistance related to case completion;
- 2.3. representation in criminal and civil proceedings;
- 2.4. defense and representation at all stages of criminal proceedings.

### **Article 3** **Entry into force**

This law enters into force fifteen (15) days after publication in the Official Gazette of the Republic of Kosovo.

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**09 February 2022**

**Promulgated by Decree No. DL-70/2022 dated 24.02.2022 President of the Republic of Kosovo Vjosa Osmani-Sadriu**