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**Muja Law** brings you the latest issue of the *Legal Update* regarding the measures taken in Albania to prevent the spread of COVID-19 virus.

Recently the Council of Ministers has approved Normative Act No.20, dated 20.05.2020 “*On some amendments in the Normative Act of the Council of Ministers No.3, dated 15.03.2020, ‘On taking special administrative measures during the period of infection caused from COVID-19’*”, as amended (hereinafter referred to as the “*Normative Act No.20*”). It has been published in the Official Journal No.92, dated 21.05.2020.

*Normative Act No.20 provides the following:*

### *Media broadcasting*

All audiovisual broadcasts with more than one person in the same television studio, which do not respect the safety distance of 2 meters from each other, are punished with a fine in the amount of 1 000 000 (*one million*) ALL and, in case of recurrence, with partial or complete blocking of broadcasting from audiovisual media, as well as blocking and/or stopping of the equipment’s functioning, after the decision is taken by the ministry responsible for healthcare and implemented by the competent body.

### *Financial assistance package*

Failure to apply for financial assistance by the subject of the employee or former employee who meets the criteria to receive financial assistance, during the period of

natural disaster declared as a result of COVID-19, is punishable by a fine of 50 000 (*fifty thousand*) ALL.

Subjects that have treated employees or former employees with full payment are not penalized for not applying for financial assistance.

Subjects punished with a fine may exercise the right to appeal to the tax administration, submitting electronically, through the e-filing portal, the causes and/or reasons for the non-application, no later than 30 (*thirty*) days from the date of the fine’s notification, according to the Code of Administrative Procedures.

### *Entry into force*

*Normative Act No.20 has entered into force immediately.*



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The office is full-service and advises clients on all areas of civil, commercial and administrative law. With significant industry expertise, we strive to provide our clients with practical business driven advice that is clear and straight to the point, constantly up to date, not only with the frequent legislative changes in Albania, but also the developments of international legal practice and domestic case law. The office delivers services to clients in major industries, banks and financial institutions, as well as to companies engaged in insurance, construction, energy and utilities, entertainment and media, mining, oil and gas, professional services, real estate, technology, telecommunications, tourism, transport, infrastructure and consumer goods. In our law office, we also like to help our clients with mediation services, as an alternative dispute resolution method to their problems.

While we have grown over the past 20 years and become recognized as one of Albania’s leading law offices, we are grounded in the essence of “who” we are and “where” we started. We understand the importance of family, hard-work, and dedication.

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