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Recently, in the Official Journal No.71, dated 14.05.2021, among other legal acts, has been published the law No. 44/2021, dated 23.03.2021, “*On some amendments to law No. 8116, dated 29.3.1996, “Code of Civil Procedure of the Republic of Albania”* (hereinafter referred to as “*Law No.44/2021*”).

Law No.44/2021 amends the Code of Civil Procedure of the Republic of Albania in various aspects, some of which related to the examination process of lawsuits with a small value in the Court of Appeal and in the district courts.

Some of the most important amendments in this regard are as follows:

❖ **Law No.44/2021**

Law No.44/2021 provides that the Court of Appeal examines with a single judge the appeals against the decisions of district courts for lawsuits with a value up to **twenty times the national minimum wage**, deriving from the contractual relationship, the special appeal against the decision of district courts to reject the request for issuance of the execution order, the special appeals against the decision of the district court that has reviewed the opposition of the actions of the bailiff, as well as other cases provided in the Code of Civil Procedure.

Furthermore, the new amendments provide that lawsuits with a value **up to twenty times the**

national minimum wage, deriving from contractual relations, are examined by the district courts with a short trial.

Law No.44/2021 provides that if the value of the lawsuit is **less than twenty times the national minimum wage** and the value of the counterclaim exceeds **twenty times the national minimum wage**, the trial shall be conducted in accordance with the general provisions for ordinary trial.

Entry into force

Law No.44/2021 enters into force 15 days after its publication in the Official Journal.



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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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