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## COVID-19 Publications

This newsletter prepared by our Legal Team contains information on the potential impact COVID-19 pandemic may have on your businesses.

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**Normative Act dated 27.05.2020 “On Changes to the Normative Act No. 9, dated 25.03.2020, On Special Measures in the Field of Judicial Activity during the Epidemic Situation caused by Covid-19”.**

On 27 May 2020, the Council of Ministers adopted the Normative Act “On Changes to the Normative Act No. 9, dated 25.03.2020, On Special Measures in the Field of Judicial Activity during the Epidemic Situation caused by Covid-19”.

According to this Normative Act, during the extend of the epidemic situation caused by COVID-19, the courts will conduct the hearings of administrative, civil and criminal cases, implementing the necessary measures to avoid assembling at court premises and courtrooms, more specifically:

- (i) limiting public access to the court premises;
- (ii) arranging access to services, by reservation through phone or electronic communication, ensuring that users can make use of the services within a specified time, and adopting

any measures deemed necessary to avoid assembling;

- (iii) implementing binding guidelines on the restriction and movement of persons;
- (iv) Closed-door proceedings of all public hearings;
- (v) Conducting hearings in administrative and civil cases, in which the presence of the parties is not required, by using electronic means of communication for the presentation of procedural acts and decisions by the court.

The terms for filing lawsuits, appeals and the conducting of any procedural action in administrative, civil and criminal cases, that were suspended as per the Normative Act No. 9 dated 25.03.2020, will start running from the date of entry into force of the Normative Act dated 27.05.2020.

This Normative Act enters into force with immediate effect, upon publication in the Official Gazette.

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**Chambers Europe 2020:** Top Ranked in 3 practice areas

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**Benchmark Litigation Europe 2020:** Top Ranked in Dispute Resolution

**WTR1000 2020:** Top Ranked in Trademarks

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