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INTERPRETATION OF EUROPEAN STANDARDS FOR THE CRITERIA FOR DETERMINING A VIOLATION OF THE RIGHT TO A TRIAL WITHIN A REASONABLE TIME

Summary: *By adopting the Law on the Protection of the Right to a Fair Trial within a Reasonable Time in the Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina, protection of the right to a reasonable time is ensured as a preventive legal remedy. The legal remedies for the protection of the right to a fair trial within a reasonable time are: a request for the protection of the right to a fair trial within a reasonable time and the payment of appropriate compensation in the event of a violation of the right to a fair trial within a reasonable time. The criteria taken into account when assessing the reasonableness of the length of proceedings are: the complexity of the case in factual and legal terms, the activity of the court and other authorities, the conduct of the party submitting the legal remedy, statutory provisions concerning the urgency of the proceedings, and the overall duration of the proceedings. Under the new law, court presidents will face the challenge of interpreting the criteria and standards for determining violations of the reasonable time requirement. In this paper, the authors will deal with the interpretation of European standards established by the case-law of the European Court of Human Rights in Strasbourg concerning the criteria for determining a violation of the right to a fair trial within a reasonable time, as well as the case-law of the Constitutional Court of Bosnia and Herzegovina and the Constitutional Court of the Republic of Croatia.*

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