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Pursuant to Article IV 4 a) of the Constitution of Bosnia and Herzegovina, Parliamentary Assembly of Bosnia and Herzegovina, at the 13th session of the House of Representatives, held on 31 July, 1 August and 5 September 2007 and the 8th session of the House of Peoples, held on 24 September 2007, passed the following

LAW ON AMENDMENTS OF THE LAW ON CIVIL PROCEEDINGS BEFORE THE COURT OF BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA

Article 1

Article 18 (1) of the Law on Civil Proceedings before the Court of Bosnia and Herzegovina (Official Gazette of BiH No) is changed and reads as follows:

"(1) An individual Judge from the Administrative Division of the Court of BiH shall try in the first instance proceedings."

Paragraph (5) shall be deleted.

Article 2

In the second chapter under the title "Course of the proceedings", the title of Chapter A is changed and reads as follows:

"A. FIRST INSTANCE PROCEEDINGS".

Article 3

Paragraph 1 of Article 64 is changed and reads as follows: "(1) The Judge in the first instance proceedings shall start the main trial and announce the subject of the trial."

Article 4

Article 73 is changed and reads as follows:

"A Judge of the first instance proceedings, Presiding Judge of the Appellate Panel, and upon his approval, members of the Panel, may impose questions to the parties, witnesses or expert witnesses in any phase of their testimony."

Article 5

In Article 158 (2) words "first name and name of a Judge in the first instance proceedings" are added after the words: "name of the Court", and the words: "of the appellate" are added after the words "Presiding Judge".

Article 6

In Article 194 (1) item 4, the words "took part in proceedings of the Panel" are replaced by the words "rendered the verdict"

Article 7

Paragraph 1 of Article 231 is changed and reads as follows: "(1) The Judge who has decided in the previous proceedings can not decide in the renewed trial before the first instance court."

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In Article 293 (3) the words "the Judge of the first instance proceedings" are added after the words: "an order for transcript of the case file shall be issued by", and the words: "of the appellate" are added after the words: "Presiding Judge".

Article 9

In Article 299 (2) the words: "the Judge in the first instance proceedings" are added after the words: "shall decide", and the words "of the appellate" are added after the words: "Presiding Judge".

Article 10

In Article 312 (1) the words "the Judge in the first instance proceedings" are added after the words: "in a way to", the words "of the appellate" are added after the words: "Presiding Judge", the words: "the Judge in the first instance proceedings" are added after the words: "shall authorize", and words: "of the appellate" are added after the words: "Presiding Judge".

Article 11

In Article 313 (1) the words: "the Judge of the first instance proceedings" are added after the words: "shall sign" and the words: "of the appellate" are added after a word: "members".

Article 12

The words: "first instance and" on Article 314 (1) are deleted.

Article 13

In Article 64 (2), Article 67 (2), Article 72, Article 81, Article 82 (3), Article 95 (5), Article 151 (3), Article 157, Article158 (2), Article161 (1) and (3), Article 165 (1), Article 173 (1), Article 174 (3), Article 179, Article 180 (1), Article 181 (1) and (2),

Article 182 (1) and (2), Article 183 (2), Article 184 (3), Article 186 (2), Article 187, Article 191 item 3), Article 192, Article 194 (1), (2), (3) and (4), Article 195, Article 196. items 2) and 4), Article 199, Article 200 (1) and (2), Article 202, Article 210, Article 211, Article 212 (1) and (3), Article 214 (1), Article 216 (2) and (3), Article 219, Article 221 (3), Article 226 (1), Article 227 (1) and (2), Article 228, Article 230 (1), Article 231 (2), Article 234 (1) and (2), Article 339 (1), Article 341 (1), the words: "the Trial Panel", "Panel", "Presiding Judge of the Trial Panel" and "Presiding Judge of the first instance proceedings" in corresponding cases and numbers.

Article 14

This Law enters into force on the eight day from its publication in the "Official Gazette of BiH".

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