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MEDIATION OF THE PRESS COUNCIL IN BIH RESULTED IN WITHDRAWING OF THE LAWSUIT FOR DEFAMATION AGAINST DAILY „OSLOBODJENJE“

After successful mediation of the Press Council in BiH, the complainant, „Centrotrans transport robe“ d.d. Sarajevo, „Fe-al Metali“ d.o.o. Sarajevo, „City Park“ d.o.o. Sarajevo, Mr Hajrudin Mulic and Mr Mustafa Mulic, submitted a Notice on Withdrawal of the law suit at the First Instance Court in Sarajevo, regarding eight articles published in daily “Oslobodjenje”

This is the first time that, owing to the Press Council’s mediation process, the complainant withdrew the lawsuit submitted to the First instance court in Sarajevo. In the Lawyer’s letter was emphasized role of the Press Council in BiH in this process, which proves important role of this self-regulatory body.

The complainant filed a law-suit and sent complaint to the Press Council in BiH, at the same time, saying that they will withdraw the suit if publication in question publishes their twelve pages long denial. The publication in question did very good job, publishing their denial even in two issues, shortening it as much as possible, since the letter was full of legal terms. The complainant was satisfied with the way publication acted, emphasizing in each letter that they would never even get in touch with publication in question, had there be no help from the Press Council.

Especially important for us is the fact that, in official explanation of the lawyer submitted to the Court, was emphasized mediation role of the Press Council in BiH, which is one of the first steps we are trying to achieve, and that is to have more cases resolved at the mediation level, rather than going straight to court.

[Letter of complainant's lawyer - Thank you for professional and efficient work](#)

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