

## ➤ Home Page Banner Quotes

### General:

- “Combating Collective Problems through Individual Cases”
- “Pushing for Reform through Strategic Litigation”

### Environmental:

- “The Fight for a Healthy Environment, a Debt Owed to the Most Vulnerable”

### Labor:

- “Exposing Modern Slavery through Strategic Litigation”

## ➤ About CSL

**Center for Strategic Litigation (CSL)** is a platform that seeks to strengthen the rule of law in Kosovo through Strategic Litigation. **Strategic litigation** is the litigation of individual cases that have the potential to combat collective problems. It encompasses the careful selection and litigation of cases that concern significant violations of the law, or that highlight gaps and ambiguities within laws, and which, if decided positively, have the potential to benefit all the people, or at the very least, all the people in the same circumstances. Strategic litigation also includes the use of advocacy, trainings, the media and other tools to ignite public awareness about these violations, gaps or ambiguities, in order to pressure the authorities to make prompt and proper decisions. Hence, strategic litigation is a powerful instrument for social, political and legal reform. **CSL** aims to identify these strategic cases and to design, develop and bring them before courts of law and the public administration. This done with the intention to result in landmark decisions that can have precedential effect on other cases and bring change where it is needed most.

**Our Mission** is to expose and correct existing problems with the contents of legal acts in Kosovo – such as gaps and ambiguities within laws – as well as to expose and correct problems with the implementation and interpretation of legal acts by the public authorities in Kosovo. Our mission also includes raising the public awareness about these problems, highlighting the injustices, promoting human rights and triggering the public authorities to act positively towards change where needed. This will be done through

litigating strategic cases and by putting them in the public agenda through the use of media, continuous advocacy, trainings and distribution of policy analyses, among others.

**Our Area of Service** includes only issues of public law *i.e.* cases concerning the relationship between natural/legal persons and public authorities. We aim to support those who have been harmed by actions or non-actions of the public administration and courts of law and we particularly choose to litigate cases which can benefit the development, interpretation and implementation of legal acts in Kosovo. The criteria through which we select our cases include (i) choosing problems which adversely affects the public interest, not just the claimant, (ii) the cases have the potential to result in a transformative interpretation of the law or its abolishment if needed, and (iii) the cases have the potential to channel international standards into domestic law. Hence, examples of our work include submitting claims that (i) challenge legal acts which we believe contradict the Constitution of the Republic of Kosovo or the European Convention on Human Rights, (ii) challenge the failure of the public administration or courts of law to implement legal acts, and (iii) request the courts to clarify ambiguous provisions or fill existing gaps within legal acts. We focus on public authorities' violations of human rights law, environmental law and labor law, among others. Our area of service does not include issues of private law *i.e.* cases concerning the relationship between natural and legal persons.

**Our Core Values** include justice prevalence, protection of public interest, integrity, respect for the law and the court, and prohibition of hate speech, among others.

**We Operate** by identifying strategic cases through internal research or by receiving applications from persons interested to have their case litigated by CSL. After identifying these strategic cases, we invite persons to have their case litigated by CSL, or in cases of applications, we admit strategic cases to be litigated by CSL. After the necessary documentation is signed, we design, develop and bring these cases before courts of law and the public administration where appropriate. We also use other tools such as the media, advocacy, trainings and policy analysis distribution in order to raise the public awareness about certain issues of the case. Through this we intend to reach a positive outcome for the individual claimant of the case, as well for all other people, or at the very least, all the people in the same circumstances.

CSL is open to the public and all persons can apply to have their case litigated by it, with the condition that their case involves a public law matter *i.e.* involves the relationship between natural/legal persons and public authorities. For more information on how to apply to CSL and how the evaluation process is check **How to Apply** below.

## ➤ **Our Cases**

### **1. Tobacco Smoke Case**

*[Insert case details here]*

### **2. Negligence of the Public Health Institution**

*[Insert case details here]*

### **3. Stray Dogs**

*[Insert case details here]*

### **4. Forced Labor of Children from the Roma Community**

*[Insert case details here]*

### **5. Raise of Insurance by the Central Bank of Kosovo**

*[Insert case details here]*

### **6. Extradition of the Turkish Citizens**

*[Insert case details here]*

## ➤ **Our Team**

### **Our Essential Team**

- *[insert photos and details as in GLPS website]*

## ➤ **How to Apply**

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Your application is evaluated by the CSL Case Evaluation Committee (Committee). This Committee usually evaluates applications within 1 month after receiving them, however depending on the number of received applications, this may take longer. After the evaluation, if the Committee decides not to admit your case to be litigated by CSL, then you will receive an email informing you about the decision and its reasons. On the other hand, if the Committee considers that your case may be admitted to be litigated by CSL, then you will be invited for a meeting. During the meeting CSL may request you to provide further information on the case and supporting documentation. If after the meeting and after receiving the requested documents, the Committee decides to admit your case to be litigated by CSL, then you will be informed about this decision and invited to sign the necessary documentation.

Please note that submitting your application to CSL does not necessarily mean that your case will be admitted to be litigated by CSL. While the Committee is in the process of evaluating your application, legal deadlines in your case may expire. Hence, you must understand that although you have applied to CSL, your case is your responsibility only, and that – until you get a confirmation in writing that your case has been admitted to be litigated by CSL – you should consider seeking legal counsel for your case.

### ➤ **Newsletter**

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### ➤ **CSL in the News**

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## ➤ FAQ

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### **What is the Group for Legal and Political Studies (GLPS)?**

The Group for Legal and Political Studies (GLPS) is an independent, non-partisan and non-profit public policy organization based in Prishtina, Kosovo. Its mission is to conduct credible policy research in the fields of politics, law and economics and to push forward policy solutions that address the failures and/or tackle the problems in the said policy fields. GLPS created the Center for Strategic Litigation within the auspices of the project “Human Rightivism” supported by the Swedish International Development Agency and implemented by the Community Development Fund. For more information on GLPS click [Here](#).

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## Who Pays for Legal Expenses of My Case?

[*Confirm with Budget*]

➤ **Direct Message Us**

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➤ **Contact Us**

## Center for Strategic Litigation

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➤ **Website Footer:**

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