

# FAQ

## Frequently Asked Questions

### **Question: Do I need a lawyer to handle my legal matter?**

If you are at risk of losing a lot financially from a particular situation, or if your freedom, family, career, or property is at risk, discussing your situation with an experienced lawyer allows you to methodically review all of your legal options regarding a wide range of life events to help you determine the best course of action.

### **About Hiring a Lawyer in Tirana, Albania**

When seeking legal advice in Tirana, Albania, it is important to understand the process of hiring a lawyer. The first step is to research and find a reputable law firm that specializes in the area of law that your case falls into. Once you have selected a lawyer, you will need to schedule a consultation to discuss your case and determine if they are a good fit for you. Be sure to ask about their fees and the services they offer before entering into a formal agreement.

### **Why you may need a lawyer?**

There are a variety of situations where individuals may seek legal assistance in Tirana, Albania. This can range from personal injury cases, accidents, fraud, theft of property, to family law matters, business disputes, criminal defense, and more. Having a lawyer on your side can help ensure that your rights are protected and that you receive fair treatment under the law.

### **Local Laws Overview**

In Albania, there are specific laws and regulations that govern various aspects of daily life from time to time. Some key areas of focus for lawyers in Albania include property law, labor law, contract law, and criminal law. It is important to work with a lawyer who is well-versed in national, local, or international laws and can provide you with sound legal advice.

### **Q. How do I find a reputable law firm in Tirana, Albania?**

To find a reputable law firm, you can ask for recommendations from friends or family, search the internet on search engines for reviews, or check if they are certified as a Recommended Firm by the International Professional Bar Organization in the world.

### **Q. How can I find the best lawyer?**

There are many factors to consider when looking for the best civil/administrative/commercial/ family etc. lawyer and law firm for your case, including whether they:

- Are licensed as Lawyers by the Albanian Bar Association,

- Check first on search engines such as public domains or social networks if there are any negative or positive records about them.
- Are certified as Recommended Lawyers in certain practice areas by the International Professional Organization,
- Specialize exclusively in defense attorneys in certain areas of legal practice,
- Are long-established and experienced attorneys in criminal, civil, administrative, family, corporate, commercial, labor, etc.,
- Have a long and proven history of producing excellent results for clients,
- Regularly receive awards for high-quality legal work and exceptional client service,
- Have a strong history of positive client reviews, and
- Have transparent fee structures, such as flat fees

Beware of firms that advertise 'success' rates or guarantee results, as these claims can be misleading and are rarely proven.

Take your time - choosing the right lawyer is an important decision that can make all the difference in the outcome of your case.

### **Q. How can I ensure that I receive the most effective services from a lawyer?**

Ask a lawyer for a written fee agreement for clarity on anticipated costs. When communicating with your lawyer by phone, email, or in person, plan your questions in advance and limit the conversation to the immediate legal issue at hand. Ask a lawyer if arbitration or mediation is possible to avoid more costly court proceedings. Inform your lawyer of your budget and work around this figure or seek out a competent lawyer who offers a payment plan.

### **Q. How do I know if a lawyer is qualified to handle my case?**

You can ask about the lawyer's experience in handling similar cases, check their credentials and reviews, and ask about their success rate in similar cases.

### **Q. What are the typical fees for hiring a lawyer in Tirana?**

Legal fees can vary depending on the complexity of your case and the lawyer's experience. It is important to discuss fees in advance and establish a payment plan that works for you.

### **Q. How much does a lawyer cost?**

The price for a defense lawyer will depend on several factors, including whether the case is being handled on a flat-fee or hourly basis, as well as whether the lawyer specializes exclusively in the law of the relevant practice, his years of experience in this field, and whether he is certified as a Recommended Lawyer or a winner of high-profile awards such as "Lawyer of the Year".

Flat-fee litigation representation in civil or criminal cases will normally start at around 150,000 Lek + VAT for a specialist defense lawyer, and hourly rates will normally range from 20,000 Lek + VAT or more for a Lawyer Recommended by Global Law Experts, who are generally considered the best lawyers in the world.

### **Q. How long does it take to resolve a legal matter in Tirana, Albania?**

The timeframe for resolving a legal matter can vary depending on the nature of the case and the court system. It is best to consult with your lawyer for a realistic timeline.

### **Q. How can I get a free initial meeting with a lawyer?**

You can get a free initial meeting with a lawyer by checking the firm's website to see if they offer these, or by calling or emailing the law firm and asking.

An initial meeting is a way to get advice about your case, your options, and the best way to move forward, as well as to determine if the lawyer and law firm you are meeting with are a good fit for you.

Initial meetings should always be without obligation, meaning that you should never be or feel obligated to hire the lawyer or law firm for your case.

### **Q. Can I represent myself in court in Albania?**

While individuals have the right to represent themselves, it is highly recommended that you hire a lawyer to ensure that your rights are protected and that you get the best possible outcome in your case.

### **Q. Does consulting with a lawyer mean that my case will automatically go to court?**

Choosing the right lawyer can provide you with qualified access to alternative dispute resolution methods that include arbitration and mediation. An experienced lawyer will do everything possible to resolve your case out of court, but is also prepared to go to court and work towards the best possible outcome.

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### **Q. What should I bring to my initial consultation with a lawyer?**

It is helpful to bring any relevant documents, such as contracts, administrative correspondence or orders, court decisions, fines, dismissal decisions, to your initial consultation, so that your lawyer can better assess your case.

### **Q. Can I switch lawyers if I am not satisfied with their services?**

If you are not satisfied with your current lawyer, you have the right to switch to another lawyer. Be sure to discuss any concerns with your current lawyer before making a decision.

### **Q. What is the best way to communicate with my lawyer in Albania?**

It is important to establish clear communication with your lawyer, whether through email, phone calls, or in-person meetings. Establishing regular communication can help ensure that your case progresses smoothly.

### **Q. How can a lawyer help me with legal matters in Tirana, Albania?**

A lawyer can provide you with legal advice, represent you in court, or in other courts in Albania, negotiate settlements, draft legal documents, and handle all aspects of your case to ensure the best possible outcome.

### **Q. What are my rights under the law in Tirana, Albania?**

It is important to consult with a lawyer to understand your rights under the law in Albania. Your lawyer can help explain your legal rights and options for resolving your legal issue.

### **Q. Is Albania good for tourists? Is Albania worth visiting? Is it safe to visit Albania now? Is it they can find lawyer for legal services to solve their problems in a case car accidents, fraud, personal injury, medical negligence or medical malpractice?**

YES, Albania is definitely worth visiting! It's affordable, it's welcoming and it's relatively easy to get around -- as long as you're ok with doing a planning visit or another reasons; YES, Albania is a safe country for tourists, visitors and foreign employee. In reality, foreigners are very rarely the target of violent crime, and although pickpocketing and scams do happen, they're not as widespread as in other countries in Europe; YES, referring to some of the most popular international sites, we are informed that in Albania there are well-known lawyers and firms, with international standards and reputation which are able to follow any of your problems. For ease of communication, we can suggest that you rely on the services of Frasheri Law Firm, which is a Firm Recommended by Global Law Experts, UK, and winner of several international awards such as Law Firm of the Year.

### **Q. How can a lawyer help me protect my property rights in Albania, where my assets as a son or daughter acquired by law no. 7501 on the division of agricultural land, family status 01.08.1991, or for the privatization of apartments which at the time of the division I was a member of the family and am automatically a co-owner of these assets and my share has been alienated by my parents or brothers by selling it without notifying me or having any authorization from me, because I live abroad with third parties or other family members?**

Yes, you have the right to maintain the status of your property and use your share freely and at any time. A qualified civil, family, and contract lawyer will review a number of specific aspects of your documentation, including the best and preferred options regarding the resolution of the case, among other variables, to help you get the property back to you, making you the owner and its return.

**Q. How can a lawyer help me resolve my property rights in Albania, where my assets acquired during the marriage at the time of the property regime after the divorce continue to remain the property of my ex-spouse regardless of whether I live in Albania or abroad?**

Yes, you have the right to maintain the status of your assets acquired during the marriage and benefit from its division or use your share freely and at any time. A qualified civil and family law attorney will review your documentation, including the best and preferred options regarding the resolution of the case, among other variables, to help you get the property back to you, making you the owner and in the alternative financial compensation or its physical return.

**Q. How can a lawyer help me resolve my property rights in Albania, where the money sent from my job abroad was used by my family to purchase real estate and none of it is in my name?**

Yes, you have the right to request to be recognized as co-owners of all the properties that you claim were purchased by your family members with your income! A qualified civil and family law attorney will review your documentation, including the best and preferred options regarding the resolution of the case, to help you become a probate or co-owner of the property in proportion to the contribution you believe you have invested financially.

**Q. How can a lawyer help me resolve my rights after suffering a personal injury, which refers to physical, mental, workplace, or property damage suffered by an individual or entity as a result of negligence caused by an accident or trauma that affects the victim's psychological state and, in some cases, their way of life?**

Yes, you have the right to seek and defend your rights regarding personal injury, which protects the rights of people who have suffered serious injuries or property damage as a result of the actions or inactions of another person.

A **personal injury** claim can include:

- Physical injuries
- Emotional trauma
- Pain and suffering
- Physical disability

When one party suffers injury or property damage as a result of the negligence of another and there is physical evidence, the injured party may have a valid case. Our lawyers can file a claim for damages with evidence of obvious damages, whether from a car accident or medical malpractice.

### **Car Accidents**

Despite the increasing number of road safety measures, Albania still records hundreds of car accidents each year, most of which are caused by careless, drunk or distracted driving. A person who has been seriously injured in a car accident can file a personal injury lawsuit.

Perhaps the perpetrator caused property damage and injury or death to several people; such a person may have multiple personal injury cases to defend.

A qualified personal injury lawyer can not only advise you in advance, but will also review your documentation regarding the injury you suffered to help you obtain the appropriate compensation in court. Please do not hesitate to contact us for assistance in this area in which we have had impressive results.

**Q. How can a lawyer help me protect my rights after I or a family member experienced medical negligence or medical malpractice that resulted in serious consequences?**

Medical negligence or malpractice occurs when a doctor, facility, or hospital fails to provide appropriate treatment to a patient resulting in personal injury or wrongful death. A doctor, nurse, medical technician, psychiatrist, dentist, hospital, clinic, or other healthcare provider can be held liable. Although a doctor cannot guarantee a cure or a successful outcome from treatment, they must provide care that meets the standard of best medical practice. Did your doctor neglect to provide you with this standard of care? It is imperative that you contact an experienced lawyer if this has happened to you or a family member. Have you or a loved one been injured due to the negligence of a medical professional? You may be able to obtain compensation for your injuries by contacting an experienced lawyer.

**Q. How can a lawyer help me restore my violated right to non-pecuniary damage, in the amount of X ALB Lek, as a result of the violation of psychological integrity as well as the violation of honor, personality and reputation due to the insults and slanders that were made against my person in the "Y" newspaper dated 01.01.2022 and on the social network Facebook?**

It is necessary to contact an experienced Lawyer if this has happened to you or a family member. Have you been injured due to the intentional addressing of such low insults and slanders? You can receive compensation for non-pecuniary damage from the court by contacting an experienced lawyer. Please do not hesitate to contact us for assistance in this area for which we have had good results.

**Q. How can a lawyer help me get back the money I lent to a friend who, even though the loan agreement has been over a year and a half, is avoiding me and deceiving me by leading me around and not returning me the money or the interest?**

It is essential to contact an experienced lawyer as soon as possible, if this has happened to you. Please do not hesitate to contact us for help in this area for which we have had good results.

**Q. How can a lawyer help me challenge in court fines unfairly imposed by an inspectorate as administrative offenses?**

It is essential to contact an experienced lawyer as soon as possible, within the legal deadline, if this has happened to you. Please do not hesitate to contact us for help in this area for which we have had good results.

**Q. How can a lawyer help me challenge in court the decision on the financial compensation measure by being fairly compensated and at the full market value for the expropriation of real estate for public interest that is made to my estate?**

It is imperative to contact an experienced Lawyer as soon as possible within the legal deadline, if this has happened to you. Please do not hesitate to contact us for assistance in this area for which we have had good results.

**Q. Why is it important to have an estate planning plan?**

Many people mistakenly believe that they "do not have enough assets for an estate plan" and think that all the property will be transferred immediately to their children or immediate family. I think this is not the right solution. If proper arrangements are not made to distribute your assets upon death, your estate will go through the probate process regardless of the size of your estate, and your assets could fall into the wrong hands, as well as be subject to much higher estate taxes. It is important to consult with an estate planning attorney to better understand the significance of your assets falling into the wrong hands.

**Q. How can an attorney help me choose the best business form?**

A qualified corporate or commercial attorney will review a number of specific aspects, including preferred tax options, day-to-day operations related to projected capital, liability management, and partnership issues, among other variables, to help you determine the best form that meets your business needs and objectives.

**Q. How much will a divorce cost?**

Depending on your specific situation, a simple divorce case involving limited assets and no children can be achieved at minimal cost. Fees increase with the variables involved in the intentional disagreements between the parties over how to exercise parental responsibility, the amount of alimony, and child custody and visitation. Many attorneys offer collaborative divorce alternatives that can be significantly more cost-effective, but depend on the ability of both parties to compromise.

**Q. Should I speak to my insurance company immediately after an accident in which I was injured?**

Insurance companies are focused on protecting their own best interests. We suggest that you speak with an experienced personal injury attorney in advance to protect your rights. Before making any statements to an insurance company, your attorney will help you accurately prepare a legal statement regarding the specific facts of an accident and will assist you with a detailed report of your injuries.

**Q. Should I go to a lawyer to draft a contract, to draft the documents of incorporation of a company or a Non-Profit Organization (Association/ Center/Foundation) in Albania or should I go to a notary?**

A qualified lawyer in commercial law, contracts, NGOs, and legislative techniques is the best solution because he will examine a number of specific aspects, including the most preferred options for daily operations, the form of organization, the decision-making structure, the rights and obligations of the parties, the management of liabilities and partnership issues, bankruptcy, among other variables, to help you determine the best form that corresponds to your business needs. The drafting of all these acts in any country in the world is done only by lawyers and not by notaries. You can go to a notary only to certify the signature that has signed this act! Please, do not hesitate to contact us to help in this area for which we have had good results.

### *Additional Resources*

If you are a foreigner in Albania, whatever your status as a tourist, visitor, student, employee or immigrant and you need legal advice and services in Tirana, Albania, you can contact Frashëri Law Firm, the Chamber of Lawyers of Albania directly for a list of lawyers in your area. Also, the Ministry of Justice in Albania can provide resources and information on the legal system in the country.

### *Next Steps*

If you need legal assistance in Tirana, Albania, the next step is to search for and find a reputable law firm specializing in your area of need. Schedule a consultation with an attorney to discuss your case and determine the best course of action to protect your rights and achieve a favorable outcome.

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