



August 5, 2020 Circular N° SBP-DJ-0258-2020

General Manager

Subject: Safe-conducts. Suitable lawyers in the exercise

of their duties. Ruling of the Plenary of the

Supreme Court of Justice.

## Dear General Manager:

We wish to inform you hereby the Ruling of the Plenary of the Supreme Court of Justice of Panama by means of which it granted an Action for Protection of Constitutional Rights, promoted by Manuel Enrique Bermúdez Ruidíaz, Esq., acting on his own behalf and representation, against Article 4 of Executive Decree 541 dated 21 April 2020, issued by the President of the Republic of Panama and the Ministry of Health.

Article 4 being sued provided as follows:

"Article 4. Article 2 (28) of Executive Decree 507 dated 24 March 2020, which is included in the Consolidated Text of the Errata published in Official Gazette 28988-B dated 25 March 2020, shall read:

28. Suitable lawyers to exercise the defense of people detained for incidents that occurred during the curfew, who conduct proceedings at the Judicial Branch, the Office of the General Prosecutor, Administrative Justice Authorities, and those who are rendering their services to public offices with active proceedings that require the presence of a lawyer, as long as they present proper documentation that authorizes them to conduct the proceedings. The National Authority for Government Innovation (AIG, for its acronym in Spanish) will issue the corresponding safe-conducts for lawyers to be able to have free transit.

We urge the General Manager to issue the relevant instructions so that your staff will act accordingly, pursuant to the Ruling of the Plenary of the Supreme Court of Justice (in Spanish), which is attached hereto.

Best regards,

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