

**By the Judgement of 28 April 2020 No. 21-II the Constitutional Court of the Russian Federation appraised constitutionality of Articles 15 and 1064 of the Civil Code of the Russian Federation**

These interrelated provisions were the subject of consideration to the extent that the system of the current legal regulation solves the issue of recovering from the accused the expenses of a representative (lawyer) in the criminal case of the private accusation, terminated due to the absence of *corpus delicti* in his actions in connection with the decriminalisation of the act.

The challenged provisions are recognised not complying with the Constitution of the Russian Federation to the extent that, in the interpretation of the law enforcement practice in the system of existing legal regulation, taking into account provisions of Articles 131 and 132 of the Criminal Procedure Code of the Russian Federation, they do not provide an appropriate level of legal certainty with respect to reasonably reimbursing the necessary expenses incurred by the victim (private accuser) to pay for the services of a representative (lawyer) in the criminal case of a private accusation to the defendant for the lack of *corpus delicti* in connection with the decriminalisation of the act.