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Comment Submitted to the Law Reform Committee on the Principle of Equality Before the Law

Dear Members of the Law Reform Committee,

I respectfully submit this request out of a deep concern for fairness and justice, in the hope that it will be considered as part of your reform efforts:

"We are all equal before the law, and no one is above it."

This should not remain a mere slogan but must be embedded in enforceable legal frameworks that translate this fundamental principle into real practice.

Unfortunately, the reality shows that justice is sometimes tilted in favor of those with wealth or influence. The wealthy can afford top-tier legal representation and have access to high-level networks that offer them support and protection, giving them unfair advantages. Meanwhile, ordinary citizens are often denied their rights—not due to weak claims, but because they cannot afford legal fees.

Therefore, I propose the following:

- 1. A clear legal provision that criminalizes the use of wealth, influence, or connections to manipulate or interfere with the course of justice, with firm penalties.**
- 2. The creation of an independent body to monitor the justice system and ensure that laws are applied equally to all, without discrimination.**
- 3. Provision of free or low-cost legal services for individuals with limited income. A flexible contribution system can be adopted, based on a fair percentage of their wages or declared income, ensuring access to justice without adding financial pressure on vulnerable groups.**
- 4. In cases where the individual receives financial compensation as a result of the case, the legal entity that provided support may deduct its fees from that**

compensation—based on a pre-agreed percentage and within a legally defined cap—without imposing any upfront cost on the person.

- 5. Enforcement of strict standards across legal institutions to guarantee transparency, accountability, and fairness—regardless of any party’s financial or social status.**

True justice is not measured by the speed of judgments, but by the system’s ability to deliver fairness and equal treatment to every person, regardless of their financial standing or social influence.

With sincere respect and appreciation,

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