

## **PRELIMINARY CHAMBER - A SOLUTION FOR THE CELERITY OF CRIMINAL TRIALS?**

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**ABSTRACT:** *This paper deals with the problem of the celerity of the criminal trial, from the perspective of the institution of preliminary chamber, seen by the legislator as a solution for delaying the resolution of cases. Although this was the initial purpose for introducing this filter-stage, the judicial practice shows that, for the most part, the preliminary chamber does not solve, and even hinders, this problem of celerity. The paper deals with the problem of the impossibility of eliminating this stage, of the deadline in which the case is resolved in the preliminary chamber, as well as the possibility of sending the case back to the prosecutor's office even after the trial begins.*

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