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**Poverty-Aware Lawyering: An Empirical Study and
Theoretical Suggestion for Practices and Professionalism
in the Legal Aid Bureau**

Legal representation of people in poverty is part of everyday practice for cause lawyers, community lawyers and NGOs' legal professionals. However, the reality in Israel is that most of the heavy load of cases of people in poverty are represented by private lawyers who are contracted by the legal aid bureau. Therefore, a professional construction of representation in "poverty cases" should be developed separately from the cause lawyering sphere. The article offers and develops the "poverty awareness" paradigm as the main building block of this new professional edifice.