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Legal Representation by the Legal Aid of the Ministry of Justice of Individuals who are Involuntarily Hospitalized within the Mental Health System

For the past 20 years, attorneys appointed by the Legal Aid department have defended the rights of involuntarily hospitalized individuals in various legal forums – district psychiatric committees, district courts and the Supreme Court. The focus of this article is on the contribution of the Legal Aid department, as a governmental repeat player in this field, to the Israeli mental health system and to the shaping of mental health.