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**MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT**

**I**T IS INDEED AN infinite PLEASURE to present my winding up thoughts at the end of the first year of my tenure as the President of the Bar Association of Sri Lanka. I must pay my sincere gratitude for the membership who reposed their utmost faith in me as the navigator of the Sri Lanka Bar Association by re-appointing me to the post of Presidency for the year 2018-2019. I am very humbled at the plethora of the feats the BASL has achieved during the past year with the corporation, dedication and commitment of the Management Committee, all Standing Committees and entire membership at large. I take pride in being able to deliver most of the pledges I made during my tenure for the BASL presidency for 2017-2018.

During my Induction Speech as the President of the BASL last year, I acknowledged the importance of performing our task with appropriate knowledge, skills and attitude, which can only be imparted by giving a proper training to our Law Students and Apprentices. To this end, the BASL offered various certificate courses such as Criminal Defence, Effective Instructing Attorney, Advanced Training on ICT, Forensic Science, Legal English and short programs on Anti Money Laundering measures in Sri Lanka etc. The fruition of the BASL in acting as the pioneer of post Law Collage legal education is demonstrated by the keen interest evinced by the membership, regardless of seniority in participating and assimilating the invaluable knowledge distributed through the highly qualified panel of lecturers at unimaginable affordable prices.

I also emphasize that the Legal Education system across the board was not standardized and that the Bar Association should take necessary steps to remedy the situation. Accordingly we deemed it an exigency to ensure the people who enter into this noble profession are above the threshold of the particular standard which preserves the solemnity of the legal profession. In line with this perception, I appointed a Committee headed by Deputy President Mr. Ali Sabry PC with Mr. Amal Randeniya as the Convener mandated to propose the necessary reforms. I am proud to state that they have done a remarkable job and prepared a comprehensive report with the help of senior and junior colleagues of the Bar, which was submitted to the Incorporated Council of Legal Education. Not dropping the baton there, we will take every endeavor to implement the proposals therein during my 2nd year of the tenure. In our report we have laid down the required standards for degree awarding Institutes to ensure that quality lawyers passed out of the Law College.

It had been one of my long standing dreams to decentralize the National Law Conference to bring it closer to the membership. I take in pride in affirming the fulfillment of the said desire which saw 05 Provincial Law Conference being organized across Sri Lanka in collaboration with Ministry of Justice. We entrusted the Bars of the particular province with organizing their own Provincial Law Conference with a particular heed focused the important issues they faced with. Bars delivered excellent results which were demonstrated by the formidable turn out attracted by every Provincial Law Conference.

The National Law Conference and Junior National Law Conference, two inevitable annual events in the BASL calendar reached their zenith in the previous year when it magnificently and grandurely unfolded in

Shangrila Hotel in Hambantota and Amari Hotel, Galle respectively which vividly showcased the strength of the membership. The two top events attracted the participants in numbers who made it a point to both enhance their legal knowledge and reinforce the connections with their colleagues in the profession.

Conference of Presidents of Law Associations in Asia (POLA) was a Belle of the Ball in the past year. It is indeed a privilege to be able to chair the conference during my tenure and almost all the delegates' highly appreciated the level of organization of the event and the hospitality demonstrated towards them. The Presidents of the Law Association in Asia got together and focused on their attention on various issues which were ploughing the profession in general. We extended our hand of friendship which they warmly welcomed hence they arrived in as guests but departed the country as our friends.

I was able to command the confidence of the Executive Committee and whole Bar Council in introducing the much awaited amendments to the Constitution of BASL in shaping it to suit the modern day context. Accordingly plenty of key amendments were unanimously passed which were designed in such a way to filter the commitment and dedication to uplift the standard of Bar.

I further continued the practice of publishing latest Unreported Judgment in view of the delay it takes to release the official version of Sri Lanka Law Reports. Accordingly the Special Project Committee compiled Appellate Court Judgments in 2017 (unreported) for Criminal Law in two volumes, Supreme Court Judgments (unreported) in Civil Law and Judgments of past BASL Law Journals. We also offered the whole set of Sri Lanka Law Reports at an affordable price which we had allowed to settle in easy payment scheme.

The Last BASL Directory had been published 07 years ago when I held the post of Secretary in BASL and remained unupdated ever since. Hence I personally intervened in updating the BASL directory, for which data was collected from the membership and after toilsome work, born BASL directory 2017 which carried the information of BASL membership which had reached almost 20,000 by 2017. I perceive it as a very effective tool in connecting the members who practice across the island. 2018 BASL Diary was issued in 2017 April enabling our members get the maximum benefit.

I vehemently spoke about the improvements to be made on the infrastructure facilities of the Court houses. I turned my rhetoric into action when I was the first President to participate in the Infrastructure Trust Fund Committee. By my intervention I was able to provide almost all equipments needed by Anuradhapura, Colombo Zone. Moreover Library Facilities were provided to Ratnapura, Batticaloa, Marawilla, Kurunegala, Higurakgoda, Galle, Negombo, Vavniya, Nugegoda.

BASL as a responsible professional body intervened in issues which assumed the national importance. Accordingly it raised its concern over the duplicity of proposed Constitution, the threat to independency and integrity of the judiciary and legal profession and made representation in assisting the apex Court in interpreting the Constitution and determining the constitutionality of the Bills.

I, who always indulged in aesthetic entertainments was very proud to present the 25th edition of

'Neethi Ranga' which unfolded colorfully in Kularathne hall of Ananda Collage in Maradana. I was very excited in organizing the Neethi Rnaga Gala that I dedicated days and nights in preparing talented members so as to give maximum entertainment to the spectators. Our valiant effort was rewarded by the presence of number of Judges, senior lawyers and the members of the Bar who rejoiced over the aesthetic skills of their colleagues. I was also able to resurrect "Neethi Kekulu", which had remained submerged for a long time. My invitation to the parents to motivate their children to showcase their talents was warmly welcomed that 30 entertaining segments including singing, dancing was performed. It was regarded as an endeavor to pass the values of current generation to the future generation.

The BASL did not shy away when Lady Lawyers requested change in their attire, which, while preserving the dignity of the profession would promote their convenience and comfort. Hence in consultation with the Women Lawyers' Association and with the blessings of His Lordship the Chief Justice W.P.G. Dep PC and Hon. Justice Eva Wanasundera PC during a Bench Bar Meeting, coordinated by Secretary, Mr. Amal Randeniya, an alternative attire for the lady lawyers which would suit the very busy professional and life style was recommended, and it will be legalized soon by enacting necessary amendments to the existing Supreme Court Rules.

The outgoing year thus went by, saw by number of initiatives taken by BASL, some of which were shared above, and at the end of its calendar year hosted 'Appreciation Night' on 5th March 2018, where 18 senior lawyers who had completed 50 years in active service were felicitated while and 52 members who had contributed in various dimensions to make the BASL, live up to the expectations of the membership were recognized by awarding them a very fascinating 'Token of Appreciation'

It is only a few initiatives taken by the BASL that are shared with you above and I must emphasize but for the commitment, dedication and perseverance of the Management Committee, Standing Committees, Members of Executive Committee, Delegates of the Bar Council, all the members and permanent staff members of the BASL secretariat, the massive prosperity being experienced today would only be but a dream. Accordingly it is my duty to extend my sincere gratitude to the all of them, particularly to the outgoing Secretary Mr. Amal Randeniya and Assistant Secretary Mr. Rajitha Hathurusinghe, who have been burning mid night oil for the past two years in steering the BASL in an innovative and unprecedented way, by coordinating with all relevant stake holders and motivating the members of Bar. It is my bounden duty to mention Deputy President Mr. Ali Sabry, PC and Treasurer Mr. Sujeewa Lal Dahanayake, for their services rendered towards BASL during my tenure of office in 2017.

Finally I am looking forward to run my second term with the same enthusiasm, energy and confidence to end the journey which I started way back in 2001 in seeking new Horizons by steering the BASL to the PINNACLE OF SUCCESS.

**U. R. de Silva PC,  
President,  
Bar Association of Sri Lanka**

## OVERVIEW BY THE SECRETARY

It is with great pleasure that I present the Annual Report of the Bar Association of Sri Lanka for the year **2017/2018**. During the past year BASL achieved many milestones which immensely contributed to the betterment of its members, and the profession in many aspects. This report will present you a summary of the accomplishments of the BASL during the reporting period.



### Membership:

The BASL marked a remarkable increase in **membership** in the past year where a total of **1238** members obtained life membership and **574** members obtained ordinary membership. With this, the total number of members has gone up to **19735** by 20th March 2018 from that of 17923 in December 2016.

### Financial Stability:

I take immense pride in reporting the unprecedented growth of the BASL's **current assets** during last 2 years. The total amount of **Fixed Deposits** accumulated by BASL up to the March 2016 amounted to Rs. **61** million. The BASL managed to raise this figure up to Rs. **101** million by end of 2017 and up to Rs. **113.5** million by the end of the Financial Year 2017/2018. This shows the total earning of a massive Rs. **52.5** million for the last 2 years.

This notable growth significantly strengthened the BASL's financial stability. As a result, we were able to; increase the salaries of the staff providing them better satisfaction at work, improve the infrastructure of BASL, and also to buy a 120 KV Generator. The decision to transit to renewable energy is also a huge step in the BASL history.

Meticulously planned activities and efficient financial management led the BASL to this success. My sincere gratitude is extended to the Treasurer, Assistant Secretary, and all the other committee members and the staff of the BASL who provided support.

### Amendments to the Constitution of the BASL:

The BASL Constitution Amendment Committee carried out a commendable task and have come up with a noteworthy set of proposals. Two special Bar Council meetings were convened to discuss the amendments on the 13th of January and 24th of February 2018 respectively. A total of 33 amendments have been incorporated in to the BASL Constitution. These amendments include:

- Introduction of 4 new BASL zones,
- Limit the number of Delegates to the Bar Council (15:1 ratio),
- Increase of the number of Executive Committee Members,
- Making changes to the elections procedures of the BASL,
- Providing a draft model constitution for Branch Associations,
- Dercognition of Branch Associations in case of violating the Constitutional Provisions,
- Giving more powers to the Bar Council to supervise Branch Associations, and
- Suspend the Attorneys-at-Law from the BASL membership based on Professional Negligence and/or Unethical Behaviour, etc.

I sincerely thank Mr. M.U.M. Ali Sabry PC, Mr. Samantha Ratwatte PC, Mr. Saliya Peiris PC, Mr. Mahinda Lokuge, Mr. Pradeep Gamage, Mr. Charitha Jayawickrema, the Administrative Secretary Mrs. Suranee Samarasekera for their hard work in getting the constitutional amendments finalised. A special word of thanks is extended to Mr. Rajitha Hathurusinghe for his tireless efforts.



### Regulation of Entry into the Legal Profession:

We witnessed vast increase of new entrants to the profession during the past few years. While the entry of new professionals is encouraging, it was considered alarming in terms of overcrowding of the Bar. The Incorporated Council of Legal Education delegated the task of analysing the situation and providing recommendations to the BASL. Accordingly the 'Future of the Legal Education Committee' was formed under the Co-Chairmanship of Mr. M.U.M. Ali Sabry PC the Deputy President of BASL and the Secretary-BASL. The committee met over 50 times and carried out a thorough evaluation of the situation and produced a comprehensive report. This report with concrete recommendations was submitted to His Lordship the Chief Justice and other members of the Incorporated Council of Legal Education on the 3rd of February 2018. The recommendations of the committee include, among other things:



- Regulating the pathways to becoming an Attorney-at-Law in Sri Lanka,
- Implementation of a 'Minimum Criteria of Entry' into Sri Lanka Law College,
- Regulation of entry of Foreign Graduates into Law College,
- Improving the standards of Legal Education in Sri Lanka,
- Implementation of Continuous Professional Development (CPD), and
- Amending the Regulatory Framework of the Council of Legal Education to facilitate the recommendations.

The BASL is immensely grateful to the support provided by Mr. Prasantha Lal de Alwis PC, Mr. Yasantha Kodagoda PC, and Mr. Saliya Peiris PC, and the team of lawyers namely; Mr. Lasitha Kanuwana-rachchi, Mr. Sanjeewa Dasanayake, Mr. Sunil Jayaratne, Mr. Ruvantha Cooray, Mr. Chathura Galhena, Mr. Nuwan Bopage, Mr. Ayendra Wickramasekera, Ms. Mokshini Jayamanne, Ms. Shehani de Alwis and Mr. Migara Cabral who supported in preparing the Final Report.

### Advanced Legal Study Centre of BASL:

With the intention to become the prime provider of Continues Legal Education to the legal professionals, the BASL has taken action to establish an Advanced Legal Study Centre within the premises. This Centre will offer post-qualifying courses to Attorneys-at-Law including Certificate Courses, Diplomas, and Higher Diplomas. Plans are also underway for the Centre to coordinate with reputed universities overseas to offer affiliated LLM courses in the future.

Another important function of the Centre would be to implement the '**Practice Licensing System**' for Attorneys-at-Law. This is a compulsory license renewal system which would initially be introduced to the new entrants to the Bar. The system would impose the mandatory license renewal by lawyers every 2 or 3 years, upon the payment of a licensing fee and confirmation of attendance of 3 mandatory seminars. The names of licensees would be available for the public via the website of BASL. The main objective of the system is to contribute towards Continuous Professional Development, Continued Legal Education and the maintenance of standards of the profession.

The Advanced Legal Studies Centre would also bring-in additional revenue to BASL through course fees and the licensing fee. These would enable BASL to become self-sustainable and rely less on donor funding and other sponsorships for its activities. The space formerly occupied by the Hatton National Bank in the ground floor of the BASL building will be utilized for the Advanced Legal Studies Centre

**Complaints against Lawyers:**

Alarming increase of complaints against lawyers was witnessed in the year 2017 too as in previous years. Although most of the complaints were found to be based on malice, there were several genuine and serious complaints regarding the professional conduct of Attorneys-at-Law. Hence, we have taken measures to revive the Professional Purposes Unit of BASL. We are thankful to Mr. G.G. Arulpragasam, Chairman of the Professional Purposes Committee, Mr. Shamil Perera PC, Chairman of the Professional Ethics Committee, the Convener Mr. Binara Gunasekera and the Panel Members for their support.

**Actions taken to Maintain Ethical Standards:**

It was noted that overcrowding of the profession has given rise to unethical practices such as **touting** and professional misconduct. The BASL raised the issue of police touting with the Inspector General (IG) of Police after which an internal circular was issued by the IG to all DIGs and OICs in this regard. The IG's office has officially communicated to BASL that complaints of police touting need be referred to them immediately so that action could be taken by the Police.

**Contributions to the Development of the Law:**

The BASL actively participated in many forums which discussed the **development of the law** during the past year. The BASL took part in the Parliamentary Select Committee Meetings on Constitutional Reforms, and also played an active role in proposing amendments to the Civil and Criminal Procedure Codes. We made representations on amendments to the Notaries Ordinance, appointed two members of BASL to the Customs Law Reforms Technical Committee and got involved in discussions regarding the ECTA Agreement and other agreements on international trade. The BASL continued its engagement on the Production Disposal mechanism discussions with the Ministry of Justice and the Judicial Services Commission. The BASL also intervened to establish the rights of suspects to be represented by an Attorney-at-Law while in police custody.

**BASL IT Committee:**

I am happy to note that the BASL IT Committee has done a remarkable job in re-structuring the **BASL website**. The website now contains new features which support active engagement of members with BASL activities. A new **IT Department** has been established at the BASL, and staff have already been recruited for this department. With the establishment of the IT Department we were able to despatch BASL notices, announcements and obituaries in time via bulk e-mail and a SMS Gateway. A MOU has been entered into between BASL and the Ministry of Justice to handover **LAWNET** website to BASL. The website is a free resource available to Attorneys-at-Law. An SMS alert service called '**BASL TODAY**' has already been launched. I am grateful to the innovative planning of Mr. Rajitha Hathurusinghe, Mr. Nadun Wijesiriwardane, and Mr. Charith Jayawickrema who are the members of the IT committee.

**Legal Aid Foundation:**

The BASL re-commenced the Legal Aid Foundation in 2016. The Foundation provides free legal advice to clients every Tuesday and Thursday. I am thankful to Dr. W. Rodrigo and Mr. Ravindranath Dabare and their team of Lawyers for the support rendered in this regard.

**Legal Aid Camp:**

The BASL organised a **Legal Aid Camp** for the people affected by the Meethotamulla garbage dump disaster. We also provided furniture/Household item vouchers for 98 families who were severely affected by the disaster. This was made possible with the generous personal contributions of the members of the Association. Mr. Nishan Premathiratne, Mr. Nuwan Bopage, and Mr. Naveen Heiyadurage who spearheaded this effort.

**The BASL Contingency Fund:**

A '**BASL Contingency Fund**' was established by the Secretary-BASL especially to provide assistance to lawyers who would get affected by Natural Disasters. 1% of the FD interest of the BASL was diverted to this fund monthly. The Executive Committee of the BASL has decided to increase this contribu-

tion to 5% monthly from 2017. Through this fund we were able to provide support amounting to Rs. 837,500/- in cash and vouchers to 53 members who were affected by the floods in April/May 2017 in Matara, Galle, Morawaka, Ratnapura, Mathugama, Baddegama and Horana Bars.

#### **BASL Benevolent Fund:**

There are plans to strengthen the **BASL Benevolent Fund**. The new guidelines that have already been drafted for the fund will be implemented in the near future. The plans propose financial support to members in the event of critical illness or death.

#### **Members Welfare:**

A **Members Welfare Day** was organised in Hulftsdorp on 15th and 16th March, 2018. A number of Banks, Leasing Companies, and service providers participated in this welfare event. The BASL was able to introduce many welfare packages for lawyers, as well as special packages for junior members of the Bar; including Personal Loan Schemes, Office Furniture and Equipment purchasing facilities, Credit Cards, Personal and Health Insurance Schemes, etc., I wish to thank Mr. Sanjeewa Ruwanpathirana for his single handed support

A special health package has been introduced by the BASL for its members through Union Assurance PLC. Many members have benefited from this package. A health check-up and testing discount package has been introduced for Members of BASL through Asiri Group of Hospitals. BASL also organised a loan facility of Rs. 70,000/= through the Hatton National Bank to members who wanted to purchase the complete set of Sri Lanka Law Reports (SLR).

#### **BASL Mobile Bookshop:**

The **BASL Mobile Bookshop** re-commenced for the first time since 2009. 37 Branch Associations from Hambantota to Jaffna were covered during 2016, while in 2017, 12 more Branch Associations were covered. The Mobile Bookshop provides the services of BASL to the doorsteps of the outstation bars. I thank the Ministry of Justice, and staff members of the BASL Mr. Mahinda and Mr. Sunil, for their support in this project.

#### **Calendar Events:**

The BASL also organised the usual calendar events with much success during the last year. These included the **National Law Conference, Junior National Law Conference, Junior Bar Forum, Neethi Ranga, Sports Gala, Neethi Kekulu**, etc,. One of the major issues faced in organizing these calendar events was the lack of funding. Therefore, BASL is extremely grateful to the respective chairpersons, convenors, and members of the respective organizing Committees who worked tirelessly in successfully concluding the events despite the hurdles. I wish to convey my heartfelt gratitude Mr. G.G. Arulpragasam, Mr. Murshid Maharoo, Mr. Pradeep Gamage, Mr. Shamir Zavahir, Mr. Maduka Perera, Mr. Sumith Kelart & Ms. Ranusha Wijesinghe who took the burden of organising the said events. Detailed reports of the respective events are attached to this annual report.

For the first time in the history, BASL organised **Provincial Law Conferences** which was an innovative idea proposed by Mr. U. R. De Silva PC, as the President of the BASL. We conducted conferences in Kurunegala, Rathnapura, Badulla and Anuradhapura during the past year.

#### **International Affairs:**

I am happy to note that BASL strengthened its bonds with International Bar Associations as a result of the Presidents of Law Asia Countries (POLA) Conference in 2017. Furthermore, 8 junior members of the bar received scholarships from the **International Bar Association** to participate in the International Bar Association (IBA) Conference in Sydney, Australia in 2017. The President and the Secretary of BASL visited the Bar Association of Punjab upon their invitation in October 2017.

**Continuous Legal Education:**

BASL organised several **Continuous Legal Education** seminars under the title “**Neethi Vimansa**”, in Matara, Tangalle, Kalmunai, Plonnaruwa, Avissawella, Kalutara, Trincomalee, Galle & Puttlam Bars. These seminars proved to be very successful. Additionally, 2 seminars were organised in Colombo at the BASL Auditorium. The BASL gratefully acknowledge the support provided by Mr. Saliya Peiris PC, Mr. Nalin Chandaka de Silva, and Mr. Nuwan Bopage, Co-ordinators of the Seminars Committee.

**Relationship with the Media:**

BASL maintained a good relationship with the **media** during the past year. BASL organised a number of press conferences and television programmes in collaboration with the media which helped to convey the messages of BASL effectively to the general public. We would like to especially thank Ms. Subhashini Jayalath for coordinating with the media.

**Lawyer-Police Relationships:**

I note with concern that we received several complaints from our members regarding harassment by Police Officers, and assault/threats by 3rd parties in the past. BASL had consultations with the police in this regard and successfully intervened to address the issues. I thank former DIG-Legal Mr. Ajith Rohana and the current DIG-Legal Mr. Ravi Peiris for their support.

**BASL Services to Outstation Bars:**

BASL has directly involved in resolving many different issues faced by members of Outstation Bars. Namely; Kurunegala, Negombo, Minuwangoda, Gampaha, Mahara, Galle, Jaffna, Dehiattakandiya etc. President & Secretary BASL visited many Bars personally to solve their issues. Continuing our services to outstation Bars, the BASL donated **Law Books** worth Rs. 1,200,000/- for Libraries of several outstation Bars namely Nugegoda, Marawila, Negombo, Vavuniya, Baticaloa, Hingurakgoda, Galle and Ratnapura Bars. BASL, with the support of the Ministry of Justice distributed **2000 chairs** to Outstation Bars to be used within court houses.

The Bar Council recognised 4 new Branch Associations during this year, namely **Dehiattakandiya** Bar Association, **Mutur** Bar Association, **Anamaduwa** Bar Association & **Kesbewa** Bar Association. The first **Regional Centre** of the BASL will be opened soon in Kandy. A place has already been allocated for this purpose at the Lawyers Office Complex Building in Kandy. I wish to thank Mr. Nilantha Perera and Mr. Thissa Seneviratne of Kandy Bar for assisting BASL in this endeavour.

The BASL has set up a Rest Room/Accommodation facility for outstation Lawyers at BASL premises. Outstation members, on request can use this facility on a nominal payment when they visit Hulftsdorp.

**Programme Unit of BASL:**

The **Programme Unit of BASL** achieved many successes during the past year. Grants received from USAID, NED, ACTED were meticulously handled by the Programme Unit and I thank Ms. Umeshika Dalpadadu, Ms. Nayomi Wickramaratne, Mr. Thuraisingham Prakalathan, and Mr. Kalinga de Silva for their outstanding commitment. A comprehensive report of the activities is attached to the Annual Report. The Programme Unit did a remarkable job in organising certificate courses under BASL Advanced Legal Study Centre. I would like to express my sincere thanks to Mr. Sunil Abeyratne, Mr. Erusha Kalidasa, Mr. Indika Perera & Mr. Charitha Jayawickrama for assisting the Programme Unit in conducting Certificate Courses.

**Lawyer’s Directory and Calendar:**

BASL successfully launched the **Lawyer’s Directory** after 7 years and a BASL calendar was also printed for 2018. I wish to thank Mr. U. R. De Silva PC for the initiative taken and Ms. Dayani Nanayakkara and Mr. Saranga Hettiarachchi of BASL staff for the support provided in this regard.

**Publications of BASL:**

The **publications of BASL** during the last year included Volume I of Unreported Judgments (2017). Work done by Ms. Jinadari Liyanagama in this regard is sincerely appreciated. The **BASL Law Journal** for 2018 is launched on 24 March 2018. This year's volume is dedicated to Mr. Kandiah Neelakandan in appreciation of his immense service to the BASL. I thank the Co-Editors Mr. Eraj de Silva and Mr. Saravanan Neelakandan for working on this special edition. Junior Bar also launched their **Junior Bar Law Journal** at the Junior National Law Conference.

It has been noted that the circulation of the printed version of the **BASL Newsletter** among the 20,000 members of BASL is costly. Hence, we had to limit the circulation to only 2 copies. I sincerely appreciate the support given by Mr. Dimuthu Senerath Bandara, Ms. Lasanthi Daskon Attanayake, Ms. Samantha Dias, Ms. Umeshika Dalpadadu and Mr. Nadun Wijesiriwardane for their support.

**Court Management Committee:**

The concept and structure for a **Court Management Committee** was proposed by the BASL to the Ministry of Justice. The basis of the concept was to set up mechanisms for resolving issues that come up in respective judicial zones within those judicial zones themselves. The Judicial Services Commission has issued a Circular (numbered 411) accepting the proposed concept.

**Apprentices' Training Programme:**

Sri Lanka Law College joined hands with BASL in organising an **Apprentices' Training Programme**. BASL succeeded in revising the syllabus of the Practical Training Programme and introduced new and timely topics. As mentioned before, there are increasingly large numbers of Attorneys entering the profession every year, which would lead to overcrowding of the profession. Such a situation would invariably give rise to a myriad of issues if new avenues are not introduced to the new professionals. Hence, BASL has stepped-in to providing the new entrants with knowledge and understanding of new and/or non-traditional career options (i.e. Legal Process Outsourcing).

**Some Proposals by the Secretary BASL:**

As the outgoing Secretary, I wish to place the following proposals for consideration of the incoming Secretary and office bearers of the BASL:

- a. Establish the **'Sri Lanka Legal Service - SLLS'** for lawyers who are working in the government sector along the lines of Sri Lanka Administrative Service (SLAS). (Proposals have already been given to Minister of Finance & Minister of Justice),
- b. Introduce a **'BASL Watch Guard'** system in order to control and curb unethical practices by lawyers. The system would incorporate a mechanism to watch and warn those lawyers who engage in unethical practices. (ExCo approval for the proposal has already been obtained),
- c. Request a Rs. **25** million allocation from the annual budget of the government for capacity building of lawyers through the Ministry of Justice. (Proposals have already been sent to Ministry of Finance and Ministry of Justice),
- d. Introduction of **Law in to School Syllabus**. (Proposal is Ready),
- e. Re-structure proper **Family Counselling System** in Sri Lanka together with Ministry of Justice and Ministry of Law & Order.
- f. Put up 3 **Regional Centres** of the BASL in Kandy, Matara & Jaffna. (Steps have already been taken to put up Kandy Regional Centre of BASL at Kandy Lawyers Office Complex),

- g. Establish a Printing Department and a Publication Unit in the BASL,
- h. Put up Holiday Houses for the members of BASL in Nuwara-Eliya, Anuradhapura & Kataragama.
- i. Put up a '**Law Centre**' at the 'House of Justice' project at Hulftsdorp. (Planing has already been commenced with Ministry of Justice),
- j. Convert the basement of the BASL Building to a members only Recreational Centre/Pub for the members of BASL.
- k. Introduce new **court attire** for lady lawyers (optional) as per the discussions with the Honourable the Chief Justice and Justice Eva Wanasundera PC. A circular has to be issued setting the agreed guidelines.

#### **Bench and the Bar:**

I would like to thank **His Lordship the Chief Justice Priyasath Dep, PC**, and all the Judges of the Supreme Court and the Court of Appeal. The monthly **Bench & Bar Meetings** with His Lordship the Chief Justice and Her Ladyship Justice Eva Wanasundra PC were very productive and helped solve many issues. BASL encourages all the Branch Presidents to convene Bench and Bar Meetings in their respective Bars at least once per term. BASL is also thankful to His Lordship the Chief Justice for inviting nominations from BASL for the appointment of High Court Judges. Honourable Sanjeewa Somaratne, Secretary, Judicial Services Commission, the President and Secretary of the Judicial Services Association, Honourable Ranga Dissanayake, Honourable M.M.M. Mihal and the Executive Committee also rendered their continued support to the BASL.

#### **Ministry of Justice:**

We sincerely acknowledge the remarkable support extended to us by the **Minister of Justice Hon. Mrs. Thalatha Athukorale**, and **Mrs. M. Adhikari, Secretary to the Ministry of Justice**. We are also thankful to the Additional and Assistant Secretaries; Ms. Piyumanthi Peiris, Mr. Rashmi Singappuli, Ms. Dilhara Amarasekera, Ms. Ruwanadini Kuruppu and the officers of the Ministry who continue to provide us support. BASL is thankful to the **former Minister of Justice Hon. Dr. Wijeyadasa Rajapakshe PC**, and **former Secretary to the Ministry Mr. Padmasiri Jayamne** for the support extended to us during their tenure.

Criminal & Civil Procedure Code amendments, addressing outstation Bar Infrastructure issues, re-location of Commercial High Courts, sponsoring BASL Access to Justice projects, donation of Law books and chairs to Outstation Bars, and providing assistance to provincial law conferences are a few of the projects for which the Ministry of Justice provided support.

#### **Special Thanks:**

BASL wishes to sincerely thank **His Excellency the President Maithripala Sirisena** and the **Honourable Prime Minister Mr. Ranil Wickramasinghe** for the unwavering support extended to us. Also, BASL would like to thank the Hon Minister of Finance Mr. Mangala Samaraweera, Honourable Minister of Home Affairs Mr. Vajira Abeygunawardane, Honourable Minister of Labour Mr. John Seneviratne, Honourable Minister of Megapolis and UDA Mr. Champika Ranawaka, Honourable Minister of Development Strategies and International Trade Mr. Malik Samarawickrama, Honourable Minister of Provincial Council and Local Govt. Mr. Faizer Mustapha, Honourable Minister of Housing Mr. Sajith Premadasa, Honourable Minister of Sports Mr. Dayasiri Jayasekera, Honourable Former Minister of Law and Oder Mr. Sagala Ratnayake, Honourable Deputy Minister of Justice Mr. Dushmantha Mithrapala and Honourable Deputy Minister of Finance Mr. Eran Wickremaratne for various discussions, facilities granted, and for generally cooperating with BASL.

We are also grateful to the **Honourable Attorney General Mr. Jayantha Jayasuriya PC**, **Honourable Solicitor General Mr. Dappula De Livera PC**, former Solicitor General Mr. Suhada Gamlath PC, and Officers of the Attorney General's Department for their support to BASL. We are particularly grateful to the Attorney General's Department for supporting us during BASL elections.

The BASL thanks to Mrs. Indira Samarasinghe PC, Principal, Sri Lanka Law College, Mr. Rohan Sahabandu PC, Chairman, Legal Aid Commission, Mrs. Deepani Karunajeewa, PC, Legal Draftsman, Mr. Dhammika Dassanayake, Secretary General of Parliament, Ms. M.M. Jayasekera, Registrar Supreme Court, Mr. Ravi Peiris, DIG-Director Legal SL Police, Marshall Supreme Court and Mr. V.K.A. Anura, Commissioner of the Colombo Municipal Council for the support rendered to the BASL in numerous ways.

#### Appreciation:

I am grateful to our **President, Mr. U.R. De Silva PC** for his leadership and support given to me to carry out my duties and for the faith kept on me. He has been an innovative force behind many of the new initiatives implemented by BASL.

Sincere thanks are also extended to **Mr. M. U. M. Ali Sabry PC**, Deputy President for his constant support and guidance. I thank our **Treasurer, Mr. Sujeewa Lal Dahanayake** for his strict control over finances.



I wish to convey my heartfelt gratitude to my **Assistant Secretary Mr. Rajitha Hathurusinghe** who continued to provide me unwavering support throughout the 2 years of my tenure. His support during the most challenging moments is deeply appreciated and I am inspired by his passion and commitment towards the improvement of the standards of the profession.

Mr. Rajitha Hathurusinghe, together with **Ms. Suranee Samarasekera, Administrative Secretary of BASL**, ensured the timely submission of BASL meeting minutes. During the past year, we had 13 Executive Committee Meetings, 3 Emergency Executive Committee, Meetings, 12 Bar Council Meetings and 2 Special Bar Council Meetings.

On a special note I would like to thank Ms. Subhashini Jayalath for the remarkable support she provided me in discharging my duties as the Secretary of the BASL. I sincerely appreciate all her support.

#### BASL Staff:

My sincere thanks also go to the dedicated staff of BASL: Administrative Secretary *Mrs. Suranee Samarasekera*, *Mr. Sunil*, *Mr. Mahinda*, *Ms. Madupani*, *Ms. Mangalika*, *Ms. Jinadari*, *Ms. Dayani*, *Mr. Raja*, *Ms. Gnana*, *Mr. Darshana*, *Ms. Anuradha*, *Ms. Aruni*, *Ms. Malika*, *Ms. Surangi*, *Ms. Sanduni*, *Mr. Pradeep*, *Ms. Dinesha*, *Mr. Lakshan*, *Mr. Saranga*, *Ms. Sewwandi*, *Ms. Shermila*, and *Ms. Sumadi*. They supported our ever increasing amount of work throughout the year. Steps have been taken to introduce a Staff Human Resources Manual and Key Performance Indicators. For the first time, a grading system, along with a salary structure has been introduced for the staff. I am especially thankful to Mr. Rajitha Hathurusinghe for taking the burden of implementing these policies.

Finally, I wish to extend my sincere gratitude to the entire **Executive Committee, Presidents and Secretaries of Branch Associations, Chairpersons & Conveners of Standing Committees and Delegates** for the support extended to me to conclude my tenure as the Secretary successfully. I also thank my juniors, colleagues and friends for their unstinted support extended in numerous ways towards the smooth functioning of the Bar Association of Sri Lanka.

I wish to bring to your notice that the **role of the Secretary-BASL** has evolved over the years into a full-time commitment, particularly due to the escalating demands warranted by the rapid increase in membership. I sincerely believe that I was able to meet the expectations of not only those who placed their confidence in me and elected me to this position but also of entire membership of BASL. Although the position had its challenges and stress factors, I thoroughly enjoyed carrying out the

duties of the Secretary of the Bar Association of Sri Lanka and providing a service to my colleagues in the profession. I hope the innovative measures taken by us during these past 2 years will contribute to the betterment of the profession as well as the BASL.

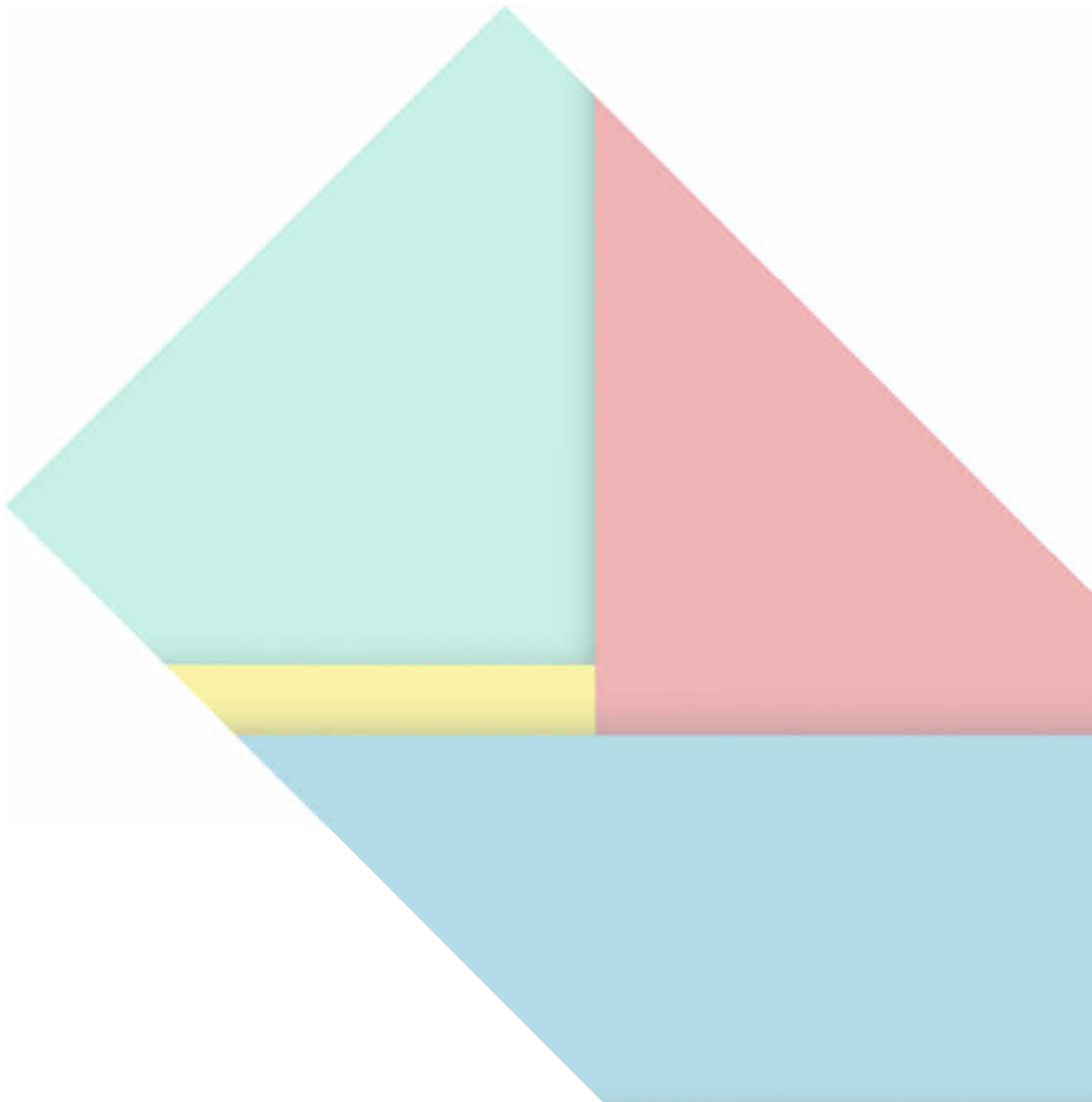
On a very personal note, I dedicate this Annual Report to my little daughter *Nithu* who not only missed her scary bed-side stories but also missed the comfort of having her father around during some of the most important times in her young life. She did not complain, nor did she make me feel guilty, instead she always greeted me with her sweet smile.

**Amal A. Randeniya**  
**Secretary**  
**BAR ASSOCIATION OF SRI LANKA**





## FIRST BAR COUNCIL MEETING 2017-2018



**01<sup>st</sup> BAR COUNCIL MEETING 2017 - 2018****MINUTES OF THE 1ST MEETING OF THE BAR COUNCIL (BC) OF THE BAR ASSOCIATION OF SRI LANKA (BASL) FOR THE YEAR 2017/2018**

DATE : Saturday, the 25th of March, 2017 at 09.30 AM  
VENUE : At the Bandaranaike Memorial International Conference Hall, Bhaudhaloka Mawatha, Colombo 07.  
PRESIDED BY : Hon. Jayantha Jayasuriya, President's Counsel, Attorney General

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Wickramasekara, Mr. I S Wijesekera, **Homagama :** Mr. A R Gamalath, Ms. K P Karunawathie, Mr. C R Kuruppuarachchige, Mr. B Liyanage, Mr. A P Marata Arachchi, Mr. U D S P Perera, Ms. P W D T Perera, Mr. D W S Sanjeewa, Mr. M L U G K Seneratne, Mr. D S Wickremaratne, **Horana:** Ms. S R Albert, Mr. B G T L Gunarathne, Mr. H Y A S Hewawasam, Ms. M H W Jayantha Jayasooriya, Ms. K Kannangara, Ms. P R Kanangara, Mr. P Pattiarachchi, Ms. O P A Perera, Mr. M A S Weerasiri, Mr. H P G J C Wijesooriya, Ms. K M Gunathilake, **Hettipola :** Mr. W A D L S Kumara, Mr. K H T N Sumanaratne, **Jaffna :** Mrs. S Abimanasingham, PC, Ms. S Elangovan, Mr. J Jeyaruban, Mr. B Partthipan, Mr. A Ragupathy, Mr. N Thambimuthan, Mr. B Thavapalan, Mr. V T Thirukkumaran, **Kalutara :** Mr. V L Asurappuli, Mr. Q A R Cooray, Mr. D C R Cooray Mr. P G U A Dayaratthna, Mr. N T de Alwis, Ms. A N S de Silva, Mr. Y S de Silva, Mr. D D A P R Domingo, Mr. G Ekanayake, Mr. M P D Fernando, Mr. T N Jayakody, Mr. L D H C Liyanarachchi, Mr. U L R S Perera, Mr. S A Perera, Mr. W W Y N Perera, Mr. N O R Perera, Mr. D A Punchihewa, Ms. L K Ranasinghe, Ms. R A C Samarasekara, Mr. E S Soysa, Mr. B P Weerasinghe, Ms. K S Yapa, **Kandy :** Mr. M G Abeyratne Bandara, Mr. H L G Bastiansz, Mr. S A D Buddika, Ms. A K H Ekanayake, Mr. H P D P Goonetilleke, Mr. C M Hatheem, Mr. M S M Hussain, Mr. A J Karalliyadde, Mr. A T Narangoda, Mr. H M Navarathnabanda, Mr. W T N U K Perera, Ms. K I W Premachandra, Mr. S. C Rathnayake, Mr. R M S P Ratnayake, Mr. S Ratwatte, Mr. J V B Sakalasiluriya, Mr. W D W Senarathne, Mr. M K T U Senevirathne, Mr. G Silva, Mr. T M S J Tennakoon, Mr. M T S S Thanthirige, Ms. G G Dissanayake, Mr. D K Pitiyagedera, Mr. T G Herath, Mr. A V P Nanayakkara, Mr. R B W L Welikumbura, Mr.

L Wijenayake, **Kaduwela** : Ms. M a D S R Dias Thalduwa, Mr. C Gunarathna, Mr. J S C V Heenkenda, Mr. T D K K Perera, Mr. P S S Senevirathne Pandithasundara, Mr. K P Wijesiri, **Kalmunai** : Mr. M S M Jameel, Mr. I L Mohamed Ramees, Mr. M A Samsudeen, Mr. M U Thaha Zainudeen, **Kegalle** : Mr. P S Dayananda, Mr. S P K W Gamage, Mr. R C D Jayawardena, Mr. F A M W Perera, Mr. M S P M Rathnawardena Mr. S D B Udalagama, Ms. S D Udalagama, Mr. D L P W Wimalarathne, **Kekirawa** : Mr. J K Ambagahawatte, Ms. J M Coswatte, Mr.S M W Korassagalle, **Kuliyapitiya** : Mr. A M S T Adikari, Ms. L R Guneratne, Mr. J M Gunatileke, Mr. H K Dharamakeerthi, Mr. I.P. C A Fernando, Mr. J K C Jayasinghe, Ms. M A H Marasinghe, Mr. F P Perera, Mr. W M P L Wadugedera, Mr. W H M B H Wijesinghe, Mr. Y A C P Yapa, **Mahara** : Mr. C P Abeydeera Gunarathne, Ms. L.B. Alwis, Ms. P B U S Basnayake, Mr. G K Pathirana, Ms. N V U Perera Kanankege, Mr. S W Ramanayake, Mr. A D N R Rupasinghe, Ms. R S W Samaranayake, **Maho** : Ms. H M G R K Herath, Mr. H M S K Herath, Mr. M S M Huzair, Ms. W M G S Karunarathne, **Maligakanda** : Mr. B M P Balasinghe, Ms. E.M.H.P. Ekanayake, Mr. A N Pathirana, Mr. K Y Perera, **Mannar** : Mr. M S Mohammed Saburudeen, **Marawila**: Ms. J.P.S. Amarasinghe, Ms. E A L Charuni, Mr. W A N Fernando, Mr. W D J N Fernando, Ms. A A R P L Fernando, Mr. H J M D Jayasinghe, Mr. C T Kumara, Ms. T.D.D. Navaratne, Mr. R M S Rajapakse, Mr. R A F Randeniya, Mr. W A D P Sarath Stanly, Mr. T L M Sarathchandra, Mr. I A G Arthanayake, **Matara** : Mr. R Abeyasundara, Mr. P Ariyasena, Mr. K K Dayakeerthi Kaluarachchi, Mr. D S Gunarathne, Mr. T Dissanayake, Mr. M V G R Gunasekera, Mr. G Jayasinghe, Ms. R M Lakshma Priyani, Ms. Y P Mahagamage (Kodikara), Mr. K A Manamperi, Mr. M P C M Muthukumarana, Ms. I S Nagaratne Koththagoda, Mr. C Perumpuli Arachchige, Mr. U G S RangajeewaMr. E V I Thilakarathne, Ms. Y M D Warnasuriya, Mr. G S J Widanapathirana, Ms. R P Wijethunga, Ms. L Withanachchi, **Matale** : Mr. R Manivannan, Mr. A M Weerakoon, **Matugama**: Mr.V.K.D.Ananda, Mr. L George, Ms. N Gunathilake,Ms. N.N.H.P. Kankanamge Dona, Mr. N P Imbulagoda, Mr. D D R Kithsiri, Mr. T M Pushpananda, Mr. L A K P Whaidyathilaka **Mawanella**: Ms. D S Mahanama, Ms. K K Megahasooriya, Mr. P D A Jayaweera, Mr. G A Samarasekera, **Minuwangoda**: Mr. H T D N S Hettiarachchi, Mr. S C Karunaratna, Mr. S D Karunaratna, Ms. L A P Liyanaarachchi, Ms. W A I Ratnayake, Ms. W A K T Wanniarachchi, **Moneragala**: Mr. T W U S K Bandara, Mr. E M C S Ekanayake, Mr. V N Perera, **Moratuwa** : Ms. K.P.S.Alawatta, Mr. N.J. Fernando, Mr. A.V. de Silva Gunasekera, Mr. R. A. Gunawardena, Mr.M.M.W.Dissanayake, Mr. Manoj Kumara, **Morawaka** : Mr. D D Abeywickrema, Mr. M L G Gamachchige, **Mt. Lavinia** : Mr. U.S. Chandrasiri, Ms. R C de Zoysa, Mr. M A R. Fernando, Mr. G.K.V.R. Gajanayake, Mr. R C P Gamage, Mr. K A L Kanuwanarachchi, Mr. S.K. Lankathilake, Mr. K A W Perera, Mr. D.S.A. Wanniarachchi, Mr. S L Kumarasinghe, Mr. S R Matugama, Mr. A Ranagala, Ms. A I Weerawardena, Mr. L R Welihinda, **Negombo** : Mr. A L D D P Amarasinghe, Mr. N.L.G. Cooray, Mr. I L N de Britto, Mr. W S Fernando, Mr. P D U Fernando, Ms. S N M D Fernando, Mr. W A S M Fernando, Ms. W.C.P. Ginige, Mr. K G Gunadasa, Mr. M A Gunaratne, Mr. C.D. Jayanatha, Mr. N L V Jayasinghe, Ms. W A M N Medonza, Mr. S N Nethisinghe, Mr. J D J Nicholas, Ms. S A Perera, Mr. S A J G Samarasinghe, Mr. D G R A Wijesinghe, Mr. W.A.S. Wijesuriya, Mr. M D N W William, **Nikaweratiya** : Mr. R M N I Bandara, Mr. J H M R B Herat, Mr. T M P B Tennakoon, **Nugegoda** : Mr. C S Hettiarachchi, Mr. U I Hiripitiya, Mr. W O Jayaratne, Mr. G B I Jayaratne, Mr. S C Karunaratne, Mr. D H Liyanage, Ms. S.B.W.M.R.S.N.K. Udurawana, **Nawalapitiya** : Mr. N Aluthgamage, Mr. D E M S B Delpitiya, Mr. M.S. Imthiyas, **Panadura** : Mr. P H Alankarage, Ms. R D de Saram, Ms. K S M de Silva, Ms. W.M.N. Danusekara, Ms. B.D.T. Fernando, Ms. I U Fernando, Ms. P A S Kamaladiwela A D, Mr. P K M N Kulasuriya, Mr. M.H.L.D. Matararachchi, Mr. U K Munasinghe, Mr. J S V Perera, Mr. K.D.M. Silva, Mr. M. Udalamattagamage, Mr. T M P Jayasinghe, Mr. W D Tissera, **Nuwara Eliya** : Mr. B D U S Bandara, Mr. A P Kanapathipillai, Mr. S Mohanarajan, Mr. P Rajathurai, **Point Pedro** : Mr.P Kumarasamy, Mr. R Nadarajah, Mr. B Subramaniam, **Pugoda** : Ms. M A K S Kumara, **Ratnapura** : Mr. K S Abeyratne, Mr. V K Weerasinghe, Mr.W. Thennakoon, Mr.P.B. Wanniarachchi, **Ruwanwella** : Mr. M G S C K Gunasekara,Mr. E.M.D. Jayawardana, Mr. E.W.K. Samaraweera, Ms. S P Vedasinghe, **Sammanthurai** : Mr. M B Mohamed Fowzan **Vavuniya** : Mr. K Thayaparan, **Warakapola** : Mr. W M A P B Herath, Ms. K S I K Perera, Mr. C.R. Weerasekara, **Wariyapola** : Mr. S P S Abeywardane, **Wattala** : Mr. W M W L L Boteju, Mr. N F Vernon Cooray,Mr. M.D. H. C. Gunawardena, Mr. K P Kalehewatte, Mr. P A Ranagala, **Wellawaya** : Mr. T M Bandusena.

## 1. NOTICE CONVENING THE MEETING

Mr. Geoffrey Alagaratnam PC the outgoing President made an address of welcome to all the Members present. He thanked the EXCO and Committees who supported him in the activities during the year and said he wished the association will go from strength to strength to be a united association which will be more professional than personnel. The Annual Report lists all the activities that have been done during the year and said improvements have been done towards establishing a centralized secretariat with the appointment of a CEO which will ensure continuity of the smooth functioning of the Secretariat. He also spoke on the establishment of the Guarantee Company for Continuing Legal education to be set to run all our courses. A formal organization will be established. The Enhancement of the Benevolent Fund by apportioning a Rs. 20mIn to it from the profits made during the year. He thanked the Management committee for the support in making a profit of over Rs. 44mIn for this year.

The Attorney General, Hon. Jayantha Jayasuriya PC, stated that Notice of the Meeting had been duly circulated and declared that the Notice convening the Meeting was taken as read.

## 2. EXCUSES

Secretary announced Mr. Rajiv Amarasuriya as having sent his excuses. Mr. R.A.F Arsakularatne, PC, Mr. Eraj de Silva, Mr. Daya Wettasinghe

## 3. TO TABLE AND ADOPT THE ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR 2016/2017

The Hon. Attorney General, Mr. Jayantha Jayasuriya PC, tabled the Annual Report of the Bar Association of Sri Lanka for the year 2016/2017. The said Annual Report for the year 2016/2017 had already been circulated to the delegates and requested the House to adopt the Annual Report.

Secretary, Mr. Amal Randeniya said that there was a large volume of work done during the years recorded in the report which was the largest published so far. 20 chapters were published over 200 pages. He said he wished to specially mention on three areas –

- Membership has increased to 17923 and will increase further with about 1500 new lawyers taking oaths in 2017 July and December
- Over the last 45 years the profits investment were approx. Rs. 57 mln and FDs deposited during this year was Rs. 44 mln. It was the largest annual figure recorded in history making a total of 101 mln in Fixed deposits.
- He then thanked the Management Committee, the President Mr. Alagaratnam PC, Deputy President Mr. Saliya Peiris, Treasurer Mr. Dinoo Dharmaratna and specially the Assistant Secretary Mr. Rajitha Hathurusinghe and the BASL staff for the support given to prepare this comprehensive report.

The Annual Report was adopted and confirmed correct, proposed by Mr. Kapila Manamperi and Seconded by Mr. Jayantha De Z Gunasekera PC and accordingly the House adopted the Annual Report of the Bar Association of Sri Lanka for the year 2016/2017

## 4. TO CONSIDER AND ADOPT THE TREASURER'S REPORT; THE INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT AND THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDING 31 DECEMBER 2016 ADOPTION OF TREASURE'S REPORT

The Hon. Attorney General, Mr. Jayantha Jayasuriya PC, then tabled the Treasurer's Report, the Independent Auditor's Report and the Financial Statements of the Bar Association of Sri Lanka for the Financial Year ending 31st December, 2016.

The Treasurer's Report, the Independent Auditor's Report and the Financial Statements of the Bar Association of Sri Lanka for the Financial Year ending 31st December, 2016 was adopted and confirmed correct, Proposed by Mrs. Ramani De Seram and Seconded by Mr. Kapila Manamperi and accordingly the House adopted the same.

## 5. ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE ELECTION OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE BAR ASSOCIATION OF SRI LANKA FOR THE YEAR 2017/2018

The Honourable Attorney General Invited Honourable Solicitor General as the Returning Officer to announce the results of the elections for the Post of President and Secretary for the Year 2017/2018.

The Solicitor General, Hon. Suhadha Gamlath PC, declared the results as follows;

Total membership	-	13,765
Votes cast	-	5,724
Spoilt Votes	-	45
No of Unused votes	-	7996
No of Polling Stations	-	76

Votes obtained by

• <b>Mr. U R de Silva</b>	-	<b>3012</b>
• Mr Anura B Meddagoda	-	2613
• Mr R.R.S. Thngarajah	-	99

**The Solicitor General, Hon. Suhadha Gamlath PC**, declared that **Mr. U.R de Silva** was elected to the post of President of the Bar Association of Sri Lanka for the year 2017/2018 with a **Majority of 399 votes**

**The Honourable Attorney General** then invited **Mr. U.R de Silva** the President elect to the head table.

**6. ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE ELECTION OF THE SECRETARY OF THE BAR ASSOCIATION OF SRI LANKA FOR THE YEAR 2017/2018**

**The Hon. Solicitor General, Mr. Suhadha Gamlath PC**, declared that **Mr. Amal A. Randeniya** was elected, uncontested to the post of Secretary of the Bar Association of Sri Lanka for the year 2017/2018.

**7. ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS OF THE BAR ASSOCIATION OF SRI LANKA FOR THE YEAR 2017/2018**

**(7A) ELECTION FOR THE POST OF DEPUTY PRESIDENT OF THE BAR ASSOCIATION OF SRI LANKA FOR THE YEAR 2017/2018**

**The President** sought the permission of the Hon. Attorney General to make a statement.

**President** stated that he proposed the name of **Mr. M.U.M. Ali Sabry PC** for the post of Deputy President of the Bar Association of Sri Lanka for the Year 2017/2018 which was seconded by **Mr. Romesh De Silva PC**.

Since there were no other names proposed the Honourable Attorney General declared that **Mr. M.U.M. Ali Sabry PC** was elected, uncontested to the post of Deputy President of the Bar Association of Sri Lanka for the Year 2017/2018 and then invited **Mr. M.U.M. Ali Sabry PC** to the head table.

**(7B) ELECTION OF 16 ZONAL VICE-PRESIDENTS FOR ANURADHAPURA, AVISSAWELLA, BADULLA, BATTICALOA, CHILAW, COLOMBO, GALLE, GAMPAHA, JAFFNA, KALUTARA, KANDY, KEGALLE, KURUNEGALA, MATARA, NEGOMBO AND RATNAPURA AS MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE FOR THE YEAR 2017/2018**

**ANURADHAPURA: Mrs. J.M. Coswatte** (Kekirawa) was proposed by Mr. Karunaratne Herath and seconded by Mr. Nihal Bulathsinghala therefore, **Mrs. J.M. Coswatte** was declared duly elected as the Zonal Vice-President for the Judicial Zone of Anuradhapura.

**AVISSAWELLA: Mrs. Sandya Wickremasinghe** (Avisawella) was proposed by Mrs. Chapa Chandradasa and seconded by Mr. Neil Dias and **Mr. Sudath Wickramarathne** (Homagama) was proposed by Mr. Upali Senaratne and seconded by Mr. Kapila Perera.

**Attorney General** said since two names have been proposed there will be an election after the other posts are nominated.

**Mr. Weragoda** of the Avisawella Bar said there was understanding at the last AGM that the Zonal Vice President will be elected from the Avisawella bar, and hence urged for the others to stand by that undertaking. He explained the allocation of bars under the Avisawella Zone and said clarification was needed on whether the Ruwanwella, Kaduwela and Homagama bars were under this zone. He explained the historic demarcations based on the Judicature Act in 1974 and 1978 and thereafter with the 13th Amendment. Hon Attorney General requested the members concerned to discuss and come to an agreement and he would decide if an election is necessary or not.

**Mr. Weragoda** said 1979 gazette indicates the demarcations of Avisawella and also that Ruwanwella bar is included under Avisawella. He said hence Ruwanwella should be treated separately and allowed be considered as a separate Bar.

**Hon. Attorney General** said the issue is whether Ruwanwella should come under Avissawella for the purpose of the election. He said it should be considered. He said last year too this issue had come up but there had been no proper decision taken. He said Ruwanwella should come under the purview of Avissawella and he said since there were two nominees for the Avissawella Zonal Vice President all members including Ruwanwella members should be allowed to vote if they wish to. He also said this matter should be resolved during the coming year.

**Hon. Attorney General** allocated No 1 for Ms Sandya Wickramasinghe and No 2 for Mr. Sudath Wickramaratna for the purpose of voting.

**Secretary** then called out names of members who were present from the Avissawella Zone to come up and cast their votes accordingly.

**Hon. Attorney General** said that will allow this opportunity to the Ruwanwella Bar to vote if they had not voted for the Kegalle Zone.

**Secretary** then read the names of members from Ruwanwella bar to cast their votes.

Accordingly, Mrs. Sandya Wickramasinghe has obtained 16 votes and Mr. Sudath Wickramaratna had obtained 15 votes. Therefore, the Hon Attorney General **declared that Mrs. Sandya Wickramasinghe** duly elected as the Zonal Vice-President for the Judicial Zone of Avissawella.

**BADULLA: Mr. Vijaya Niranjan Perera** (Badulla) was proposed by Mr. Thakshila Suriyarachchi and seconded by Mr. T.U.S.K. Badara and **Mr. Nalin Weerasinghe** was proposed by Mr. Anura Abeyratne and seconded by Priyantha Lankadhikari. Since **Mr. Vijaya Niranjan Perera** withdrew his name, therefore, **Mr. Nalin Weerasinghe** was declared duly elected as the Zonal Vice-President for the Judicial Zone of Badulla.

**BATTICALOA: Mr. Sunil Dissanayake** (Amapara) name was proposed by Mr. P. Premnath and seconded by Mr. S.L.A. Rasheed and therefore was declared duly elected as the Zonal Vice-President for the Judicial Zone of Batticaloa.

**COLOMBO: Mr. Kaushalya Nawaratne** (Colombo) was proposed by Mr. S. Bhagirathan and seconded by Mr. Binara Gunsekera and declared duly elected as the Zonal Vice-President for the Judicial Zone of Colombo.

**CHILAW: Mr. Samanpali Amarasinghe** was proposed by Mr. Sweney Perera and seconded by Mr. R.F. Randeniya and declared duly elected as the Zonal Vice-President for the Judicial Zone of Chilaw.

**GALLE: Mr. Priyantha Seneviratne** was proposed by Mr. A P G Sarathchandra (Galle) and seconded by Mr. Uduwella and declared duly elected as the Zonal Vice-President for the Judicial Zone of Galle.

**GAMPAHA: Mr. Nihal Rajakaruna** was proposed by Ms. Padma Amaratunga and seconded by Mr. Rajika Silva and declared duly elected as the Zonal Vice-President for the Judicial Zone of Gampaha.

**JAFFNA: Ms. S. Abhimanasingham PC** was proposed by Mr. V. Subramaniam and seconded by Mr. B. Thavapalan and declared duly elected as the Zonal Vice-President for the Judicial Zone of Jaffna.

**KALUTARA: Mrs. Malika Danusekera** was proposed by Mr. Vajira Asurappuli and seconded by Mr. Piyadasa Hewalankara and declared duly elected as the Zonal Vice-President for the Judicial Zone of Kalutara.

**KANDY: Mr. Samantha Ratwatte** was proposed by Mr. Nilantha Perera and seconded by Mr. Ajantha Narangoda. Mr. Lal Wijenayake was proposed by Navaratne Bandara and seconded by Mr. T. G. Herath. Mr. S.M.S. Hussein was proposed by Mr. I.P. Bandara and seconded by Mr. Buddhika Samarasinghe. Since Mr. Lal Wijenayake withdrew his name, therefore, Attorney General said since two names have been proposed there will be an election after the other posts are nominated.

Accordingly, the election held and **Mr. Samantha Ratwatte** was able to secure the highest number of votes by a substantial margin and therefore he was duly elected and declared as the Zonal Vice-President for the Judicial Zone of Kandy.

**KEGALLE: Mr. Anura Herath** was proposed by Mr. Prabodha Ratnawardena and seconded by Mr. Wasantha Samaraweera and declared duly elected as the Zonal Vice-President for the Judicial Zone of Kegalle.

**KURUNEGALA:** Electing of the Zonal Vice President was deferred until the next meeting.

**MATARA: Mr. Ariyasena Panangala** was proposed by Mr. Chandima Muthukumarana and seconded by Mr. Kapila Manamperi and declared duly elected as the Zonal Vice-President for the Judicial Zone of Matara.

**NEGOMBO: Mr. Charitha D. Jayanatha** was proposed by Mr. Nimal D. Brito and seconded by Mr. Douglas Amarasinghe and declared duly elected as the Zonal Vice-President for the Judicial Zone of Negombo.

**RATNAPURA: Mr. Sunil Jayasena** was proposed by Mr. M.N.M. Gunawardena and seconded by Mr. Rafeeque and declared duly elected as the Zonal Vice-President for the Judicial Zone of Ratnapura.

#### 7C ELECTION OF THE TREASURER OF THE BAR ASSOCIATION OF SRI LANKA FOR THE YEAR 2017/2018

The name of **Mr. Sujeewa Lal Dahanayaka** was proposed by the Mr. Jayantha De Z Gunasekera PC and was seconded by Mohan Sellaperuma for the post of treasurer of the Bar Association of Sri Lanka for the Year 2017/2018. Since there were no other names Mr. Sujeewa Lal Dahanayakawas elected as the Treasurer for the year 2017/ 2018 of the Bar Association of Sri Lanka.

#### 8. ELECTION OF THE OTHER MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE BAR ASSOCIATION OF SRI LANKA FOR THE YEAR 2017/2018

##### 8A ELECTION OF TWO (02) MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL, WITH LESS THAN 10 YEARS OF PRACTICE, TO THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE BAR ASSOCIATION OF SRI LANKA FOR THE YEAR 2017/2018 TO REPRESENT THE JUNIOR MEMBERS OF THE BAR

The name of Miss. Ruchira Gunasekera was proposed by Mr. Jayantha de Z Gunasekera PC and seconded by Mrs. Sandamali Pathirana.

The name of Mr. Nishan Sydney Premithiratna was proposed by Dr. Harsha Cabral PC and seconded by Mr. Saliya Peiris.

The name of Mr. Dhanya Gunawardena was proposed by Mr. Rohan Sahabandu PC and seconded by Mr. Chathura Galhena.

Since more than two names were proposed, the Hon. Attorney General called for an election. The Solicitor General conducted the election and declared the following result:-

I.	<b>Mr. Nishan Sydney Premithiratna</b>	<b>429 votes</b>
II.	<b>Mr. Dhanya Gunawardena</b>	<b>384 votes</b>
III.	Ms. Ruchira Gunasekera	345 votes

Accordingly, the Hon. Attorney General declared that Mr. Nishan Sydney Premithiratna and Mr. Dhanya Gunawardena, who secured the most number of votes, were duly elected to the two (2) posts of members of the Council, with less than 10 years of practice, to represent the Junior Members of the Bar Association of Sri Lanka for the year 2017/2018.

##### 8B ELECTION OF SIX (06) MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL TO THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE BAR ASSOCIATION OF SRI LANKA FOR THE YEAR 2017/2018

- I. Mr. Pradeep Gamage was proposed by Mr. Nevil Abeyratne and seconded by Mr. Jagath Abeynayaka.
- II. Mr. Kushan D' Alwis PC was proposed by Mr. Ikram Mohamed PC and seconded by Dr. Harsha Cabral PC.
- III. Mr. Sanjaya Gamage was proposed by Mr. Cyril Wijekoon and seconded by Mr. Chandra Liyanarchchi.
- IV. Mr. Mahinda B.K. Lokuge was proposed by Mr. Jayantha de Z Gunasekera PC and seconded by Mr. Karunaratne Herath.



- V. Mrs. Anoma Goonetilleke was proposed by Ms. Viyndika Subasingha and seconded by Mr. S. Bagirathan.
- VI. Mr. Nalinda Indatissa was proposed by Mr. Anil Silva PC and seconded by Mr. Saliya Peiris
- VII. Mr. Kamal Goonesinghe was proposed by Mrs. Priyani Ranasinghe and seconded by Mr. Binara Gunasekara.
- VIII. Mr. Athula Perera was proposed by Mr. Binara Gunasekara and seconded by Mr. Tivanka Ekaratne
- IX. Mr. K. Kaneshayogen was proposed by Mr. Rohan Sahabandu PC and seconded by Mr. J.C. Weliamuna.
- X. Mr. Nimal Rupasinghe was proposed by Mr. G.K. Pathirana and seconded by Mr. Wasantha Ramanayake
- XI. Mrs. Nalini Manatunga was proposed by Mr. J.C. Weliamuna and seconded by Mr. Chathura Galhena.
- XII. Mr. Jayantha Bandaranayake was proposed by Mrs. Padma Amaratunga and seconded by Mr. Prasanna Ranawaka.
- XIII. Mr. Gamini Ekanayake was proposed by Mr. Prasad Imbulagala and seconded by Mr. V.L. Asurappuli.
- XIV. Mrs. Chandra Ellawela was proposed by Mrs. Nirodha Kalansuriya and seconded by Mr. Wasantha Samaraweera.

Since more than six (6) names were proposed the Hon. Attorney General called for an election.

The Hon. Solicitor General conducted the election and declared the following results:-

i. Mr. Kushan D' Alwis PC	432 votes	viii. Mr. Kamal Goonesinghe	204 votes
ii. Mr. Nalinda Indatissa	427 votes	ix. Mr. Gamini Ekanayake	152 votes
iii. Mr. Sanjaya Gamage	390 votes	x. Mrs. Nalini Manatunga	140 votes
iv. Mr. Pradeep Gamage	377 votes	xi. Mr. K. Kaneshayogen	126 votes
v. Mr. Mahinda B.K. Lokuge	315 votes	xii. Mr. Jayantha Bandaranayake	107 votes
vi. Mr. Athula Perera	306 votes	xiii. Mr. Nimal Rupasinghe	68 votes
vii. Mrs. Anoma Goonetilleke	255 votes	xiv. Mrs. Chandra Ellawela	48 votes

Accordingly, the Hon. Attorney General declared that Mr. Kushan D' Alwis PC, Mr. Nalinda Indatissa, Mr. Sanjaya Gamage, Mr. Pradeep Gamage, Mr. Mahinda B.K. Lokuge and Mr. Athula Perera were elected to the six (6) posts of Members of the Council to the Executive Committee of the Bar Association of Sri Lanka for the Year 2017/2018.

#### **9. APPOINTMENT OF AUDITORS OF THE BAR ASSOCIATION OF SRI LANKA FOR THE YEAR 2017/2018**

Messrs. S. J. M. S. Associates were re-appointed as the Auditors of the Bar Association of Sri Lanka for the Year 2017/2018 AS proposed by Mr. Chathura Galhena and seconded by Mr. Kapila Manamperi.

#### **10. APPOINTMENT OF TRUSTEES OF THE BAR ASSOCIATION OF SRI LANKA FOR THE YEAR 2017/2018**

The name of Mr. Upali Gooneratne PC was proposed by Mr. Sarathchandra and seconded by Mr. Kapila Manamperi. The name of Mr. Jayanth de Z Gunasekera PC was proposed by Mr. Chathura Galhena and seconded by Mr. Binara Gunasekara. The name of Mr. Ajantha Atukorala was proposed by Mr. Chathura Galhena and seconded by Mr. Kapila Manamperi.

Accordingly, Mr. Upali Gooneratne PC, Mr. Jayantha de Z Gunasekera PC and Mr. Ajantha Athukorala and were appointed as Trustees of the Bar Association of Sri Lanka for the Year 2017/2018.

#### **11. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

There was no other business of which due notice had been given.

Since there was no other business the 1st Meeting of the Bar Council for the Year 2017/2018 was concluded at around 2.00 PM.

Some Photographs of the 01st Bar Council Meeting held on 25th March, 2017

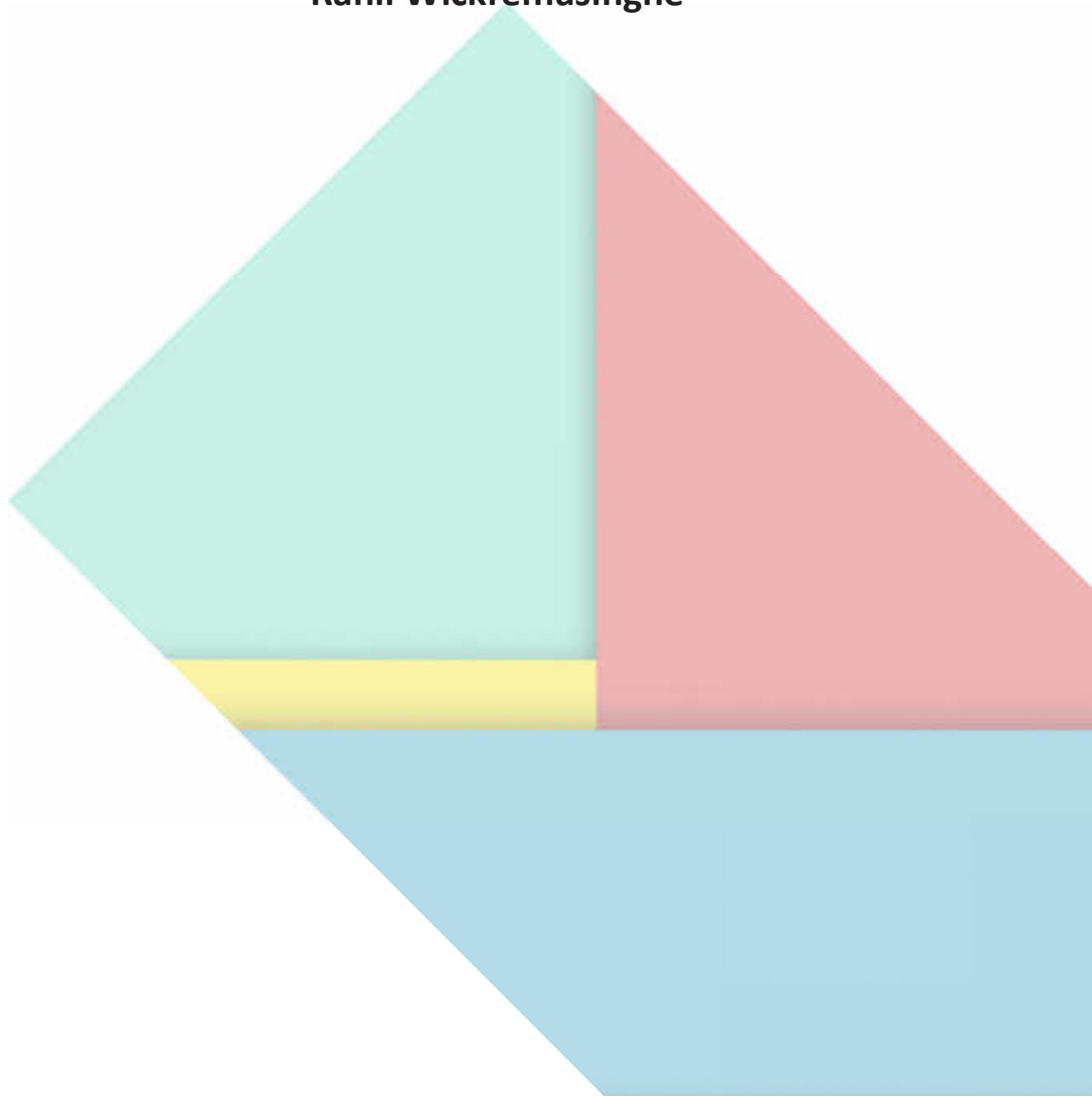


## 43<sup>rd</sup> CONVOCATION

Held on 25th March, 2017 at Kingsbury Hotel, Colombo

**Cheif Guest** : Her Ladyship The Acting Cheif Justice  
Eva Wanasundara, PC

**Guest of Honour** : Hon. Prime Minister  
Ranil Wickremasinghe

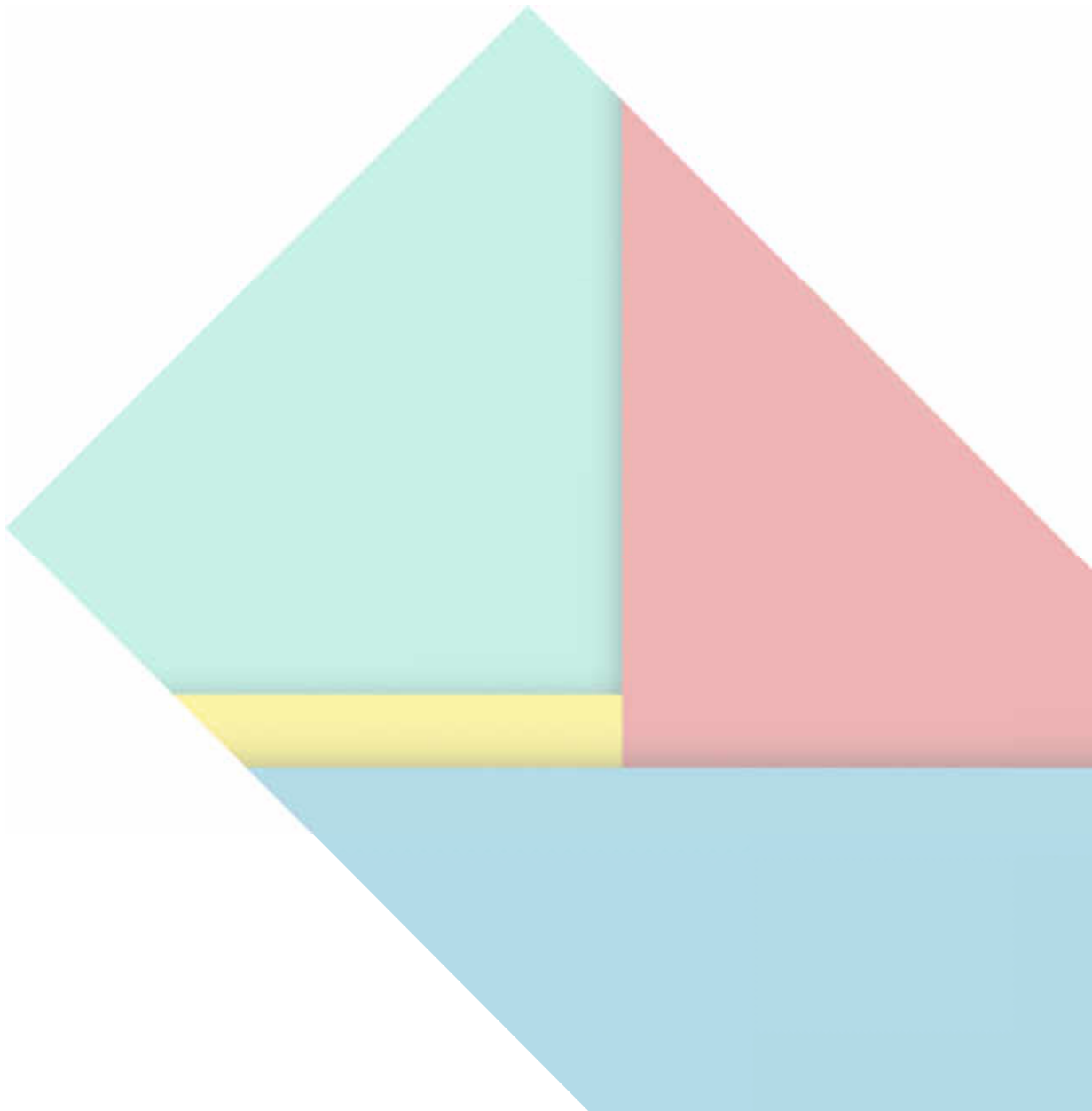








## **THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE 2017 - 2018**



# BAR ASSOCIATION OF SRI LANKA

## EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE 2017/2018



Seated L to R : Mr. Charitha Jayanatha, Mr. Samanpali Amarasinghe, Mrs. Sandhya Wickremasinghe, Mrs. J.M. Coswatta, Mr. Samantha Ratwatte PC, Mr. Kaushalya Navaratne, Mr. Rajitha Hathurusinghe, Mr. Amal A. Randeniya, Mr. U.R. de Silva PC, Mr. M.U.M. Ali Sabry PC, Mr. Sujeewa Lal Dahanayake, Mr. Mahinda B.K. Lokuge, Mr. Nihal Rajakaruna, Mr. Ariyasena Panangala, Mr. Pradeep Gamage, Mrs. Malika Dhanusekara



**01<sup>st</sup> Meeting of the Executive Committee held on 25th March, 2017 at BMICH soon after the 01st Bar Council Meeting**



**Other Meetings of the Executive Committee**

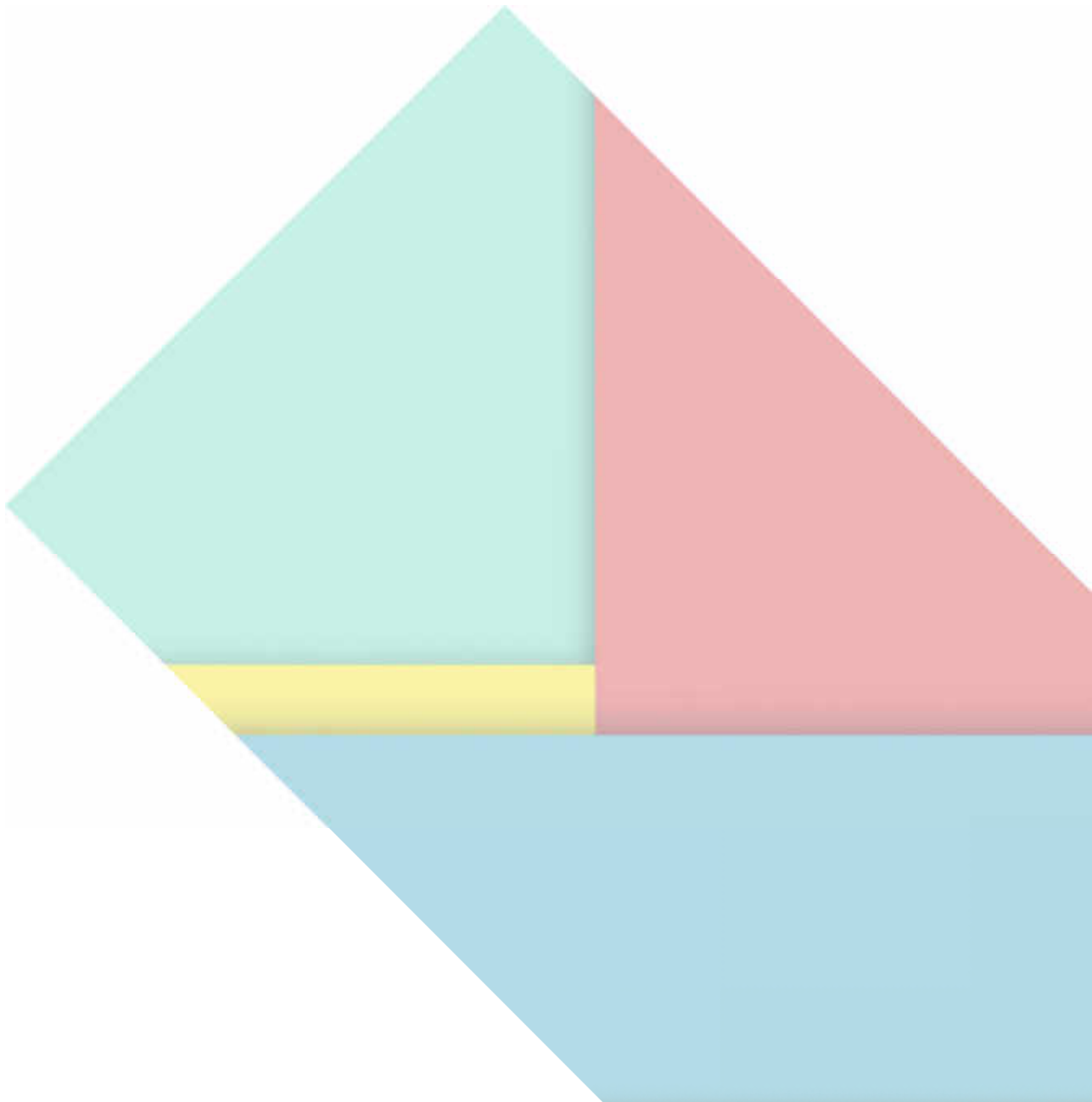






Name	Position	2017/2018		
		No of Ordinary Meetings	Attended	%
Mr. U.R. de Silva, PC	President	13	11	85%
Mr. M.U.M. Ali Sabry, PC	Dep President	13	8	62%
Mr. Amal Randeniya	Secretary	13	13	100%
Mr. Sujeewa Lal Dahanayake	Treasurer	13	11	85%
Mr. Rajitha Hathurusinghe	Asst Secretary	13	12	92%
Mr. Geoffrey Alagaratnam PC	Past President	13	2	15%
Ms. Shantha Abhimanasingham PC	VP - Jaffna	13	0	0%
Ms. J.M. Coswatte	VP - Anuradhapura	13	2	15%
Ms. Sandya Wickramasinghe	VP - Avissawella	13	5	38%
Mr. Kaushalya Nawaratne	VP - Colombo	13	8	62%
Mr. J. P. Samanpali Amarasinghe	VP - Chilaw	13	5	38%
Mr. D.R. Sunil Dissanayake	VP - Batticaloa	13	1	8%
Mr. Samanthe Ratwatte, PC	VP - Kandy	13	7	54%
Mr. Priyantha R.W. Seneviratne	VP - Galle	13	0	0%
Mr. W. M. Anura P.B. Herath	VP - Kegalle	13	3	23%
Mr. Nihal W. Rajakaruna	VP - Gampaha	13	10	77%
Mr. Ariyasena Panangala	VP - Matara	13	6	46%
Mr. Charitha D. Jayanatha	VP - Negambo	13	1	8%
Ms. Malika N. Dhanusekera	VP - Kalutara	13	6	46%
Mr. I. K. Sunil Jayasena	VP - Ratnapura	13	1	8%
Mr. Felecian Perera	VP - Kurunegala	11	2	18%
Mr. Nalin Weerasinghe	VP - Colombo	13	5	38%
Mr. Kushan D' Alwis PC	Elected Member	13	5	38%
Mr. Nalinda Indatissa	Elected Member	13	2	15%
Mr. Sanjaya Gamage	Elected Member	13	4	31%
Mr. Pradeep Gamage	Elected Member	13	12	92%
Mr. Mahinda B.K. Lokuge	Elected Member	13	13	100%
Mr. Athula Perera	Elected Member	13	8	62%
Mr. Nishan S. Premathirathne	Junior Member	13	4	31%
Mr. Dhanya A.A. Gunawardana	Junior Member	13	8	62%

## **DELEGATES OF THE BAR COUNCIL FOR THE YEAR 2017 - 2018**



# BAR ASSOCIATION OF SRI LANKA

BAR COUNCIL 2017/2018



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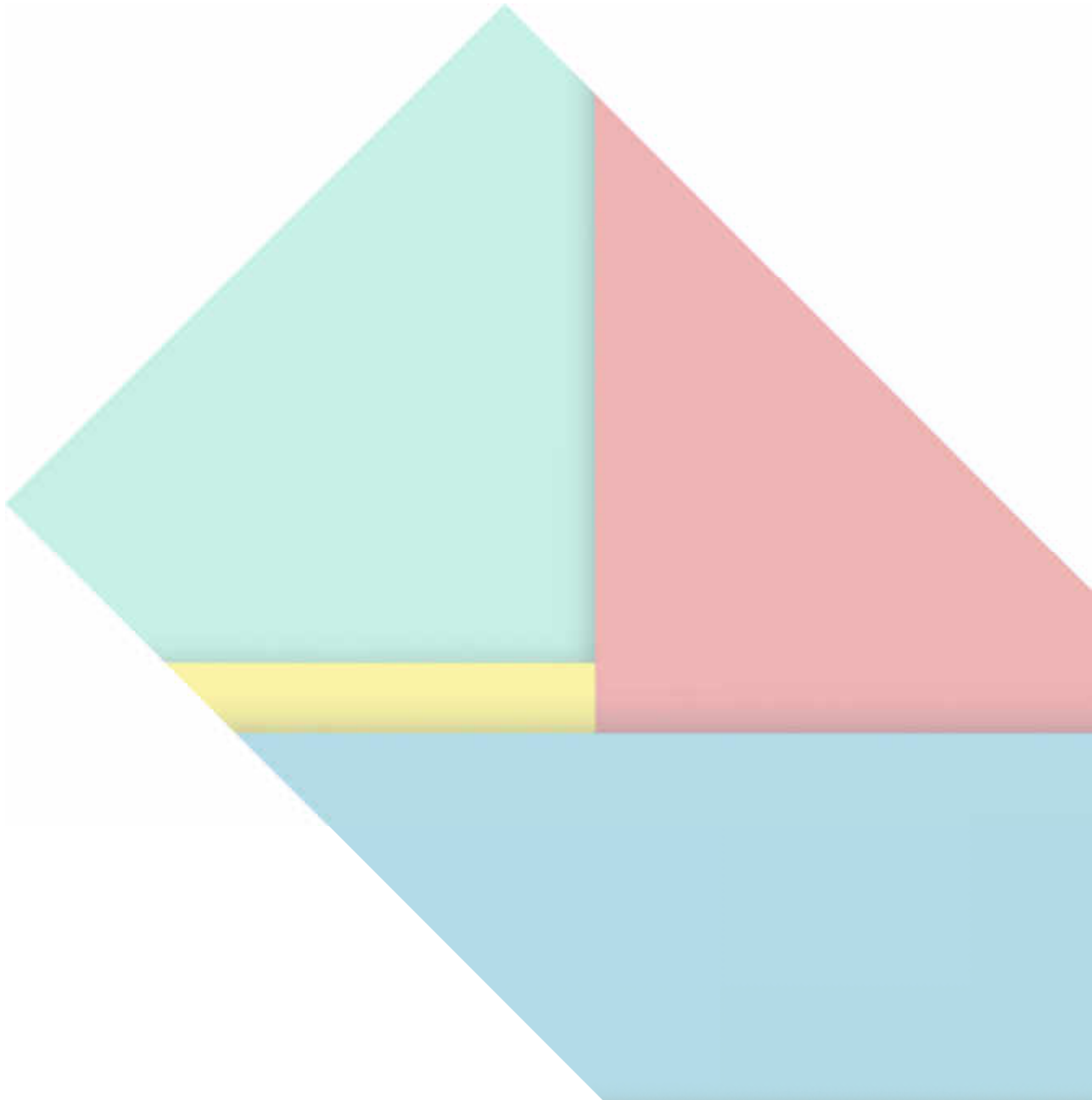








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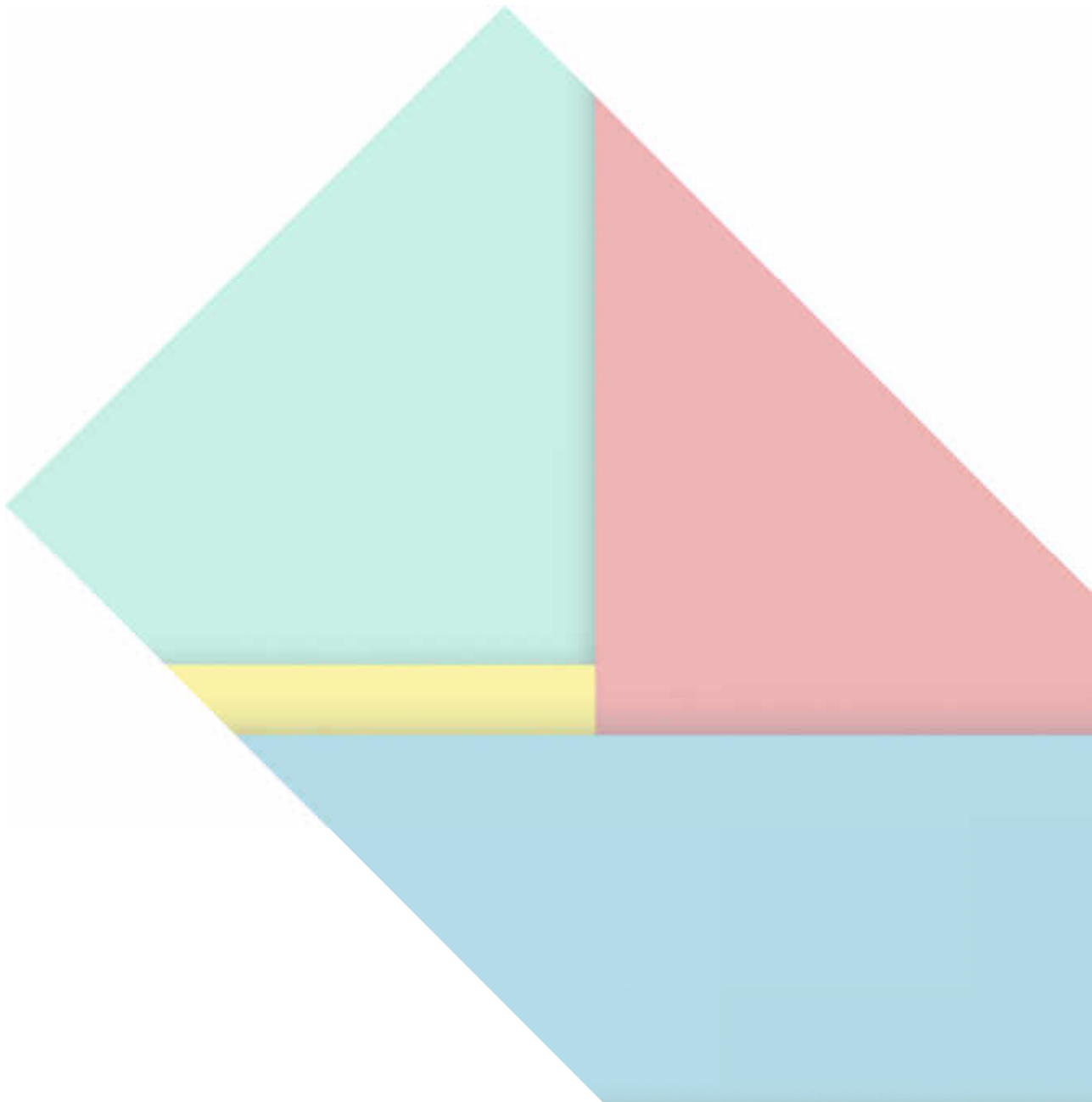
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WELLAWAYA	Ms. T.M.M. Tennakoon	Mr.L.A.K. Ajith Kumara

## **CHAIRPERSONS AND CONVENERS OF STANDING COMMITTEES FOR THE YEAR 2017 - 2018**



# BAR ASSOCIATION OF SRI LANKA

CHAIRPERSONS AND CONVENERS OF STANDING COMMITTEES 2017/2018



**BASL STANDING COMMITTEES – 2017 / 2018**

	COMMITTEES	CHAIRPERSON	CONVENOR/S
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3	FINANCE COMMITTEE	MR. NEOMAL GOONEWARDENA	MR. SENAKA DE SARAM
4	OUTSTATION BAR COMMITTEE	MR. ATHULA PERERA	
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7	LAW & LAW DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE	MR. HARSHA FERNANDO	MR. INDIKA PERERA
8	IT & COMMUNICATION COMMITTEE	MR. AMAL A. RANDENIYA	CO-CONVENER – MR. RAJITHA HATHURUSINGHE CO-CONVENER – MR. CHARITHA JAYAWICKREMA
9	MEDIA COMMITTEE	MR. AMAL A RANDENIYA	MS. SUBASHINI JAYALATH
10	NATIONAL LAW CONFERENCE COMMITTEE	MR. MURSHIED MAHAROOF	MR. SHAMIR ZAHAVIR
11	RULE OF LAW COMMITTEE	MR. MAHINDA B.K. LOKUGE	MR. DHANYA GUNAWARDENE
12	CONTINUING LEGAL EDUCATION (CLE) SEMINARS COMMITTEE	MR. SALIYA PEIRIES PC	CO-CONVENER – MR. NUWAN BOPEGE CO-CONVENER – MR. NALIN DE SILVA
13	HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE	MR. SUJEEWA LAL DAHANAYAKE	CO-CONVENER – MR. MOHAN SELLAPERUMA CO-CONVENER – MR. HARISHKA SAMARASINGHE
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15	LAW WEEK COMMITTEE	MR. NALINDA INDATISSA	CO-CONVENER – MR. DARSHANA RANMUTHUGE CO-CONVENER – MR. SANJEEWA RUWANPATHIRANA
16	NEETHI RANGA COMMITTEE	MS. KANTHI KANNANGARA	MS. RUCHIRA GUNASEKARA
17	NEETHI KEKULU COMMITTEE	MR. SUJEEWA LAL DAHANAYAKE	MS. RANUSHA WJESINGHE
18	SPORTS COMMITTEE	MR. PRADEEP GAMAGE	MR. SUMITH KELART
19	LAW MEDICAL INTERACTION	MR. AVINDRA RODRIGO	MS. SANDAMALI CHANDRASEKARA
20	SOCIAL AND WELFARE COMMITTEE	MR. KUVERA DE ZOYSA PC	MR. NISHAN SYDNEY PREMATHIRATNE
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22	BASL DIARY COMMITTEE	MR. FELICIAN FERNANDOPULLE	MS. NADEE SARATHCHANDRA
23	NEWSLETTER COMMITTEE	MR. DIMUTHU SENERATH BANDARA	MR. NADUN WJESIRIWARDENA
24	E-NEWS COMMITTEE	MS. RUCHIRA GUNASEKARA	MR. ASELA MORAGOLLA
25	GENERAL PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE	MR. NALIN EDIRISINGHE	MR. KASUN LIYANAGE
26	APPRENTICES TRAINING COMMITTEE	MR. M.U.M. ALI SABRY PC	CO-CONVENER – MR. LASITHA KANUWANAARCHCHI CO-CONVENER – MR. ERUSHA KALIDASA
27	FUTURE OF THE LEGAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE	CO-CHAIR - MR. M.U.M. ALI SABRY PC CO-CHAIR - MR. AMAL A. RANDENIYA	CO-CONVENER – MR. LASITHA KANUWANAARCHCHI CO-CONVENER – MR. SANJEEWA DASANAYAKE
27	OPA COMMITTEE	MS. RUCHIRA GUNASEKARA	MS. KISHANI JAYASINGHE

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	COMMITTEES	CHAIRPERSON	CONVENOR/S
28	NOTARIAL PRACTICE COMMITTEE	MR. S BAGIRATHAN	MS. NIRODHA KALANSOORIYA
29	TAX COMMITTEE	MR. SURESH PERERA	CO-CONVENER – MS. SAMANTHI DIAS CO-CONVENER – MS. SACHITHRA CHANDRASENA
30	POLICE RELATIONS COMMITTEE	CO-CHAIR - MR. AJITH PATHIRANA CO-CHAIR - MR. SANJAYA GAMAGE	MR. GAMINI DISSANAYAKE
31	BASL CONSTITUTION AMENDMENT COMMITTEE	CO-CHAIR - MR. M.U.M. ALI SABRY PC CO-CHAIR - MR. AMAL A. RANDENIYA	CO-CONVENER – MR. RUWANTHA COORAY CO-CONVENER – MR. RAJITHA HATHURUSINGHE
32	BENCH-BAR COMMITTEE	CO-CHAIR - MR. U. R. DE SILVA PC CO-CHAIR - MR. ROHAN SAHABANDU PC	
33	SPECIAL PROJECTS COMMITTEE	MR. MAHESH KATULANDA	MS. RUCHIRA GUNASEKARA




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SECRETARY  
BAR ASSOCIATION OF SRI LANKA



## CHAPTER 01

### MEMBERSHIP AND THE BASL CONSTITUTION

- » Membership
  - » Central Membership Register
  - » Constitution of the BASL
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## MEMBERSHIP OF THE BASL

In terms of the Constitution of the Bar Association of Sri Lanka all Attorneys-at-Law of the Supreme Court of Sri Lanka are members of the BASL, however it is only "Life Members" and "Ordinary Members" who are entitled to voting rights and other benefits of the Association.

The total number of Life Members and Ordinary Members as at **31st December, 2017**

- Life Members - 14,893
- Ordinary Members - 4,729
- **Total Membership - 19,622**

The total number of new members from **01st January, 2017 to 31st December, 2017**

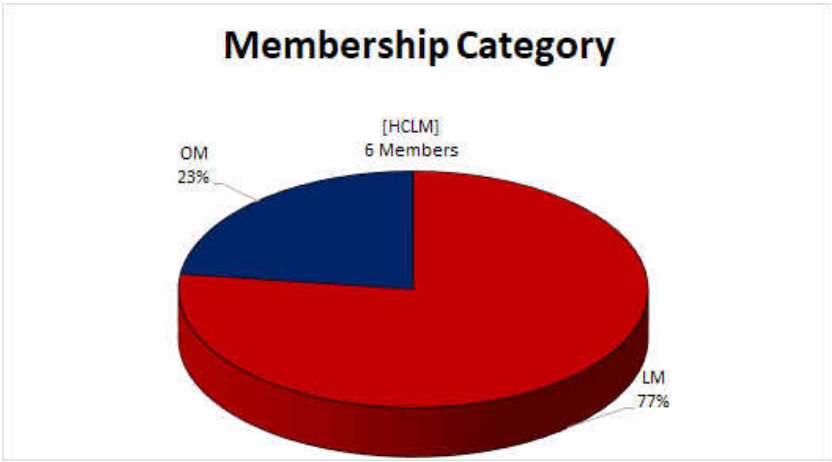
- Life Members - 1,030
- Ordinary Members - 874 (Junior Category - 627) (Senior Category - 247)
- **Total Membership - 1,904**

New Life members and Ordinary members from **01st January 2017 to 16th March, 2018**

- Life Members - 28
- Ordinary Members - 85
- **Total Membership - 113**

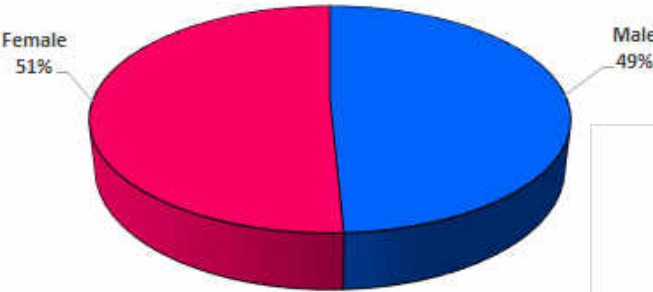
Category	Summary of BASL Membership Report		
	As @ 31 December		
	2015	2016	2017
<b>Life Members</b>	<b>12,306</b>	<b>13,683</b>	<b>14,893</b>
<b>Ordinary Members</b>	<b>5,202</b>	<b>4,240</b>	<b>4,729</b>
<b>Total Members</b>	<b>17,508</b>	<b>17,923</b>	<b>19,622</b>
<b>Increase</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>415</b>	<b>1,699</b>





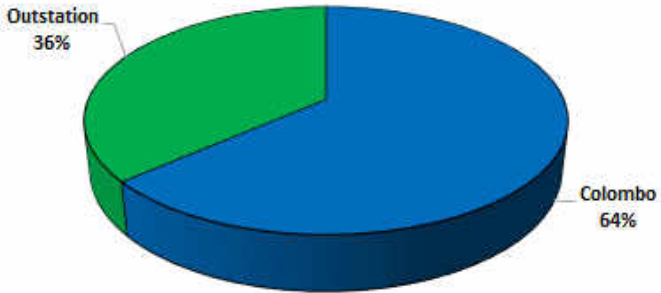
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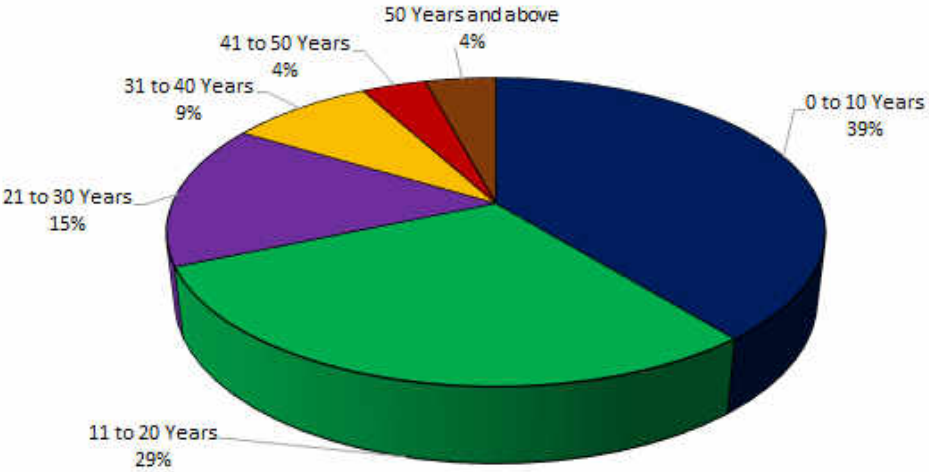


### Membership Demographics

Colombo and Outstation Membership



### Experince of the BASL Membership





## NOTICE

### TO ALL MEMBERS

#### INCREASE OF MEMBERSHIP FEES OF BAR ASSOCIATION OF SRI LANKA

The Executive Committee at its meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> November 2017 approved to increase the membership fees and the same was ratified by the Bar Council at its meeting held on 18<sup>th</sup> November 2017 as follow with effecting from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2018.

The revised fees are as follows

- |                             |   |                      |
|-----------------------------|---|----------------------|
| 1) Life Membership Fee      | - | Rs. 15,000/-         |
| 2) Ordinary Membership Fee  | - | Rs. 1,500/- Annually |
| 3) Bar Council Delegate Fee | - | Rs. 2,000/-          |

All other rates and charges remain the same.

**20<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2017 WILL BE THE CLOSING DATE OF  
THE BASL ELECTORAL REGISTER FOR YEAR 2017  
LIFE MEMBERSHIP FEE (7,500/-) AND ORDINARY MEMEBRSHIP FEE (1000/-)  
WILL BE REMAIN THE SAME TILL 20<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2017**

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BAR ASSOCIATION OF SRI LANKA

#### MEMBERSHIP FEES WITH EFFECT FROM 01<sup>ST</sup> JANUARY 2018

	MEMBERSHIP CHARGES (Rs)	ID CHARGES (Rs)	ID RENEWAL CHARGES (Rs)
LIFE MEMBERS	15,000/-	2,500/-	2,500/- (every) 10 years)
ORDINARY MEMBERS	1,500/- (Annual)	1,500/-	1,500/-

## CONSTITUTION OF THE BASL

During the term a committee led by Deputy President, Mr. M.U.M. Ali Sabry PC, Secretary, Mr Amal Randeniya, Mr. Samantha Ratwatte PC and Assistant Secretary, Mr. Rajitha Hathurusinghe and Mrs. Suranee Samarasekara, Administrative Secretar, BASL has taken the initiative to amend the BASL Constitution on the following areas. Detailed proposals were discussed among the Executive Committee and with the Council on many occasions and accordingly two Special General Meetings of the Council was convened on 13.01.2018 and 27.01.2018 for the approval of the new provisions suggested.

More than 30 amendments (largest ever) to the BASL Constitution were implemented and/ or introduced during this period which includes new provisions in the following areas among other provisions

- Limit the number of Delegates to the Bar Council
- Disqualifications to be appointed as President, Secretary and Bar Council Delegates
- Selecting Zonal Vice Presidents and the respective branches for a particular zone
- Increase the Junior Member representation at the Executive Committee with mandatory outstation member representation
- Model Constitution for Branch Associations
- New Election guidelines for Executive Committee nomination and election
- Executive Committee composition (8 members for the Senior ExCo and 3 members for the Junior ExCo)
- Increased the number of years in practice which enables to apply for the post of Secretary and Treasurer of the BASL with similar restrictions for the branch associations
- Functions of Branch Associations and their election procedures
- Derecognition of Branch Associations in case of violating the constitutional provisions
- Suspend the Attorneys-at-Law from the BASL membership based on Professional negligence and/or unethical behaviours

**It was further proposed to introduce the following amendments which were deferred until next hearing;**

- Protocol order for the BASL
- Guidelines for Communications and Conduct of affairs of the Executive Committee and the Bar Council

Accordingly, the new version of the BASL Constituion after incorporating all the amendments made up to 27th February, 2018 was prepared and made available for the members for their reference. This task was carried over after year 2013 when the last amendment was made.

Constitutional Amendments - Approved by the EXCO

**XXX. Add new Schedule named as Schedule F - Determination of the Zones for Branch Associations**

*Schedule 'F'*

*Respective Zones for the Branch Associations*

<b>Judicial Zone</b>	<b>Branch Association</b>
Awissawella	Awissawella, Homagama, Kaduwela
Anuradhapura	Anuradhapura, Kekirawa, Pollonnaruwa, Hingurakgoda, Dehiattakandiya
Badulla	Badulla, Bandarawela, Welimada, Bibile, Mahiyanganaya, Monaragala, Wellawaya
Colombo Central	Colombo Law Society, Colombo Magistrates Court, Maligakanda, Corporate Lawyers Association
Batticaloa	Batticaloa, Kantale, Muthur, Trincomalee
Chilaw	Chilaw, Marawila, Puttalam, Anamaduwa
Galle	Galle, Baddegama, Balapitiya, Elpitiya
Gampaha	Gampaha, Attanagalla, Mahara, Pugoda
Jaffna	Jaffna, Chavakachcheri, Kytes, Point Pedro
Kalutara	Kalutara, Horana, Matugama, Panadura
Kandy	Kandy, Dambulla, Gampola, Matale
Kegalle	Kegalle, Mawanella, Ruwanwella, Warakapola
Kurunegala	Kurunegala, Galagamuwa, Hettipola, Kuliyaipitiya, Maho, Nikaweratiya, Wariyapola
Matara	Matara, Hambantota, Morawaka, Tangalle
Negombo	Minuwangoda, Negombo, Wattala
Ratnapura	Ratnapura, Balangoda, Embilipitiya, Pelmadulla
Colombo South	Mount Lavinia, Moratuwa, Nugegoda
Ampara	Ampara, Akkaraipattu, Kalmunei, Samanthurei
Vavuniya	Vavuniya, Mannar, Mulativ,
Nuwaraeliya	Nuwara Eliya, Hatton, Nawalapitiya

## CHAPTER 02

### CONFERENCES

- » **Presidents' of Law Asia (POLA) 2017**
  - » **National Law Conference 2017 - 2018**
  - » **Junior National Law Conference 2017**
  - » **Provincial Law Conferences**
  - » **Junior Bar Forum 2018**
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## 28TH SUMMIT OF THE PRESIDENTS OF LAW ASSOCIATIONS IN ASIA (POLA)

Bar Association of Sri Lanka took up the responsibility in hosting the 28th POLA Summit under the theme “Mutual understanding to face the challenges ahead” held from 22-24 July 2017 in Colombo.

Sri Lanka’s proposal to host POLA 2017 in Sri Lanka was accepted at the Presidents meeting held in Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia on the 21st of July 2016. It was a great honour for the BASL and its members to host such a prestigious event in our country giving an opportunity to showcase our hospitality and rich traditions of legal heritage founded upon the rule of law.

The Presidents of Law Associations in Asia (POLA) established in 1990, is a non-political organization providing a forum for the leaders of Bar Associations from across the Asia-Pacific region to exchange ideas and information, collaborate on issues of mutual interest and promote friendships. The POLA conference, hosted each year by a different member, is the principal forum where members and observers come together to discuss ideas and further their legal knowledge.

The Inauguration Ceremony of the POLA Summit was held on the 22nd July 2017 at Galle Face Hotel, Colombo and it was graced by His Excellency Maithripala Sirisena-President of Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka, Hon. Ranil Wickremasinghe-Prime Minister, Hon. Chief Justice Priyasath Dep PC, Hon. Dr. Wijeyadasa Rajapakse PC –Minister of Justice, Hon. Vijith Malalgoda PC-Judge of the Supreme Court, Honorable Judges of Superior Courts, High Courts, District Courts and Magistrate’s Courts, Shri Prashant Kumar-President LAWASIA/Conference Honorary Chairman, Presidents of Law Associations in Asia Pacific, delegates of POLA and Lawyers. The event was followed by cocktail reception and the guests were entertained with music provided by Sri Lanka Police band.

Seven working sessions were held from 23rd to 24th of July at Hotel Kingsbury under the titles, Empowering the future lawyer: role of the future lawyer in the light of acts of governments and other entities, Technology and future of the Legal Profession, Role of the Legal Profession for Social Justice; Legal Aid and Pro Bono Work, Regulatory and Legal Framework governing Foreign Direct Investment in Sri Lanka, Alternate Dispute Resolution and future of the Legal Profession, Professional Privileges-confidentiality and secrecy; Asia Pacific Trends and Status. The said sessions were chaired by Dr. Deepika Udagama (Chairperson of the Human Rights Commission of Sri Lanka), Shri Prashant Kumar (President- LAWASIA). Mr. Rohan Sahabandu PC (Legal Aid Commission of Sri Lanka), Mr. Upul Jayasuriya PC (Board of Investment of

Sri Lanka), Mr. Jonathan Smithers (Law Council of Australia) and Mr. Ki Tai Park (Korean Bar Association) respectively.

The working sessions were followed by a Closing Ceremony with dinner hosted by the President of the Bar Association of Sri Lanka at the Winchester Ballroom, Hotel Kingsbury Colombo. The closing ceremony was graced by Hon. Jayantha Jayasuriya PC, Attorney General as the Guest of Honour.

The committee extends its special thanks to Mr. Upul Jayasuriya PC, former President of the Bar Association and former Chairman of Board of Investment of Sri Lanka (BOI) for the sponsorship received from BOI.

Bar Association of Sri Lanka commemorated the event with the publication of a souvenir.

The organizing committee did a marvelous job in organizing the event with limited resources and committee consisted of Mr. U.R. De Silva PC-Conference Chairman, Mr. Ali Sabry PC-Conference Vice Chairman, Mr. Sunil Abeyaratne (Chairman- Sessions), Ms. Ruchira Gunasekera-Convenor, Mr. Amal Randeniya, Mr. Sujeewa Lal Dahanayake, Mr. Rajitha Hathurusinghe, Mr. G.G. Arulpragasam, Mr. Kamal Goonesinghe, Mr. Ajith Rohana, Ms. Priyani Rathnayake, Ms. Manouri Fernando and Ms. Suranee Samarasekera.











## NATIONAL LAW CONFERENCE 2017 - 2018

The National Law Conference 2017/2018 was held at Shangri-La's Golf Resort & Spa, Hambantota on the 3rd, 4th and 5th of November 2017. The 3 day event brought together over 280 members from all over the island.

The theme of the conference was 'Adapting to an evolving global landscape'. The conference program introduced a mix of forward thinking topics, as well as an exposition of the current law. The speakers and panelists participating in the Conference were experts in their respective fields allowing all conference delegates a valuable opportunity to gain a wealth of knowledge in all areas discussed.

A media briefing was held prior to the National Law Conference 2017/2018 on 26th October 2017 at the Bar Association of Sri Lanka, which was attended

to by the main media institutions in the country. The media briefing was graced by the Platinum Sponsors of the Conference, Bank of Ceylon and Certis Lanka Group both of whom ceremonially handed over the sponsorship cheques to the President of the Bar Association and the Conference Chairman.

The registration desk opened at 2.00 p.m. on Friday the 2nd of November 2017. At registration, each delegate was given a conference pack which contained a Conference Book, a Conference Bag, a stationery pack by Avalon, a tin of vanilla tea by Dilmah, a branded umbrella by Rainco and a branded sports t-shirt by MAS Holdings.

The Inauguration was held on Friday the 2nd of November 2017 at 5.30 p.m. at the Grand Ballroom of Shangri-La's Golf Resort & Spa, Hambantota. The President of the Bar Association, Mr. U.R. de Silva, P.C. delivered the welcome address which was followed by the address of the Conference Chairman, Mr. Murshid Maharooof. The keynote address was delivered by the Chief Guest of the Conference, the Prime Minister of Sri Lanka the Hon. Ranil Wickremesinghe. The vote of thanks was delivered by the Conference Convenor, Mr. Shamir Zavahir. The inauguration was followed by Cocktails and live music.

The sessions commenced at 9.30 a.m. on the 3rd of November. The sessions concluded at 5.00 p.m. There were 7 sessions on the 3rd of November. The sessions that were held on this day were on Banking and Financial Transactions, Arbitration, Company Law, Criminal Law, Civil Law, Intellectual Property Law, and Constitutional & Administrative Law. A gala dinner was held at the conclusion of the first day of sessions at the Grand Ballroom. The band Anno Domini provided the music, and the delegates thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

Sessions on the final day of the Conference commenced at 9.15 a.m. and concluded at 12.15 p.m. There were 4 sessions on this day. The sessions that were held on the final day were on Maritime Law, Access to Justice for Victims of Violence, International Trade & Investment and Property Law. The Conference Program concluded with a buffet lunch which was enjoyed by all delegates prior to their departure from the hotel at 3 p.m. on 4th November 2017.

The National Law Conference 2017/2018 was organized by a team led Mr. Murshid Maharooof, Conference Chairman and Mr. Shamir Zavahir, Conference Convenor.







## JUNIOR NATIONAL LAW CONFERENCE 2017

The Junior National Law Conference popularly known as the JNLC came into being with the prime objective of opening a forum to a community of budding lawyers for critical reflection on current legal issues and developments in the law and government and to be reminded about the role of law in the society and their own role within the legal profession whilst developing camaraderie and fellowship with peers from around the island. Emphasis was placed on catering to and addressing the needs of the junior members of the Bar and creating a platform from which junior lawyers would benefit both in the short term and in their future endeavors.

This year's conference aimed at inspecting avenues for the progressive development of the law, the adaptation of the law to cater to a rapidly changing world and to redefine the role of lawyers to uphold the evolving needs of the society. Thus, the theme for this year's conference was "Ad Maiora" – towards greater things and was held from 29th of September to 01st of October 2017 at Hotel Amari in Galle with the participation of three hundred junior lawyers.

The conference focused on the intricacies of interim injunctions, police powers, fundamental rights, arbitration, ethics, cyber crime and offences, latest developments in the areas of bail, law of evidence, intellectual property and the extent of the law concerned, among others with treasured input from the giants in the law field such as His Lordship Buwaneka Aluwihare, His Lordship Prasanna Jayawardene, His Lordship Vijith Malalgoda, Dr. K. Kanag-Iswaran PC, Mr. S. A. Parathalingam PC, Mr. Palitha Fernando PC, Mr. U. R. de Silva PC, Mr. Harsha Amarasekera PC, Mr. Sarath Jayamanne PC, Mr. Kalinga Indatissa PC, Dr. K. D. Karunaratne, Dr. Asanga Gunawansa, Mr. Yasantha Kodagoda PC, Mr. Kuwera de Zoysa PC, Mr. Ali Sabri PC, Mr. Saliya Peiris PC, Mr. Chandaka Jayasundera PC and D. I. G. Ajith Rohana.

Mr. G. G. Arulpragasam one of the most dynamic Senior Attorneys in the island with a great vision, endeavored himself as the Chairman of the Junior Bar Committee in re-rating the standards of the JNLC with his unwavering support and valuable guidance throughout the preparatory period till the successful closure of the conference. Mr. Kamal Perera Attorney-at-Law ably assisted the Chairman Mr. Arulpragasam in achieving his mission.

The Australian Leaders Scholar Maduka Perera as the Chairman of the Conference with his dynamic team comprising of Ms. Sonali Wanigabaduge (Deputy Chairperson), Ms. Sanuri Rajakaruna and Ms. Shehani Alwis (Co-Secretaries), Ms. Nadee Sarathchandra (Treasurer), Ms. Radhi de Silva (Editor-in-Chief), Mr. Sankha Karunaratne (Master of Ceremonies/ Head of Sessions), Mr. Mihil Sathurusinghe and Mr. Dulanjana Gamage (Co-Heads of Logistics), Ms. Romali Tudawe and Mr. Vasantha Kumar Nyles (Co-Heads of Entertainment) and thirty five other energetic junior lawyers labored day and night for months to bring Mr. Arulpragasam's vision in to a reality.







## PROVINCIAL LAW CONFERENCES

The president BASL Mr. U. R. de Silva PC initiated this concept in order to facilitate the members who stationed in outstations to enhance their legal knowledge and a opportunity to network with other members and seniors during these conferences. Accordingly, 05 Provincial Level Conferences were held during this period covering Kurunegala Zone, Ratnapura Zone, Badulla Zone, Anuradhapura Zone and Trincomalee Zone. The key feature of this event was that the events were held outside the jurisdiction area of the respective Zone which enabled the other members in other zones to participate for the same and obtained the knowledge which was mostly available in Colombo.

Along with the academic work a talent shows were conducted in the evening of the conference days enabling the members to enjoy the time with their other colleagues and seniors. Along with the academic sessions, BASL Mobile bookshops were organized which gave the opportunity to purchase the latest books and other services available at the BASL.

All the Conference were 2-3 days residential events and members were allowed to participate to the same at a subsidized price. Ministry of Justice and several corporate sponsored gave their hand to make these events a successful.

Around 80-125 participants took part in each event and the same will be continued in the year 2018-2019 covering the other areas of the country.

### 1<sup>st</sup> Provincial Law Conference - Kurunegala Zone



**BAR ASSOCIATION OF KURUNEGALA**  
Under the Patronage of  
**THE BAR ASSOCIATION OF SRI LANKA**  
**AND MINISTRY OF JUSTICE**



**THE FIRST**  
**PROVINCIAL LAW CONFERENCE**

**ON 3<sup>RD</sup> & 4<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2017**



**Hotel Tree of Life - Kandy**







2<sup>nd</sup> Provincial Law Conference - Ratnapura Zone



**RATNAPURA BAR ASSOCIATION**

UNDER THE PATRONAGE OF  
**THE BAR ASSOCIATION OF SRI LANKA AND MINISTRY OF JUSTICE**

ORGANISES  
**THE SECOND PROVINCIAL LAW CONFERENCE**

**15<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup> July 2017**

@ Hotel **JIE JIE BEACH**  
by Jetwing - Panadura

from 9.30am onwards

**INVESTMENT**  
**Rs. 10,000/=**  
(Includes of Accommodation, Meals, Conference Materials & Invitations for Gals Dinner)

Day Participants - **Rs. 5,000/=**  
(Includes Lunch & Conference Materials)

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**Ratnapura Bar Association**  
Annual Representative





3<sup>rd</sup> Provincial Law Conference - Badulla Zone





4<sup>th</sup> Provincial Law Conference - Anuradhapura Zone

 A promotional banner for the 4th Provincial Law Conference. It features the Bar Association of Sri Lanka logo at the top. The text reads: 'BAR ASSOCIATION OF SRI LANKA IN COLLABORATION WITH ANURADAPURA BAR ASSOCIATION ORGANISES THE FOURTH PROVINCIAL LAW CONFERENCE 31<sup>st</sup> August and 01<sup>st</sup> September 2017 @ Anuradapura Mango Mango Hotel'. There are also images of the hotel interior and a list of topics: 'Attorney General's Advice', 'App of Cross Examination', 'Practice of Evidence', and 'Procedure Code'.


### JUNIOR BAR FORUM 2018









## **CHAPTER 03**

### **LAW & LAW DEVELOPMENT**



During the term the BASL actively participated in developing law order and accordingly was able to make representation at various institutions and committees for the development of law. The BASL gave many opinions, suggestions and proposals to those institutions and/or committees to develop legislations as per the public requirement for the time being.

A summary of such representations are mentioned below;

1. **A Bill to amend the Code of Criminal Procedure (Special Provisions) Act No. 2 of 2013. (Right of access to Attorney-at-Law by a suspect under arrest or in police custody)**  
Stakeholders: Ministry of Justice Prime Minister's Office, Foreign Ministry and BASL.
2. **National Risk Management on Money Laundering and Terrorist Financing**  
Discussions with Central Bank
3. **Criminal Procedure Amendment Justice Aluvihare Committee**  
Stakeholders : Ministry of Justice, Legal Draftsman's Department, Attorney General's Department, BASL, Police Department
4. **Penal Code Amendment Justice Aluvihare Committee**  
Areas: Rape, Statutory Rape, Child Abuse, Grave Sexual Abuse, Abortion, Acts of Gross Indecency between persons.  
Stakeholders: Attorney General's Department, Legal Draftsman Department, Police Department, Ministry of Justice, BASL
5. **ADB Technical Assistance Project on strengthening the efficiency of the Justice Sector with focus on Commercial Law, Investment Law and Contract Enforcement.**  
Stakeholders : Ministry of Justice, ADB, BASL, Judicial Service Commission, Legal Draftsman  
Felicitor : Ministry of Justice
6. **Task force on Enforcing Contracts in Sri Lanka**  
Stakeholders :Ministry of Justice, BASL, AG's Department  
Felicitor : Ministry of Justice
7. **Special Presidential Task Force on Recovery of State Assets (Committee to develop the Policy and Legal Framework of the proposed Proceeds of Crime Bill.)**  
Stakeholders : Commission to Investigate Allegation of Bribery or Corruption (CIABOC) , Ministry of Justice, AG's Department, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Financial Crime Investigation Department (FCID), Crime Investigation Department (CID), Strategic Arms Reduction Treaty (START), Central Bank, Police Department and BASL.  
Felicitor: Presidential Secretariat
8. **Sectoral Oversight Committee on Legal Affairs of Parliament (Criminal Procedure Code Amendment)**
9. **International Trade Agreements (Indo-Lanka, China-Lanka, Singapore-Lanka)**  
Felicitor : Ministry of International Trade
10. **Sectoral Oversight Committee on Legal Affairs of Parliament – (Anti Corruption and Media)**
11. **Task Force on Judicial and Legal Causes for Prison Overcrowding and Prison Reforms.**  
Stakeholders: Ministry of Justice, BASL, Ministry of Prison Reforms and Rehabilitation Reset-

tlement, Judicial Service Commission, Ministry of Law & Order, Attorney General's Department, Government Analyst, Police Department, Legal Draftsman, Judges Training Institute, Legal Aid Commission  
Facilitator : Ministry of Justice

### 12. Introduce a proper Production Disposal Mechanism

Stakeholders : BASL, Judicial Service Commission, , Judicial Service Association, Ministry of Justice, Legal Draftsman, Attorney General's Department  
Facilitator : Ministry of Justice

### 13. Re-structuring appointing of JPUM (Justice of Peace and Unofficial Magistrates)

Stakeholders : BASL, Judicial Service Commission, , Judicial Service Association, Ministry of Justice, Police Department  
Facilitator : Ministry of Justice.  
Notaries Amendment Bill, Powers of Attorney (Amendment) Bill  
Registration of Title Act (Amendment)  
Stakeholders : BASL, Ministry of Justice, Legal Draftsman Department  
Facilitator : Ministry of Public Administration and Home Affairs, Ministry of Land.

### 14. Parliamentary Steering Committee for Constitutional Reforms

BASL questionnaire on Interim Report of Constitutional Assembly.

#### Proposed Law Reforms in 2018 (by Ministry of Justice)

- *Damages for non-patrimonial loss*
- *Amendment to the Language of legislation which requires a purposive and harmonious interpretation of the three texts of legislation*
- *Consideration of necessary amendments to the Rent Act, if any*
- *Introduction of the concept of limited liability of partnerships into Sri Lanka*
- *Consideration of whether period of remand of a suspect can be taken into consideration in sentencing*
- *Consideration of whether damages can be claimed for wrongful remanding of a suspect and if so, against whom.*
- *To amend the law to enable malicious abuse of civil proceedings to be instituted even when the original action is pending*
- *Lobby for Passage of Privacy Law*
- *Law relating to Caveats*

#### Proposals by BASL

- *Introduce Breakage of Marriage as a ground for divorce*
- *Proper Family Counselling System in Sri Lanka*

# UNANSWERED QUESTIONNAIRE

The Bar Council of the Bar Association of Sri Lanka, at its Special Meeting held on 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2017 at H.I.W. Jayawardena, Q.C Auditorium at No. 153, Mihindu Mawatha, Colombo 12, resolved to express its grave concern regarding the proposed amendments to Articles 1 and 2 of the present Constitution. These proposed amendments, which are in the Interim Report of the Steering Committee of the Constitutional Assembly of Sri Lanka, have the effect of converting the Unitary character of the State to a Federal structure.

In the circumstances, the Bar Association of Sri Lanka requests the Government to respond precisely and with clarity to inter-alia the following questions;

1. What is the need/requirement for a new Constitution?
2.
  - a) Will Sri Lanka continue to be a Unitary State?
  - b) If so, what [in brief] is the concept of a Unitary State?
3. What powers will be devolved on the Provinces?
4.
  - a) Can the Central Government/ Parliament get back such powers if necessary?
  - b) If so, in what manner?
5. In appropriate circumstances, would the President have the power to exercise direct rule in the Provinces?
6. Will the Executive Presidency be abolished?
7.
  - a) What would be the Court structure?
  - b)
    - i. Will there be a Constitutional Court?
    - ii. If so, how are the Judges to that Court to be appointed?
8.
  - a) How are Judges of the Supreme Court and the Court of Appeal appointed?
  - b)
    - i. Will there be criteria for such appointment?
    - ii. If so, what are they?
9. How will the Judges of the Superior Courts be removed?
10. Will all Judges of the District Courts and Magistrates' Courts throughout the country be appointed by the Judicial Services Commission and will their transfers and discipline be subject only to the Judicial Services Commission?
11.
  - a. What are the Fundamental Rights that would be justiciable?
  - b. In what Courts would the Rights be justiciable?
12. Would the Courts have the power [up to a limited period of time] to review legislation if inconsistent with the Constitution?

වර්ෂ 2017 ක්වු ඔක්තෝබර් මස 23 වන දින ශ්‍රී ලංකා නීතිඥ සංගම ග්‍රවණාගාරයේදී පැවැති විශේෂ කවුන්සිල් සැසිවාරයේදී, වර්තමාන ආණ්ඩුක්‍රම ව්‍යවස්ථාවේ 1 සහ 2 ව්‍යවස්ථාවන් සම්බන්ධයෙන් ශ්‍රී ලංකා ආණ්ඩුක්‍රම ව්‍යවස්ථා මණ්ඩලයේ මෙහෙයුම් කමිටුවේ අතුරු වාර්තාව මගින් යෝජනා කරන ලද සංශෝධනයන් මගින් ශ්‍රී ලංකාව එකීය රාජ්‍යයක ස්වභාවයේ සිට ලොවට රාජ්‍ය ආකෘතියක් දක්වා පරිවර්තනය කිරීමක් සිදුවන්නේය යන්න සම්බන්ධයෙන් ශ්‍රී ලංකා නීතිඥ සංගමයේ දැඩි අවධානය යොමුව ඇත.

එකී තත්වය මත, අපොකුත් කරුණු අතර පහත ප්‍රශ්න සම්බන්ධයෙන් ශ්‍රී ලංකා රජයේ පැහැදිලි සහ නිරවද්‍ය ප්‍රතිචාරයක් ශ්‍රී ලංකා නීතිඥ සංගමය ඉල්ලා සිටී.

1. තව ආණ්ඩුක්‍රම ව්‍යවස්ථාවක අවශ්‍යතාවය කුමක්ද?
2. (අ) ශ්‍රී ලංකාව එකීය රාජ්‍යයක් ලෙස තවදුරටත් පවතින්නේද?  
(ආ) එසේ නම් - එකීය රාජ්‍යයක් යන සංකල්පය කුමක්ද?
3. පළාත් වෙත කුමන බලතල පවරනු ලබන්නේද?
4. (අ) අවශ්‍යතාවයක් වන්නේ නම් මධ්‍යම රජයට / පාර්ලිමේන්තුවට එවැනි බලතල නැවත පවරා ගත හැකිද?  
(ආ) එසේ නම්, එය කුමන ක්‍රමවේදයක් අනුවද?
5. සුදුසු තත්වයන් මතදී ජනාධිපතිවරයාට පළාත් මත සෘජුව සිය බලය භාවිතා කළ හැකිද?
6. විධායක ජනාධිපති ධුරය අහෝසි වන්නේද?
7. (අ) අධිකරණ ධුරාවලිය කුමක්ද?  
(ආ)
  - i. ආණ්ඩුක්‍රම ව්‍යවස්ථා අධිකරණයක් පිහිටවනු ලබන්නේද?
  - ii. එසේ නම්, එම අධිකරණය සඳහා විනිසුරුවන් පත්කරන්නේ කෙසේද?
8. (අ) ශ්‍රේෂ්ඨාධිකරණය සහ අභියාචනාධිකරණය වෙත විනිසුරුවරුන් පත්කරන්නේ කෙසේද?  
(ආ)
  - i. එවැනි පත්කිරීම සම්බන්ධයෙන් නිර්ණායක පවතින්නේද?
  - ii. එසේ නම්, ඒවා කවරේද?
9. උපවිමාධිකරණ විනිසුරුවන් ඉවත් කිරීම කෙසේ සිදුවන්නේද?
10. දිවයින පුරා වෙනින මුල් අවස්ථා අධිකරණයන්හි සියලු විනිසුරුවන් පත්කිරීම, ස්ථාන මාරු සහ විනය පාලනය අධිකරණ සේවා කොමිෂන් සභාවේ පමණක් කාර්යයක් වන්නේද?
11.
  - (අ) කුමන මූලික අයිවාසිකම බලාත්මක කරනු ලැබිය හැක්කේද?
  - (ආ) කුමන අධිකරණයන්හිදී එකී අයිවාසිකම බලාත්මක කල හැකිද?
12. ආණ්ඩුක්‍රම ව්‍යවස්ථාවට අනතුකුල පනත් විමර්ශනය කිරීම සඳහා (සීමිත කාලසීමාවක් තුළදී) අධිකරණයට බලය පවතින්නේද?

## CHAPTER 04

### RULE OF LAW, HUMAN RIGHTS & THE INDEPENDENCE OF THE JUDICIARY

*On the Rule of Law and Democracy, BASL has been involved in many fronts such as intervention when there was a threat to the independence of the Judiciary. The BASL has issued many press statements and actively intervened with many situations to uphold the Rule of Law, Human Rights and Independence of the Judiciary*



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ශ්‍රී ලංකාව තුළ පවත්වන විවිධ ජනවාර්ගික හා ආගමික ප්‍රචණ්ඩත්ව එරෙහිව සිදුවන ලෙවර් ප්‍රකාශ සහ ප්‍රචාරකවලින් තොරව ශ්‍රී ලංකා නීතිඥ සංගමය දැඩි ලෙස වෘත දැකී. නීතියේ ආධිපත්‍ය දැඩි ලෙස සුරැකිය යුතු ප්‍රජාතන්ත්‍රවාදී සමාජයක එවැනි සිදුවීම් සිදුවීම කිසිවිටෙක අනුමත කළ නොහැක.

පහත සඳහන් නීතිමය ප්‍රතිපාදන කෙරෙහි රජයේ සහ මහජනතාවගේ අවධානය යොමු කිරීමට බලාපොරොත්තු වෙමු.

ආණ්ඩුක්‍රම ව්‍යවස්ථාවේ 12(1) ව්‍යවස්ථාව තහවුරු කර ඇති ආකාරයට පෑම පුද්ගලයෙකුම නීතිය ඉදිරියේ සමානාත්මතාවය සහ නීතිය ඉදිරියේ සමාන ධනාත්මකයා දැකීමේ, එමනිසා එම ජනතාවගේ වාර්ගික හා ආගමික විමසාලනා නොසලකා බැලීමට පිටින, දේපල සහ පිරිසාට සුරැකිම බව, තහවුරු කිරීමට ප්‍රමාණවත් පියවර ගැනීම රජයේ කාර්ය වන්නේය.

දණ්ඩ නීති සංග්‍රහයේ XV වන පරිච්ඡේදය ලෙවර් ප්‍රකාශ, ආගමික ස්ථාන හා පුද්ගලයන්ගේ ආගමික සංවේදීතාවය ආරක්ෂා කරනු වස්, දණ්ඩන වගකීම් සඳහන්ව ඇත. එහි 291 ද සහ 291ආ වගන්ති පහත දැක්වේ.

291 ආ. යම් තැනැත්තකු ආගමික හැඟීම්වලට හිතවීමේ ඒකාත්මක ප්‍රවේශයෙන් ඒ තැනැත්තාට ඇසෙන ලෙස යම් වචනයක් ප්‍රකාශ කරන හෝ කේදයක් කරන හෝ ඒ තැනැත්තා අහිමිවියේ යම් සංඥාවක් කරන හෝ ඒ තැනැත්තා අහිමිවියේ යම් වස්තුවක් කඩන කවර හෝ තැනැත්තකුට අවිද්දාත් දක්වා දීම හෝ ඒ තැනැත්තාට දේශනාදායකයක් එක් ආකාරයක බන්ධනාගාරගත කිරීමකින් හෝ දඩයකින් හෝ ඒ දඩුවම් දෙකින් ම හෝ දඩුවම් කළ යුතුය.

291 ආ. යම් පන්තිකයකට අයත් තැනැත්තන්ගේ ආගමික හැඟීම් නිශ්චයට පත් කිරීමේ ඒකාත්මක හා ද්වේෂ සහගත වෙනසාවෙන්, හානිකර හානිකර ලිඛිත වචන මගින් හෝ අසාධන කිරීමක මගින් හෝ ඒ පන්තියේ ආගමට හානිකර ආගමික විරෝධයට නිරෝධ කරන හෝ නිරෝධ කිරීමට හැකි කරන කවර හෝ තැනැත්තකුට අවිද්දා දේශනා දක්වා දීම හෝ ඒ තැනැත්තාට දේශනාදායකයක් එක් ආකාරයක බන්ධනාගාරගත කිරීමකින් හෝ දඩයකින් හෝ ඒ දඩුවම් දෙකින් ම හෝ දඩුවම් කළ යුතුය.

තවද, ICCPR පනත ( 2007 ආක 36 දරණ සිවිල් දේශපාලන අයිතිවාසිකම් පිළිබඳ ජනාන්ත සම්මුති පනත) යටතේද ප්‍රචණ්ඩත්වය ජනගහන පුළු පහ ආගමික හා ජනවාර්ගික වෙනස්කම් ඇති කරණ ක්‍රියාකාරකම් වලට එරෙහිව දණ්ඩන වගකීම් දක්වා ඇත. එහි 3 වන වගන්තියේ මෙසේ සඳහන්වේ.

3.(1) කිසිව තැනැත්තකු විසින්, පුද්ගලයා පැනවීම හෝ වෙනත් ලෙස පැනවීමට, එදිරිවාදිකම් වලට හෝ ප්‍රචණ්ඩ ක්‍රියාවලට යොමු කිරීම සංග්‍රහිත වන ජාතික, වාර්ගික හෝ ආගමික වෙනස්කම් සඳහා පෙළඹවීම, නොකළ යුතුය

3(2) 1 වන උපවගන්තියේ සඳහන් වරදක් (අ) සිදු කිරීමට හැකි කරන; (ආ) සිදු කිරීමට ආධාර හෝ අනුබල දෙන; හෝ (ඇ) සිදු කරන බවට තරජනය කරන, පාම නොගන්නා, මේ පනත යටතේ වුව දැනට වරදකට වරදකරු වන්නේය.

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මේ වගන්තියේ (1) වන උපවගන්තිය හෝ (2) වන උපවගන්තිය යටතේ වරදක් සිදු කර ඇති බවට තීරණය කරනු ලබන තැනැත්තකු මහාධිකරණය විසින් වරදකට කරනු ලැබීමටද, බරපතල වැඩ ඇතිව අවිද්දා දෙනකට වැඩි නොවන කාලයක් සඳහා බන්ධනාගාරගත කරනු ලැබිය යුතුය.

4 මේ වගන්තිය යටතේ වුව දැනට වරදක් සංඥා සහ ආප දීම නොහැකි වරදක් විය යුතු අතර, එවැනි වරදක් සිදුකර ඇති බවට පැන කරනු ලබන හෝ වෝදනා ලැබ සිටින කිසිව තැනැත්තකු විමසීම අවස්ථානුගත කරනු ලැබීම දී මහාධිකරණය විසින් හැර, ආප මත මුද්‍රා හරිනු නොලැබිය යුතුය.

වෙනස්වීම, ප්‍රචණ්ඩත්වය හා වෙනස්කොට පැලකීම වෙනුවෙන් ක්‍රියාත්මක වන, අනුබල දෙන හා උසුලන්නාට සුදුසු සාරවේදයන් වරදකට රජය දැඩි ලෙස කරවනු කළ යුතුය.

බවද එවැනි වරදකට හෝ ජාතිවාදී ක්‍රියාවන් ඇති නොවීම සඳහා නීතිය හා සාමාන්‍ය දැනීමට කරවනු කරන මෙන් පොලිස්පතිවරයාගෙන් නීතිඥ සංගමය ඉල්ලා සිටින අතර ඉහත දැක්වෙන උද්දේ නීති සංග්‍රහය සහ සිවිල් හා දේශපාලන අයිතිවාසිකම් පිළිබඳ ජනාන්තර සම්මුතිම පනත යටතේ එවන් ප්‍රචණ්ඩකර ක්‍රියාවන් කරනු ලබන අයට එරෙහිව නීතිමය ක්‍රියාමාර්ග මවුත්ගේ තරාතිරම නොබලා පියවර ගන්නා ලෙස හේ නීතිසම්මුතියෙන් ඉල්ලා සිටී.

ඒ යටතේ නීතිඥ සංගමය අවධාරණය කර සිටින්නේ රට තුළ නීතියේ ආධිපත්‍යය ස්ථාපනය කිරීම සඳහා ඉතාමත් සැලකිල්ලක් යටතේ ප්‍රතිපාදන මගින් අවශ්‍ය පියවර ගැනීමට රජය පියවර ගත යුතු බවයි.

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ශ්‍රී ලංකා නීතිඥ සංගමය

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BASL Intervene as a Petitioner in the FR matter filed against Uma Oya		
SC FR Application No. 394/2017	Mr. Manohara Silva PC Mr. Riyad Ameen	Mr. Sanath Wijeywardane
Matter against the Procurement Appeal Board		
SC Determination against amendments to the Judicature Act Bill	Mr. Romesh de Silva PC	Mr. Athula Silva
Contempt of Court matter against Hon. Deputy Minister Ranjan Ramanyake	Mr. Hemantha Wimalakulasuriya PC	Mr. Sanjay Fonseka
SC determination against Inland Revenue Amendment Bill	Mr. M.U.M. Ali Sabry PC	Mr. Sanath Wijeywardane
BASL FR Writ filed for People affected by Salawa Blast	Dr. W. Rodrigo PC	Mrs. Chandra Perera



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මවුන් විසින් එවකට දරු, නීතිපති සහ නියෝජ්‍ය භෞලිසිටර් ජනරාල් තනතුරුගතව සිටි කාලයේ දී දුන් වෘත්තීමය උපදේශනයන් මෙම අපරාධ නඩු පැවරීමට හේතු වී ඇත.

අප විසින් යුක්ති ක්‍රියාදාමය හෝ විනිශ්චය ආයතන සඳහා ක්‍රියාත්මක වීමට වන අයිතිවාසිකම් වලට බාධා කිරීමට හෝ මැදිහත් වීමට කිසිදු ආකාරයකින් අදහස් නොකරන අතර, මෙම සිද්ධිය නවී පුද්ගලයකුට විරුද්ධව කරන ලද්දක් නොව මුළු මහත් නීතිඥ ප්‍රජාවට, අධිකරණයේ ස්වාධීනත්වය, නීතියේ ආධිපත්‍යය හා මහජනතාවගේ සුභසාධනය සඳහා බලපෑම කරන කරුණක් බව වැඩිදුරටත් සඳහන් කර සිටිමු.

යම් නීතිඥයකු සිය වෘත්තීමය උපදේශනය හෝ මනා ප්‍රකාශ කළ නිසාම, අපරාධ අධිකරණය විනිශ්චයකට භාජනය නොවිය යුතු බවත්, එවැනි ක්‍රියාවලියකට භාජනය කරන බවට විශ්වාසයක් හා හැඟීමක් ඇතිවීම මගින් වෘත්තීයයන් නිර්භයව හා අසක්ෂපති ලෙස සිය මනා ප්‍රකාශ කිරීම කෙරෙහි දැඩි බලපෑම සිදුවිය හැකි බවත් අපගේ හැඟීම වේ.

තවද අභියාචනාධිකරණ හා ශ්‍රේෂ්ඨාධිකරණ විනිශ්චයකාරවරුන්ගේ එකම විනය බලධාරියා උන්තරිතව පාර්ලිමේන්තුව වන බවත් අපි අවධාරණය කර සිටිමු.

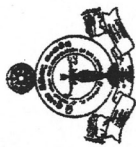
විනිශ්චයකාරවරයකුට විරුද්ධව වන චෝදනාවක්, යම් වර්ත ප්‍රණයකට හෝ මූල්‍ය වංචාවකට යමක් බාධා නොවන්නේ නම්, විනිශ්චයකාරවරයකු පිළිබඳ නීතිඥ ප්‍රජාවගේ විශ්වාසනීයත්වය කිසිම අයුරකින් අවම වීමක් සිදු නොවන බවද අප වැඩිදුරටත් අවධාරණය කර සිටිමු.

ශ්‍රී ලංකා නීතිඥ සංගමය විසින් යුක්තිය සහ සාධාරණත්වය තහවුරු කිරීම උදෙසා සිය වසසරිය තුළ සිදුකළ හැකි සෑම දෙයක්ම සිදු කරන බව ද වැඩිදුරටත් දන්වා සිටිමු.

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Bar Association of Sri Lanka  
Press Statement

The Executive Committee and the Bar Council of the Bar Association of Sri Lanka, unanimously resolved to view with grave concern the initiation of criminal proceedings against the former Chief Justice Mr. Mohan Pieris PC and Mr. Justice A.H.M.D. Nawaz, a sitting Judge of the Court of Appeal, apparently on the basis of professional advice given by them, in their former capacities as the Attorney General and Deputy Solicitor General respectively.

While we do not in any way intend to obstruct or interfere with the course of Justice or the right of Law enforcement institutions to carry out their functions, our concern stems not from the stand point of the individuals concerned, but as a matter affecting the BAR, independence of the Judiciary, rule of Law and the interests of the public at large.

It is a trite proposition that an opinion tendered by Counsel alone cannot form the basis of criminal proceedings against them. We wish to emphasize that if Counsel are vulnerable to criminal proceedings in respect of such they would not be able to discharge their functions untrammelled by the threat of criminal action.

We also wish to stress that unless a charge against a Judge involves any moral turpitude such will not in any way undermine the confidence the BAR has in the Judge concerned.

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2017 අගෝස්තු මස 23 වන දින දැන් ශ්‍රී ලංකා නීතිඥ සංගමයේ කතෘාධිකාරී මණ්ඩලය ඒකමතිකව තීරණය කරන ලද්දේ නියෝජ්‍ය අමාත්‍ය ජනරාල්ගේ දැන්වීමක් මගින් පසුගිය දා ජනමාධ්‍ය හරහා, මේ රටේ බහුතරයක් විනිශ්චයකාරවරුන් හා නීතිඥවරුන් දූෂිත බවත්, ලංකාව විනාශ කළේ ඔවුන් බවටත් කළ ප්‍රකාශය තරයේ හෙලා දැකීමට වෙයි.

" නීතිඥයේ බහුතරයක් තමයි ලංකාව විනාශ කළේ. ඒක තමයි නිකිත ඇතික. මේ කළ කෙටි කාරයේ. බහුතරයක් හැමෝම නොමෙයි. ලංකාවේ බහුතරයක් තේනේ Corrupted විනිසුරුවරු Corrupted Lawyers ලා. ඔවුන් පල්ලි වලට වැඩ කරනේ"

එම ප්‍රකාශය හෙලා දැකීම අතරම ශ්‍රී ලංකා නීතිඥ සංගමය නියෝජ්‍ය අමාත්‍යවරයාගෙන් ලේලා සිරිනේන් එවැනි දූෂිත පුද්ගලයන් සම්බන්ධයෙන් ඔහුට සාක්ෂි ඇත්නම් සුදුසු පියවර ගැනීම පිණිස, අධිකරණ සේවා කොමිෂම, පොලීසිය, අල්ලස් හා දූෂණ කොමිෂම වැනි ආයතන වලට පැමිණිලි කරන ලෙසත් එසේ නොමැතිව දැනම් විරහිතව පොදුවේ අධිකරණයට හා නීතිඥ ප්‍රජාවට අපහාසාත්මක ප්‍රකාශ නිකුත් කිරීමෙන් වැළකී සිටීමට ලෙසත්.

විනිසුරුවරුන් හෙලා දැකීමත් ඔවුන්ට අලොරවයක් වන ආකාරයට කල එකී ප්‍රකාශයේ බරපතල කම මැනවින් දන් ශ්‍රී ලංකා නීතිඥ සංගමය, ශ්‍රී ලංකා ප්‍රජාතාන්ත්‍රික සමාජවාදී ජනරජයේ ආණ්ඩුක්‍රම ව්‍යවස්ථාවේ 105(3) ව්‍යවස්ථාව යටතේ, අධිකරණයට අපහාස කිරීම සම්බන්ධයෙන් ශ්‍රී ලංකා ශ්‍රේෂ්ඨාධිකරණයේ නඩු පැවරිය යුතු බවට තවදුරටත් යෝජනා සම්මත කර ගන්නා ලදී.

ශ්‍රී ලංකා නීතිඥ සංගමය අවධාරණයෙන් ප්‍රකාශ කර සිටින්නේ ප්‍රජාතන්ත්‍රවාදී සමාජයක, නීතියේ ආධිපත්‍ය පුරුකුම සඳහා අධිකරණයේ ස්වාධීනත්වය පුරුකුම හා ආරක්ෂා කර ගැනීම අත්‍යවශ්‍ය කාරණයක් බවයි.

ප්‍රජාතන්ත්‍රවාදය ක්‍රියාත්මක කිරීමේදී යුක්තිය පසිඳවීම හා යුක්තිය පසිඳවීමේ ආයතන සිය වගකීම් හා කාර්යභාරය කිසිදු බියක්, සැකයක් පක්ෂපාතිත්වයක් හෝ දේශපාලන මැදිහත් වීම වලින් තොරව ඉටු කිරීම සඳහා ආණ්ඩුක්‍රම ව්‍යවස්ථාව තුළින්ම ප්‍රතිසාදන සකසා ඇත.

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බහු අරමුණු රොටරියට, සීර්‍යා හානි-අදාල හානි සිදු කරමින්, සමස්ත නීතියේ ආරක්ෂාව හා සංවිධිත බව අදාලව ලක්කරමින් ජනවාරි මාසයේ සිදුවන ප්‍රවේශයේ ක්‍රියා ශ්‍රී ලංකා නීතිඥ සංගමය අතර දැඩි ලෙස හෙලා දැකීම.

ජනරජයේ නීති සම්පාදන ප්‍රවේශයේ ලෙස භූමිපරන පුද්ගලයන් හා පුද්ගල සංස්ථාවන් වැනි සම්පාදන නීතිය ඉදිරියට පවුලුදා, ඔවුන්ට ජනවාරි නීතිය දැඩිලෙස ක්‍රියාත්මක කළ යුතු බව ප්‍රකාශ කර සිටියි. අධිබහුතරයක් සාමාන්‍ය ජනතාවගේ සාමාන්‍ය ජනවාරි නීතියට බාධා කරමින්, ජනරජය හා ජන කොමන්ඩ් අතර සම්බන්ධය අහස් පුපුරුවන, ප්‍රවේශකාරීත්වය මුදා හරින හා පුද්ගලවලට, සුදුසු හා ව්‍යුහ සහ අලුතින් ලෙස භූමි ප්‍රදාන දෙපාර්තමේන්තුවේ වැඩ කරන නිලධාරීන් වැනි ක්‍රියාත්මක කරන ආයතන සහ නිලධාරීන් කිසිවිටික පසුබට නොවිය යුතු අතර, ඒ කිරීමට නීතිය ක්‍රියාත්මක කරන ආයතන සහ නිලධාරීන් කිසිවිටික පසුබට නොවිය යුතු අතර, ඒ සඳහා අනෙකුත් නීති-පරමුඛ අතර, හරිසු අවස්ථා පරිලාපි හෝන්සි සිටිල් හා දේශපාලන අධිකාරීන් මඳිද අත්පත්කරමින් සම්පූර්ණ සහාය ( ICCPR Act. ) ප්‍රතිසාදන සොදා හා වැඩිය.

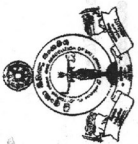
විශේෂයෙන් මාධ්‍ය හා සමාජ මාධ්‍ය පාලන කමිටිය ප්‍රකාශ, ආපවිගම්ච්චිය ඇති කරවන ප්‍රකාශ හා අනන්‍ය කරුණු පුද්ගලයන් හා පුද්ගල සංස්ථා සමාජයේ නීතිය දැඩි ලෙස ක්‍රියාත්මක කිරීමට එවැනි ක්‍රියා වැළැක්වීමට ද කටයුතු කළ යුතුය.

මේ අවස්ථාවේ, රටේ සීමිතව සියලුම ජන කොටස් වලට ජාති-ආගමි සේදයකින් තොරව ශ්‍රී ලංකා ආණ්ඩුක්‍රම ව්‍යවස්ථාවෙන් දී සහතික කරන ලද ආණ්ඩුක්‍රමයට, සම්පාදන ක්‍රියාත්මකයන් හා සහායකයන් සමාජයේ නීතිය භූමි පවරන ඉදිරියට නොගැනීම සඳහා හා භූමි වන පරිදි නීතිය හා සාමාජිකයන් වැනි සාමාන්‍ය ජන ජනාධිපතිත්වය හරු ජනාධිපතිත්වය, අභ්‍යන්තර අභ්‍යන්තර පාලන සහ සුදුසු බවට පත්වීමට ප්‍රමාදයක් ඇති ශ්‍රී ලංකා නීතිඥ සංගමය අපේක්ෂා කරයි.

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**පනත් කෙටුම්පතක් නිරිතක් බවට පත් කිරීම සඳහා වූ ව්‍යවස්ථා ප්‍රතිපාදන සහ ශ්‍රේෂ්ඨාධිකරණයේ කාර්යභාරය**

නීතියේ ආධිපත්‍යය මත පිහිටුවා ඇති ප්‍රචාරණවැඩි ජනරජයක් වන ශ්‍රී ලංකාවේ උත්තරීතර නීතිය වන ශ්‍රී ලංකා ප්‍රජාතාන්ත්‍රික සමාජවාදී ජනරජයේ ආණ්ඩුක්‍රම ව්‍යවස්ථාව අනුව ශ්‍රී ලංකා ජනරජයේ පරමාධිපත්‍යය පනතට කෙරෙහි පිහිටා ඇත්තේය.

එකී පනතට පරමාධිපත්‍යයේ ප්‍රධාන අංග 3 වන ව්‍යවස්ථාදායක බලය පනතට විසින් තෝරාපත් කරගනු ලබන පාර්ලිමේන්තුව විසින්ද, විධායක බලය පනතිපතිවරයා විසින්ද, අධිකරණ බලය පාර්ලිමේන්තුව මගින් අධිකරණය තරයා ක්‍රියාත්මක විය යුතු බවට ආණ්ඩුක්‍රම ව්‍යවස්ථාවේ 4 වන ව්‍යවස්ථාවේ විශේෂිතවම සඳහන් කර ඇත.

1978 ආණ්ඩුක්‍රම ව්‍යවස්ථාවේ තේරීම් සහ කමිටු වාර්තාව අනුව ආණ්ඩුවේ එකී ප්‍රධාන ප්‍රවේද එකී ක්‍රීඩා ආයතනයන් අතර එනම් විධායකය, ව්‍යවස්ථාදායකය හා අධිකරණය අතර බලය බෙදාහැරීම, බලය අයුතු ලෙස හොදාහැරීම සහ බලය ඉක්මවා කටයුතු කිරීම වැළැක්වීම සඳහා පනවා ඇති ප්‍රවේෂිත ක්‍රියාවලියක් ඇති අතර එය සංවර්ධනය හා අලුත ණය ලෙස හඳුන්වනු ලබයි.

ඉහත කී අවස්ථානුත තත්ත්වයන් යටතේ පනත් කෙටුම්පතක් නිරිතක් බවට සම්මත කරවා ගැනීමේදී අනුගමනය කළ යුතු කාර්ය පටිපාටිය ව්‍යවස්ථාව මගින් පැහැදිලිවම සඳහන් කොට ඇත. ඒ අනුව,

1. 1978 ආණ්ඩුක්‍රම ව්‍යවස්ථාව අනුව සම්මත කරගැනීමට බලපොරොත්තු වන විශාල පනත් කෙටුම්පතක් පාර්ලිමේන්තුවේ න්‍යාය පත්‍රයට ඇතුළත් කිරීමට අවම වශයෙන් දින 14 කට පෙර ගැසට් පත්‍රයේ පලකළ යුතුය. (78(1) ව්‍යවස්ථාව)
2. පනත් කෙටුම්පතක් හා කේපතා සම්මතයක් ආණ්ඩුක්‍රම ව්‍යවස්ථාවට හා පාර්ලිමේන්තුවේ ස්ථාවර නියෝග වලට අනුකූලව අනුමත කළ යුත්තේය. (78(2) ව්‍යවස්ථාව)

කරුණු එසේ කිසිදු වර්ෂ 2017 අගෝස්තු මස 03 වන දින ආණ්ඩුක්‍රම ව්‍යවස්ථාවට 20 වන ආණ්ඩුක්‍රම ව්‍යවස්ථා සංශෝධන කෙටුම්පතක් ලෙස නිරිතට සංශෝධනයක් ලෙස ගැසට් පත්‍රයේ පල කරන ලදී.

සති 2 ක් ඉතුරු වූ පසු එකී පනත් කෙටුම්පත පාර්ලිමේන්තු න්‍යාය පත්‍රයට ඇතුළත් කරන ලද අතර පනත් කෙටුම්පතක ව්‍යවස්ථානුකූලතාවය පිළිබඳව ශ්‍රේෂ්ඨාධිකරණය වෙත පැවරී ඇති අනන්‍ය අධිකරණ බලය ක්‍රියාත්මක කරමින් මෙරට පුරවැසියන් හා සිවිල් සංවිධාන ටාලියන් ශ්‍රේෂ්ඨාධිකරණයේ එකී කෙටුම්පත අභියෝගයට ලක් කරන ලදී.

දර්ශන හවු විභාගයකින් පසු ශ්‍රේෂ්ඨාධිකරණය විසින් එකී කෙටුම්පත සම්බන්ධයෙන් සිය තීන්දුව 2017 සැප්තැම්බර් 15 වන දින ප්‍රකාශයට පත් කොට ඇති අතර ඒ අනුව අනෙකුත් කරුණු අතර එකී පනත නිරිතක් බවට පත් කරවා ගැනීම සඳහා නම් ආණ්ඩුක්‍රම ව්‍යවස්ථාවේ 83 වන ව්‍යවස්ථාව අනුව ජනමත විචාරණයකදී එකී පනත සම්මත කර ගත යුතු බවට විශේෂයෙන්ම සඳහන් කොට ඇත.

එහිදී විශේෂයෙන්ම ශ්‍රේෂ්ඨාධිකරණය ප්‍රකාශ කර ඇත්තේ පළාත් සභා පන්ද, ණමය ජනතාවගේ සභාව ජන පන්ද, බලයේ කොටසක් බවත් එහෙයින් පළාත් සභා පන්දය කල් දැමීම සඳහා කරනු ලබන ඕනෑම සංශෝධනයක් ආණ්ඩුක්‍රම ව්‍යවස්ථාවේ 83 ව්‍යවස්ථාවට අනුව ජනමත විචාරණයකින් සම්මත කරගත යුතු බවත්ය.

කරුණු එසේ කිසිදු 2017 ජූලි මස 10 වන දින පළාත්සභා පන්ද විමසීම සංශෝධන කෙටුම්පත මගින් 1998 අංක 2 දරණ පළාත් සභා හා පන්ද විමසීම පනත සංශෝධනය කිරීම සඳහා පිටුව සිත් යුක්ත පනත් කෙටුම්පතක් ගැසට් පත්‍රයේ පල කරන ලදී.

එලෙස ගැසට් පත්‍රයේ පලකිරීමෙන් පසුව එය පාර්ලිමේන්තුවේ න්‍යාය පත්‍රයට ඇතුළත් කරන ලද අතර එමගින් කේපතා කරන ලද එකම සංරචකයක් සංශෝධනය වූයේ පළාත් සභා පන්දයකට ඉදිරිපත් වන අපේක්ෂක කණ්ඩායමක අවම වශයෙන් 30% ක් එක් ස්ත්‍රී පාර්ලිමේන්තුවේ සභිකයන්ගෙන් යුතු බවටය.

බැඳු බැඳුමට ප්‍රගතිශීලී සංශෝධනයක් වන එකී වගන්තිය පොදුවේ ජනතාව විසින් ප්‍රගතිශීලී පියවරක් ලෙස පිළිගෙන ඇත.

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BAR ASSOCIATION OF SRI LANKA

15<sup>th</sup> August 2017

#### STATEMENT BY THE BAR ASSOCIATION OF SRI LANKA

It is an imperative requirement for a Democratic society founded upon the rule of law, to preserve, protect and safeguard the independence of the judiciary. The Constitution of our Country makes specific provision in this regard since the ability to impart Justice impartially together with the law enforcement authorities being able to carry out their duties without fear, favour or undue influence being brought upon them politically or otherwise, is sine qua non of a functional Democracy.

As such Law enforcement authorities including the Attorney General's Department in any Democracy that does not merely pay lip service to Good Governance, would not be directed by political authorities.

Any demand to do so and any pressure or influence which would even indirectly suggest that these institutions be directed in that manner would result in the cornerstone of a Democratic society being damaged.

In the circumstances, the Bar Association of Sri Lanka notes with grave concern of certain recent remarks and baseless allegations made against the Attorney General's Department specially relating to particular officers in relation to their professional engagements.

It is also disconcerting to note that attempts are being made by certain interested elements in society to interfere in the affairs of the law enforcement authorities; particularly the Attorney Generals Department through the Minister of Justice.

The decision whether to prosecute or not based on the available evidence and whether any evidence is available in the manner required by Law is essentially within the professional purview of the Hon. Attorney General. Such decisions can not be taken based on perceptions created in the minds of the Public by interested parties.

The Minister of Justice can according to Law only be involved in the providing of administrative support to the Attorney General's Department and undoubtedly has no right whatsoever and/or power to interfere with the affairs of the Attorney Generals Department and/or the law enforcement authorities.

The objectives of the Constitution of the Bar Association of Sri Lanka mandate the Association to take all steps necessary to protect the independence of the Judiciary and the impartiality of the law enforcement authorities.

Therefore, the Bar Association of Sri Lanka requests all parties concerned to exercise restraint in their comments and refrain from attempts to exert undue influence and pressure on the law enforcement authorities. To act otherwise in the hope of exerting pressure on institutions that are not expected to defend themselves by public pronouncements, would only result in public confidence being eroded in these institutions for no fault of theirs.

**U R De Silva**  
**President**  
**Bar Association of Sri Lanka**

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**DEMANDING JUSTICE FOR MALDIVIAN LAWYERS**

The Bar Association of Sri Lanka (BASL) is the voice of the Sri Lankan legal fraternity consisting of approximately 18,000 members, both from the official and unofficial Bar. BASL is perturbed by the recent development which had taken place in the Republic of Maldives concerning the legal profession in which at least 54 lawyers, representing almost one-third of the Maldivian Bar, have been charged for the alleged offense of contempt of court for filing a petition demanding the Rule of Law be upheld in the nation.

Every lawyer, irrespective of the territory in which he/she engages in their profession, has a legal and moral obligation to strive hard to uphold the Rule of Law and to stand up for the Rule of Law.

The United Nations Basic Principles on the Role of Lawyers provides a framework regarding international norms for lawyers and their rights, duties and privileges. Principle 16 states, inter alia, that...

*"Governments shall ensure that lawyers...are able to perform all of their professional functions without intimidation, hindrance, harassment or improper interference; and...shall not suffer, or be threatened with, prosecution or administrative, economic or other sanctions for any action taken in accordance with recognized professional duties, standards and ethics."*

Principle 23 further states that:

*"Lawyers like other citizens are entitled to freedom of expression, belief, association and assembly. In particular, they shall have the right to take part in public discussion of matters concerning the law, the administration of justice and the promotion and protection of human rights and to join or form local, national or international organizations and attend their meetings, without suffering professional restrictions by reason of their lawful action or their membership in a lawful organization. In exercising these rights, lawyers shall always conduct themselves in accordance with the law and the recognized standards and ethics of the legal profession."*

The right to engage in a profession is a universal right recognized by the United Nations. Article 23.1 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights states:

*"(1) Everyone has the right to work, to free choice of employment, to just and favourable conditions of work and to protection against unemployment."*

Lawyers are an integral part of society and should be able to perform their duties to their fullest extent, without fear or favour. The optimal functioning of the legal profession is vital in upholding the Rule of Law in a prosperous and effective democracy.

Judge Sanjiv Monageng, the First Vice-President of the International Criminal Court, in a speech delivered at the World Forum Conference Centre, The Hague, Netherlands on 20<sup>th</sup> November 2012 stated that:

*"...the rule of law and the proper administration of justice, of which an independent judiciary and legal profession are prerequisites, play a central role in the promotion and protection of human rights."*

EX-10.



THE PRESIDENT'S OFFICE  
MALE,  
REPUBLIC OF MALDIVES

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24<sup>th</sup> October 2017

Amal A. Randeniya,  
Secretary  
Bar Association of Sri Lanka

Dear Mr. Randeniya,

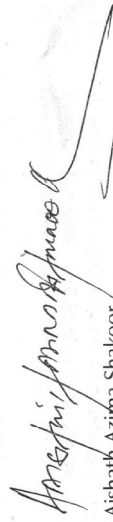
With reference to your statement dated October 04, 2017 I would like to take this opportunity to draw to your attention that this is a case involving the Supreme Court who operates independently under its constitutional provisions.

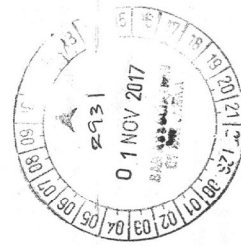
Please also note that Maldives Bar Association members are accountable to the Supreme Court and they have rules and code of ethics that they have to adhere to. Consequently, Supreme Court may take actions with their lawyers if they find that they have violated their code of conduct and we as the Executive do not intervene in their matters.

The Government of Maldives reiterates its commitment towards upholding democratic principles, impartiality and the independence of lawyers.

Please accept the assurances of my highest consideration.

Yours sincerely,

  
Aishath Azima Shakoora  
Minister for Legal Affairs





## **CHAPTER 05**

### **BENCH AND THE BAR**



## BENCH BAR MEETINGS OF THE BASL

Bench and Bar meeting were regularly held during the year to discuss problems faced by the Bar and its membership. The meetings were presided by His Lordship the Chief Justice Priyasath Dep PC and attended by the other members of the Judicial Service Commission. Representing the Bar were the President and Secretary.

Among the issues discussed were the need to provide all candidates who sat for the judicial Services examinations with their respective marks and the need to consult the Bar on recruitment to the judicial service on the existence of any impediments.

When appointing Judges to the High Court a proposal to appoint certain number of judges from the unofficial bar was placed before the meetings and same had been agreed and implemented thereafter.

The Bar on several occasions brought to the notice of the JSC complaints relating to judicial conduct and especially instances where Attorneys-at-law faced difficulties in certain courts.

The BASL also encouraged outstation Bars too to conduct bench and bar meetings to ensure greater cooperation in dispensing justice.

To ensure rapid and need infrastructure developments in the court complexes were also discussed and accordingly, Court Management Committees were appointed to each Court house upon the request of the BASL. The members of the said Committees included the Senior Judge, Registrar, President and Secretary of the Branch Association and the Technical Officer of the Zone.

Further, several number of JSC Circulars in respect of Administration of Justice were issued during the period upon the request of the BASL including the following among others;

- a) Appointing Acting Panels of Lawyers in Courts
- b) Recruiting of Research Assistants for the Judges of the Superior Courts

During the period the following Ceremonial sittings were held

- 24.05.2017 - Enable the Bar to welcome Hon. Vijith Kumara Malalgoda PC as a Judge of the Supreme Court.
- 26.05.2017 - Swearing of 28 Attorneys-at-Law as President's Counsel
- 19.07.2017 - For the Admission of 307 Attorneys
- 12.09.2017 - Mr. Nawanage Don Priyantha Kumara ASG as President's Counsel
- 25.01.2018 - Enable the Bar to welcome Hon. Lakshman Tikiri Banda Dehideniya as a Judge of the Supreme Court.
- 15-19 Feb 2018- For the Admission of 895 Attorneys
- 02.03.2018 - Enable the Bar to welcome Hon. A.A.U. Wengappuli as a Judge of the Court of Appeal
- 21.03.2018 - Enable the Bar to welcome Hon. Murdu Nirupa Bidushinie Fernando PC as a Judge of the Supreme Court.

BASL also organised a felicitation dinner for the newly appointed Chief Justice of the Republic, His Lordship the Chief Justice Priyasath Dep, President's Counsel.







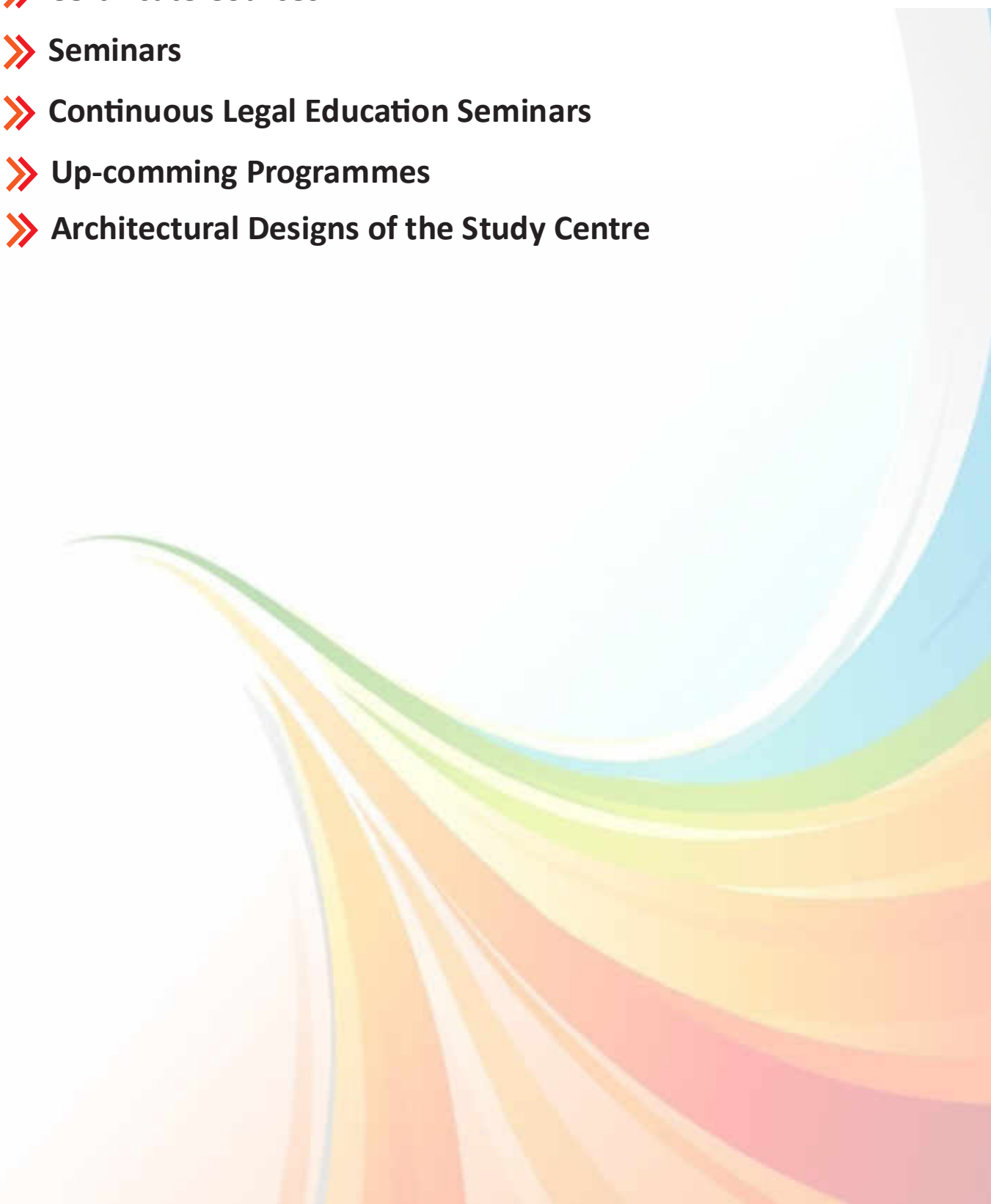






## CHAPTER 06

### BASL ADVANCED LEGAL STUDY CENTRE

- » Certificate Courses
  - » Seminars
  - » Continuous Legal Education Seminars
  - » Up-coming Programmes
  - » Architectural Designs of the Study Centre
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## **BASL ADVANCED LEGAL STUDY CENTRE**

Many number of Continuing Legal Education programs were organized to the BASL Membership in order to support to the establishment of the BASL Advanced Study Centre. Within the year of 2017/2018, Six (06) Certificate Courses contributing to generate **LKR 6,597,000/-** as the total income.

### **Certificate Course Forensic Science**

With the high demand and proved record of income and after two years interval and commenced the Certificate Course of Forensic Science as 12 Weeks Course under the BASL Advanced Study Centre. The Certificate Course commenced on 24th May 2017 and, there were 166 participants into this training. The total income of this program was LKR 1,340,000/-.

Professor Ravindra Fernando, Senior Professor on Forensic Science and Toxicology, Faculty of Medicine, University of Colombo was the Course Coordinator of this Course while Mr. U.R. De Silva, President's Counsel, President BASL, Mr. Yasantha Kodagoda, President's Counsel, Additional Solicitor General, Attorney General Department Mr. Sunil D.B. Abeyaratne, Attorney-at-Law, Mr. Shani Abeysekera SSP Crime Investigation Department, Mr. Chandana Perera, Registrar of Fingerprints, Criminal Records Division, Mr. W.D.G.S.Gunatilake, Former Government Analyst and Mrs. K.K.Apsara, Senior Assistant Government Examiner of Questioned Documents were serving as the Resource Persons of this Certificate Course.

### **Certificate Course Criminal Defense**

With the aim of providing a high quality Training on Criminal Law, the BASL has re-launched its Certificate Course – Criminal Defence in the year 2017/2018 as a Twelve Weeks Course. With the popular demand BASL successfully conduct two Certificate Courses inside this year. The commencement of the first intake was taken place on 14th July 2017 and the second intake began on 19th January 2018. There were 362 registrations for both intakes [135 registrations for the first intake while there were 127 registrations for the second intake] and the total income of both intakes was LKR 2,644,000/-

Mr. U. R. De Silva President's Counsel, President BASL was the Course Coordinator of both intakes while Mr. Anil Silva, PC, Mr. Prashantha Lal De Alwis, PC, Mr. Kalinga Indatissa PC, Mr. Sarath Jayamanne, PC, ASG, Mr. Saliya Pieris, PC, Mr. Nevil Abeyratne, PC, Mr. Rohantha Abeyhuriya DSG, Mr. Chethiya Gunasekera, DSG, Mr. Madhawa Tennakoon, SSC, Mr. D.A.P Weeratna, AAL, Mr. Sunil Abeyaratne, AAL, Mr. Upali Mohotti, AAL, Mr. M.A.M.Hakeem, Attorney-at-Law, Senior Lecturer, Faculty of Law, University of Colombo are serving as the Resource Persons.

### **Advanced Certificate Course ICT Law**

Due to popular demand, the regular Certificate Course on ICT Law was decided to be upgraded to an Advanced Certificate Course and it was commenced in Colombo on 11th October 2017 as a Twelve Week Course. There were 83 enrollments to the Course and the total income of the course was LKR 1,474,000/-

The primary instructor for this course was Mr. Sunil Abeyaratne, Attorney-at-Law and author of a law textbook on Sri Lankan ICT law. Hon. Justice P. Surasena, Mr Jayantha Fernando, Legal Advisor for ICTA, Dr. Prathiba Mahanamahewa, Mr. Kalinga Indatissa, PC, Mr. Chandaka Jayasundara, PC, Mr. Naleen Hewawasam, Mr. Chanakya Jayadeva, AAL, Mr. Chathura Galhena, AAL, Eng. Roshan Chandraguptha, CERT, Mr.

N. Selvakumaran, Senior Lecturer of Faculty of Law University of Colombo, Dr. Sampath Punchihewa, Lecturer Faculty of Law University of Colombo were the lecturers for the program.

Additionally, a Panel Discussion on Emerging Issues relevant to Judiciary under the development of ICT was organized under this Advanced Certificate Course and it was successfully held on 24th January 2018 at the Dr. H. W. Jayewardene QC Auditorium, BASL. This Discussion was included a panel of judges and experts in the field namely, Hon. Justice Buwaneka Aluwihare, PC, Judge of the Supreme Court, Hon. Justice K.T.Chithrasiri, Judge of the Supreme Court, Hon. Justice Kumudini Wickremasinghe, Judge of the Court of Appeal, Mr. Jayantha Fernando, Director/Legal Adviser ICT Agency of Sri Lanka, Mr. Roshan Chandragupta, Principal Information Security Engineer, Sri Lanka CERT and it was moderated by Mr. Sunil Abeyaratne, Attorney-at-Law.

### **Certificate Course EIA**

Certificate Course on Effective Instructing Attorneys [EIA] is one of most popular courses in Bar Association of Sri Lanka's History. By 2016, it completed 12th intake. With this proved history, the BASL launched the Effective Instructing Attorneys [EIA] Course in the Year of 2017/2018 under the direct coordination of Mr. Amal Randeniya, Secretary BASL.

There were 71 enrollments into this Certificate Course and Mr. G.G.Arulpragasam, AAL, Mr. M.U.M.Ali Sabry, PC, Mr. Prasantha Lal de Alwis, PC, Mr. Kushan De Alwis, PC, Mr. Kuvera De Zoysa, PC, Mr. Saliya Pieris, PC, Mr. Jagath Wickremanayake, AAL, Mr. Erusha Kalidasa, AAL, Mr. Vidura Ranawake, AAL and Mr. Indika Perera, AAL were the Resource Persons of this Certificate Course. The total income of the Course was LKR 835,000/-.

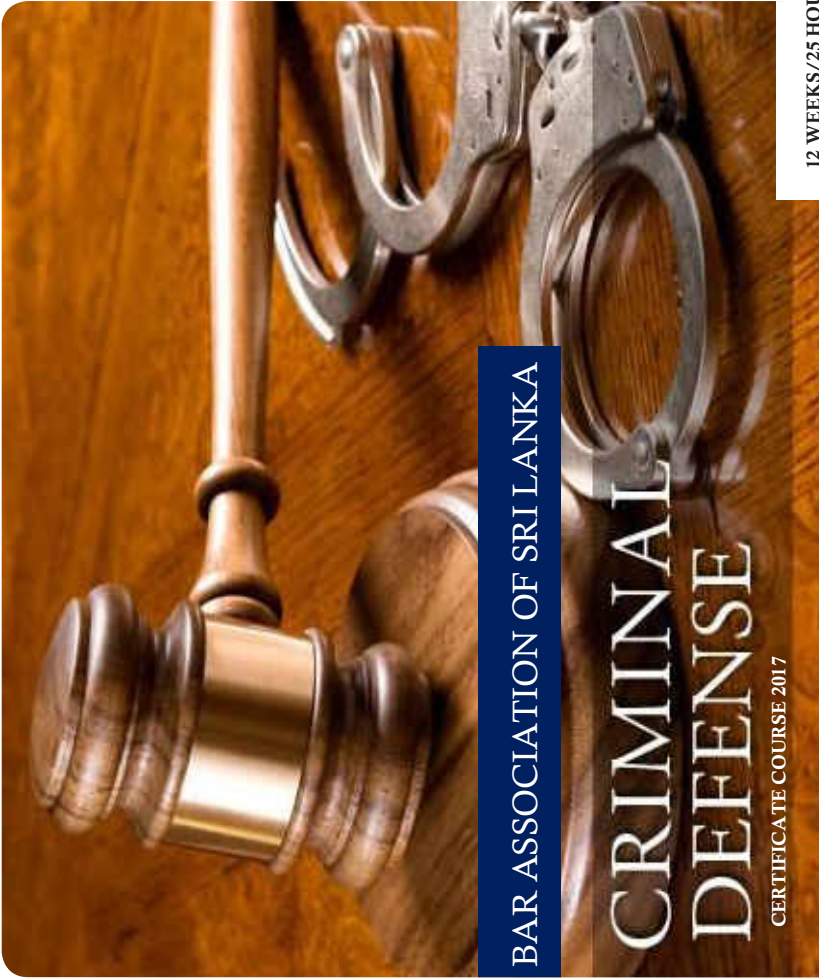
### **Certificate Course Legal English**

Since a good command of the English language is undoubtedly a great asset to lawyers and law students, BASL developed a Certificate Course in the Year of 2017/2018 to provide English language skills for the Lawyers and Law Students. Based on the Placement test marks, participants were offered a Eight (08) weeks Course which is coordinated with Mr. R. Shehan C. Perera, Attorney-at-Law, English Language Lecturer at Sri Lanka Law College. Mr. Vishwa De Livera Tennakoon, Attorney-at-Law also contributed to this Certificate Course as a Resource Person in addition to the Course Coordinator and the Primary Instructor of the program. There were 38 participants to the program and the total income was LKR 304,000/-

### **Day Seminar on Overview of Anti-Money Laundering Measures in Sri Lanka**

In addition to these Certificate Courses, BASL has organized many day seminars including the seminar on 'Overview of Anti-Money Laundering Measures in Sri Lanka on 23rd January 2018 at the Dr. H. W. Jayewardene QC Auditorium, BASL. This program was offered free of charge to the participants and as a collaborative initiative with ANC. Mrs. Jeeva Niriella, Senior Lecturer of the Faculty of Law University of Colombo was the Resource Person and there were 77 participants to the program.

The BASL Management Committee together with the BASL Administrative Staff and the BASL Program Committee provided the solid pillar behind the success of all the above activities completed in the Year of 2017/2018.



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- Maintenance, 66 Application, Public Nuisance and Proceedings in Original Courts
- Art of Cross Examination, Marking Contradictions and Omissions in a Criminal case
- Trial Procedure in Magistrate Courts and High Courts, Voire Dire Inquiries and Victims and Witness Protection Act
- Expert Evidence and Appreciation of Evidence and Arguments
- Bail, Applicability of Computer Evidence and White Collar Crimes [Financial Crimes]
- Court Proceedings relating to Bribery and other Corruption offences and Public Interest Litigation
- Criminal Appeal and Revision
- Criminal law and Human Rights [International Crimes]

**FROM 14<sup>th</sup> JULY, 2017**  
From 3.00pm – 5.00pm  
At Dr. H. W. Jayewardene QC Auditorium, BASL

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# ICT LAW

## ADVANCED CERTIFICATE COURSE

*Learning Opportunity to Enhance the Legal Knowledge on Applicability and Recent Development of Law*



**FROM 11<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER, 2017**  
From 3.00pm – 5.00pm  
At Dr. H. W. Jayewardene QC Auditorium, BASL

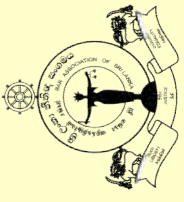
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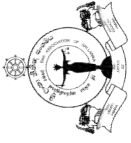
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# CERTIFICATE COURSE ON FORENSIC SCIENCE



BAR ASSOCIATION OF SRI LANKA

### Topics

- Investigation of death (Coroner system) and Crime Scene Investigation Pathological Evidence
- Role of Prosecution and Defence
- Relevancy of Forensic Science in cases of MURDER, RAPE, ABDUCTION and CHILD ABUSE
- Finger Print, DNA and Firearms and Ballistics
- Forensic Science and Expert Opinion
- Examination of Expert witnesses
- Questioned Documents [EQD]
- Admissibility of Computer Evidence and Forensic Issues

### Resource Persons

- Professor Ravindra Fernando, Senior Professor Forensic Science and Toxicology, University of Colombo
- Mr. Yasantha Kodagoda, PC, Additional Solicitor General
- Mr. U.R. De Silva, PC, President, Bar Association of Sri Lanka
- Mr. Sunil Abeyaratne, Attorney-at-Law, Former Secretary, BASL
- Mr. W. D.G.S. Gunathilake, Former Government Analyst, Government Analyst Department
- Ms.K.K.Apsara, Senior Assistant Government Examiner of Questioned Documents
- Mr. Shani Abeyskera, SSP, Criminal Investigation Division
- Mr. Chandana Perera, Chief Inspector

07 WEEKS/21 HOURS EVERY WEDNESDAY

### COURSE FEE

- Non-Lawyers Rs.12, 000/-
- Lawyers Rs.10, 000/-
- Law Students and Apprentices Rs.7, 500/-

**FROM 24<sup>TH</sup> MAY, 2017**

From 3.00pm – 6.00pm

At Dr. H. W. Jayewardene QC Auditorium, BASL

Amal Randeniya,  
Secretary, Bar Association of Sri Lanka  
Tel:0112447134, Fax: 0112448090, basl.lawnet@gmail.com, www.basl.lk

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**Mr. R Shehan C Perera, AAL**  
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Lecturer – English Language, Sri Lanka Law College

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- ✓ Introduction to Legal English
- ✓ Vocabulary and Legal Terms
- ✓ Challenging Areas of Grammar
- ✓ Pronunciation
- ✓ Reading and Comprehension
- ✓ Legal Writing
- ✓ Discussions and Speech Skills
- ✓ Language Basics for the Court Room

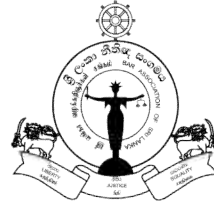
*Those who are interested to follow the Legal English Course are required to sit for the Placement Test*

- ✓ The Placement Test will be held on **12<sup>th</sup> February 2018** at the BASL Mini Auditorium from 2.00pm to 3.00pm.
- ✓ Those who will be eligible for the Certificate Course will be notified on the same day through email.
- ✓ Each intake will be limited for 50 participants on first come first served basis

*Rupees 500 will be charged from each interested applicant for the Placement Test.*







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**BAR ASSOCIATION OF SRI LANKA PRESENTS**

**INTERNATIONAL / CROSS BORDER COMMERCIAL AND INFRASTRUCTURE CONTRACTS AND DISPUTE RESOLUTION**

**THE 21st CENTURY TRANSFORMATION WITH TECHNOLOGY AND THE BELT AND ROAD INITIATIVE**

**INTRODUCTION**

**The Belt and Road Initiative (BRI)**

NEW SILK ROAD ECONOMIC BELT

- ▶ The BRI is a development strategy proposed by China focusing on connectivity and cooperation among sixty five (65) countries including the Eurasian countries, PRC, the land-based Silk Road Economic Belt (SREB) and the ocean-going Maritime Silk Road (MSRI). This is inclusive of Sri Lanka as well.
- ▶ International, cross border and infrastructure contracts will be at the forefront of many developing nations redeveloping and expanding their ports, highways, railways, gas pipelines, potentially leading to estimated investment of nearly US \$900 billion along the route and harmonization of standards initiative designed to simplify investment and trade procedures, improve standards to an international level and support the construction of greater connectivity.

**This Programme**

- ▶ Understandably, Southern Asia has a lot to offer with respect to dealing and/or managing international, cross border and infrastructure contracts and dispute resolution and needs to embrace transformation with Dispute Resolution and Technology.
- ▶ This programme will briefly consider the 21st century's international, cross border commercial and infrastructure contracts and the integral part that appropriate dispute resolution mechanisms beyond the traditional mechanism and technology advances apply to such contracts.

**DATE** : Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> December 2017  
**TIME** : From 2.00 p.m. to 5.00 p.m.  
**VENUE** : At BASL Mini Auditorium

**SPEAKER**

**ANIL CHANGAROTH** FCI(Ab) FSI(Ab) FPC(Ab)

Mediator, Adjudicator and Arbitrator  
 Advocate and Solicitor of Singapore & Solicitor of England and Wales  
 MSc in Construction Law & Arbitration,  
 King's College London & National University of Singapore  
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**REGISTRATION**

Registration fee – Rs. 1,000/- (One Thousand only)  
 Please contact the BASL Secretariat for registration

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**SEMINAR ON NO.08 AMENDMENT TO THE CIVIL PROCEDURE CODE**

**Applicability of the New Provisions**

ORGANIZED BY THE APPRENTICE TRAINING COMMITTEE OF THE BAR ASSOCIATION OF SRI LANKA

**Resource Persons**

Hon. Pradeep Jayathilake, Acting Secretary, Judicial Service Commission  
 Hon. Sujeewa Nissanka, District Judge, Colombo  
 Mr. M. U. M. Ali Sabry, President's Counsel  
 Mr. Kuvvera De Zoysa, President's Counsel

Moderator: Mr. Lasith Kanuwanaarachchi, Attorney-at-Law

**On 27<sup>th</sup> July, 2017**  
 From 2.00pm – 5.30pm  
 At Dr. H. W. Jayewardene QC Auditorium, BASL

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**COMMUNICATION SKILLS FOR YOUNG LEGAL PROFESSIONALS**

**6th February 2018**  
From 2.30 pm – 5.30 pm  
At Dr. H. W. Jayewardene QC Auditorium, BASL

**Organised by the Bar Association of Sri Lanka**  
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**Resource Pool**

**Speakers**

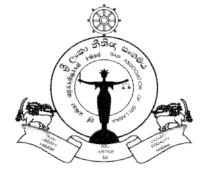
- Professor Rajive Wijesinghe
- Professor Ranjith Bandula
- Mr. Prasantha Lal De Alwis FC
- Mr. D. L. Mendis Attorney at Law

**Panellists** – Professor J. B. Dissanayake M.A., Indira Samarasinghe FC, Mr. Sunil Abeyaratne and Mr. Sunil Fernando

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**Panel Discussion on Emerging Issues relevant to Judiciary under the Development of ICT**

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**PROGRAM AGENDA**

02.00 pm – 03.00pm		Registration
03.00pm – 03.15 pm	15min	Introduction to the Panel Discussion by Mr. Sunil Abeyaratne, the Moderator
03.15pm – 03.30 pm	15 min	View of Hon. Justice Buwaneka Aluwihare, PC, Judge of the Supreme Court
03.30 pm – 03.45 pm	15 min	Views of Hon. Justice K.T.Chithrasiri, Judge of the Supreme Court
03.45pm – 04.00 pm	15 min	Views of Hon. Justice Kumudini Wickremasinghe, Judge of the Court of Appeal
04.00pm – 04.15pm	15 min	Views of Mr. Jayantha Fernando, Director/Legal Adviser ICT Agency of Sri Lanka
04.15pm – 04.30 pm	15 min	Views of Mr. Roshan Chandragupta, Principal Information Security Engineer, Sri Lanka CERT
04.30pm – 05.00 pm	30 min	Q & A
05.00 pm		Conclusion


**02<sup>nd</sup> to 04<sup>th</sup> JANUARY, 2018**  
02.00pm – 5.00pm  
At Dr. H. W. Jayewardene QC Auditorium, BASL

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**ADDRESS TO THE BAR ASSOCIATION OF SRI LANKA BY THE HONORABLE SOCIETY OF THE INNER TEMPLE OF ENGLAND AND WALES**


On select topics of contemporary legal relevance

ORGANISED BY THE BAR ASSOCIATION OF SRI LANKA (BASL) IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE SRI LANKA MEDICAL ASSOCIATION (SLMA)



**Mr. David Pittaway QC**  
Treasurer of the Inner Temple

Mr. David Pittaway QC, is Head of Chambers at Hailsham Chambers, London. His principal practice areas are medical law, public inquiries, regulatory and disciplinary, product liability, personal injury and insurance law. He is frequently instructed in cases defending high profile clients in both the healthcare and non-healthcare sectors against reputational damage.



**Ms. Julia Dias QC**  
Senior Bencher of the Inner Temple

Ms. Julia Dias QC practices as a barrister at 7 King's Bench Walk (7KBW) Chambers in the fields of arbitration, shipping, insurance and reinsurance and professional negligence. Former members of 7KBW include Lord Denning, Lord Brandon, Lord Goff, Lord Hobhouse, and Lord Mance.

- Topics**
- **Mr. David Pittaway QC on** 'An Anatomy of a Case: A Study of a Clinical Negligence Action'
  - **Ms. Julia Dias QC on** 'Challenges to the Enforcement of Arbitration Awards under the New York Convention'; and
  - **Mr. David Pittaway QC/ Ms. Julia Dias QC on** Comparative insight into of the concept and purpose of Pre-Trial Hearings, following the passing of the Civil Procedure Code (Amendment) Act, No. 8 of 2017.

**On Monday 04<sup>th</sup> September, 2017**  
from 2.30 pm – 5.30 pm  
at Dr. H. W. Jayewardene QC Auditorium, BASL  
Dress Code – Court Attire/ Lounge

**TICKETS LKR. 1000/= Only**

**Seminar Organized by the Notarial Practice Committee of The Bar Association of Sri Lanka**

**A Survey of the recent statutes imposing obligations on Lawyers and Notaries pertaining to Foreign Exchange and reporting of suspicious transactions to the Financial Intelligence Unit**

**Topics**

- Foreign Exchange Act No 12 of 2017
- Gazette Order obligation of reporting suspicious transactions to the Financial Intelligence unit

**Speakers :**

**Mr. Arjuna Obeyesekere** - Senior Deputy Solicitor General - Attorney General's Department  
**Mr. Sudarshana de Silva** - Senior State Counsel - Attorney General's Department  
**Mr. R. R. Jayarathne** - Attorney-at-Law, Additional Director Foreign Exchange, Central Bank of Sri Lanka  
**Mr. Ayesh Arjyasinghe** - Senior Assistant Director, Central Bank - Financial Intelligence Unit  
**Mr. S. Naghamulla** - DIG Criminal Investigations Department (CID)

**Panel Discussion**

**Mr. M.U.M Ali Sabry** FC, Deputy President BASL, **Mr. Theja Silva** : Deputy General Manager : Nations Trust Bank PLC, **Mr. Arjuna Obeyesekere** - Senior Deputy Solicitor General - Attorney General's Department, **Mr. Sudarshana de Silva** - Senior State Counsel - Attorney General's Department, **Mr. R. R. Jayarathne** - Attorney-at-Law, Additional Director Foreign Exchange, Central Bank of Sri Lanka, **Mr. Ayesh Arjyasinghe** - Senior Assistant Director, Central Bank - Financial Intelligence Unit, **Mr. S. Naghamulla** - DIG Criminal Investigations Department

Date - 10<sup>th</sup> November 2017  
Time - 1.00pm-5.00pm  
Venue - Dr H W Jayewardene QC Auditorium (BASL Auditorium)

**Ticket Rs. 1500/-**

Contact – Mr. S. Rajarathnan - Co-Chairperson-NPC Committee : Phone 017-4167975  
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 For Reservation & Tickets : BASL : 011-2447134 / 011-2331697 / basl.lawnet@gmail.com **Amal A. Randeniya** Secretary BASL

(Proceedings of the Seminar will be made available to the participants on a CD for an additional amount of Rs.200/-. Those who need may make the payment to Mr. Sunil @ BASL and reserve a copy.)





## Continuous Legal Education Seminars

Under the Guidance of Mr. Saliya Peiris PC ,CLE committee conducted seminars around the Country. The seminars were conducted in all three languages in Civil Law and Criminal Law Areas. Seminars were held in

- Polonnaruwa
- Matara
- Galle
- Tangalle
- Kaluthara
- Avissawella
- Puttlam
- Kalmunai and
- BASL Auditorium

It is honour to state that Mr. Saliya Peiris PC made his personal contribution throughout the seminar series to make the same a success.

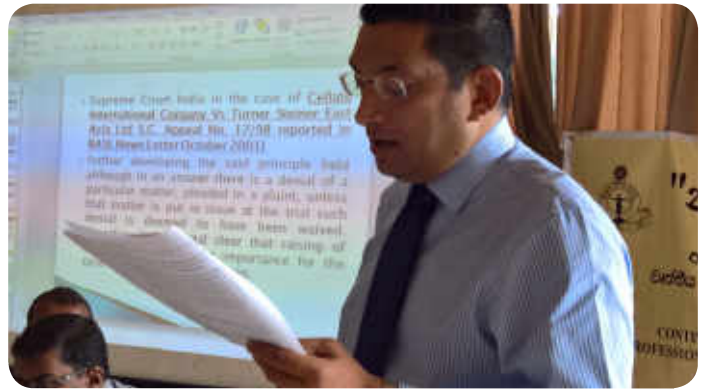
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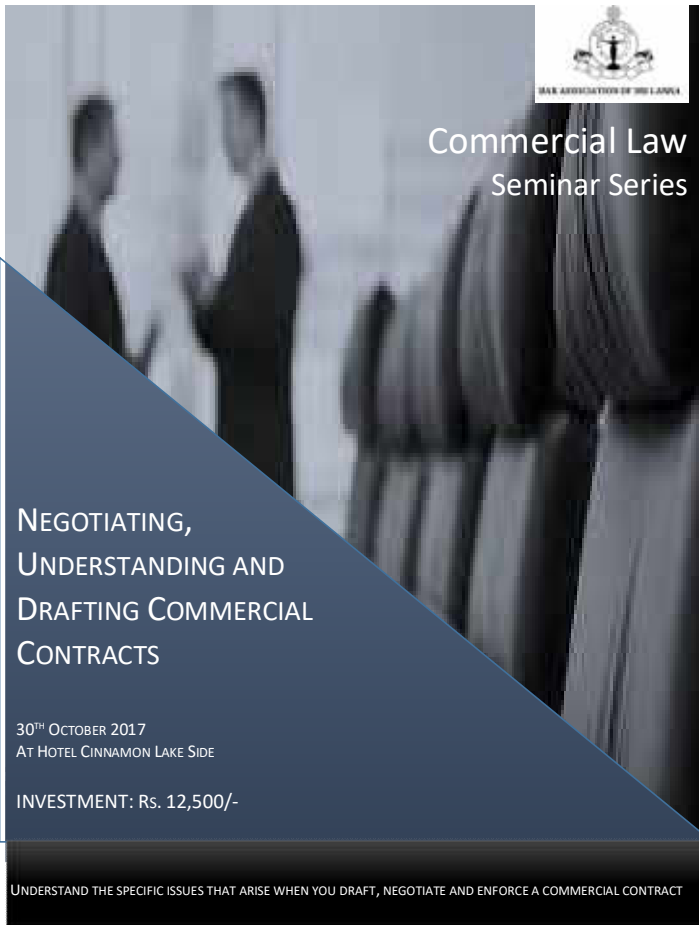


### Outstation Programmes





## Up-coming Programmes



**Commercial Law Seminar Series**

**NEGOTIATING, UNDERSTANDING AND DRAFTING COMMERCIAL CONTRACTS**

30<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 2017  
AT HOTEL CINNAMON LAKE SIDE

INVESTMENT: Rs. 12,500/-

UNDERSTAND THE SPECIFIC ISSUES THAT ARISE WHEN YOU DRAFT, NEGOTIATE AND ENFORCE A COMMERCIAL CONTRACT



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**Certificate Course on Election Law**



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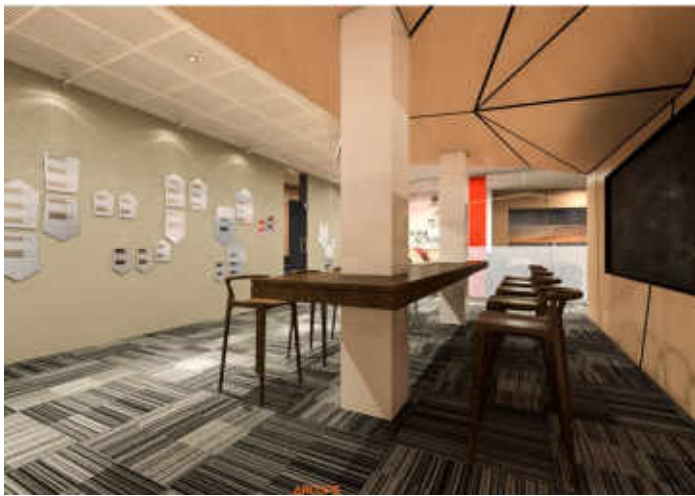
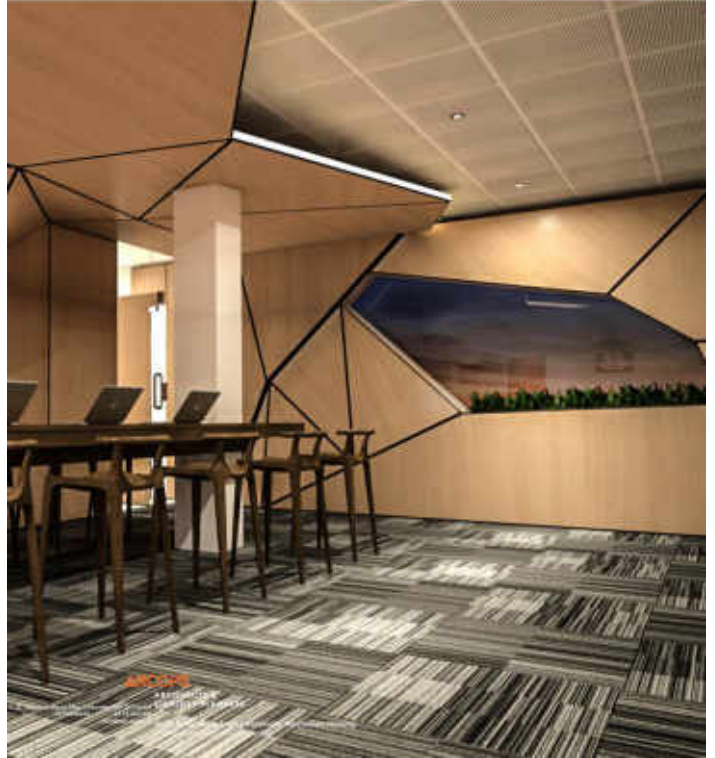
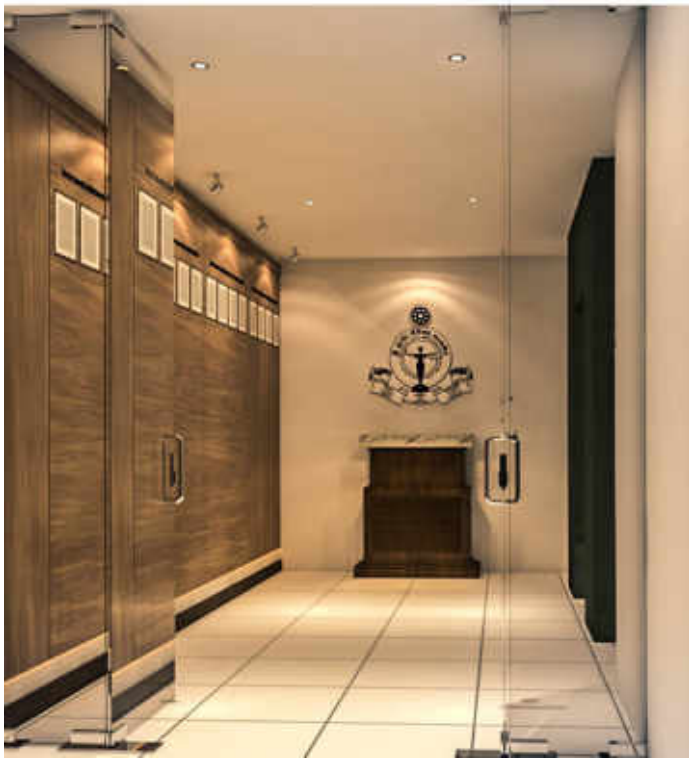
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- Jurisdiction of Courts and Remedies
- The Law Applicable to Commercial Contracts, Civil Procedure, Conflict of Laws and Complex Commercial Litigation
- Toolkit for a Successful Commercial Practitioner in Trial Advocacy [Pre-Trial Litigation, Trial Advocacy and Appellate Advocacy]
- The Law and Procedural Rules of Commercial Arbitration
- Drafting and Enforcing Arbitration Agreements
- Negotiation Ethics, Specific Bargaining Norms, Techniques and Strategies for Arbitrators
- Case Studies and Mock Scenarios

**FROM 07<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY, 2018**  
From 3.00pm – 5.00pm  
At Dr. H. W. Jayewardene QC Auditorium, BASL

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# Architectural Designs of the Study Centre



## **CHAPTER 07**

### **LEGAL AID, PUBLIC INTEREST LITIGATION & ACCESS TO JUSTICE**

- » **Legal Aid Committee Activities**
  - » **Meethotamulla Disaster Relief Assistants**
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**REPORT OF THE LEGAL AID AND PUBLIC INTEREST LITIGATION COMMITTEE BAR ASSOCIATION  
OF SRI LANKA 2017 - 2018**

**Chairperson** : Dr. W. D. Rodrigo, PC  
**Convener** : Mr. Ravindranath Dabare, Ms. Anushka Jayaweera

The main objective of the Bar Association of Sri Lanka is to ensure equality and justice for all Sri Lankans. This objective is achieved through legal aid services and public interest litigation that will promote, reinforce and safeguard the rule of law and good governance. The main responsibility for the implementation of the programmes connected with the said objectives is with the 'Legal Aid and Public Interest Litigation Committee' of the BASL. The Chairman, Convenors and the Members of the Committee wish to express their gratitude to the Hon President, Deputy President, Secretary, Assistant Secretary, the Executive Committee and the Staff of the BASL for their assistance and cooperation in the conduct of the affairs of the Committee during the period 2017 - 2018.

The Committee is happy to announce that it was able to render its services to the general public in Legal Aid as well as Public Interest Litigation. A Legal Aid Clinic was conducted at the BASL on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 2.30 p. m. to 5.00 p. m. There were clients from all parts of the country on almost every clinic day and they were assisted irrespective of their monthly income. In addition there were requests from community organisations to conduct awareness programmes. However, it was not possible to accede to such requests due to financial constraints.

The other important area of service of the Committee was Public Interest Litigation. Unlike the United States of America, where the objective of the Public Interest Litigation is to increase civic engagement in decision-making, the role of Social Action Litigation in India is to increase access to justice. In Sri Lanka it is a combination of both. Public interest litigation deals with the collective rights of the Sri Lankan public. This provides a means for the public to challenge government decisions and policy in order to ensure accountability and check abuse of power.

Thus public interest litigation has emerged as a useful tool that enables the public to bring certain broad matters of public interest such as environmental issues to the attention of Courts. In compliance with the duty imposed on every person in Sri Lanka by Article 28 of the Constitution of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka to:

- (a) Uphold and defend the Constitution and the law
- (b) Further the national interest
- (c) Preserve and protect public property and to combat misuse and waste of public property
- (d) Respect the rights and freedoms of others
- (e) Protect nature and conserve its riches

the Legal Aid and Public Interest Litigation Committee has taken following action:

- (a) Intervention in the Uma Oya Fundamental Rights Case
- (b) Institution of Salawa Fundamental Rights case

The above mentioned cases are still pending before the Supreme Court and the Chairman of the Committee Dr. W. D. Rodrigo, PC appears in both cases.



# MEETHOTAMULLA DISASTER RELIEF

THE BAR ASSOCIATION OF SRI LANKA  
PLANS PROVIDE ESSENTIAL ITEMS TO A 100 FAMILIES  
AFFECTED BY THE MEETHOTAMULLA DISASTER.

CONTRIBUTIONS CAN BE MADE TO THE  
FOLLOWING BASL ACCOUNT-

NAME OF ACCOUNT- BAR ASSOCIATION OF SRI LANKA  
BANK- COMMERCIAL BANK  
BRANCH- HULFTSDORP BRANCH  
AC NO.- 8232000001

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT-  
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## MEETHOTAMULLA DISASTER RELIEF

In the wake of the Meethotamulla disaster the BASL with the aid of several of our members was able to make contributions amounting to Rs. 350,000/- to those affected by the disaster.

In a further effort to provide aid to those affected by the disaster the BASL plans to make donations of essential household items and equipment to a hundred families who were displaced in the wake of the tragedy.

To this end the BASL has setup the following bank account and your kind contributions will be greatly appreciated.

Bank - Commercial Bank Hulftsdorp branch  
AC No - 8232000001

For any further information please contact Nishan Premathiratne  
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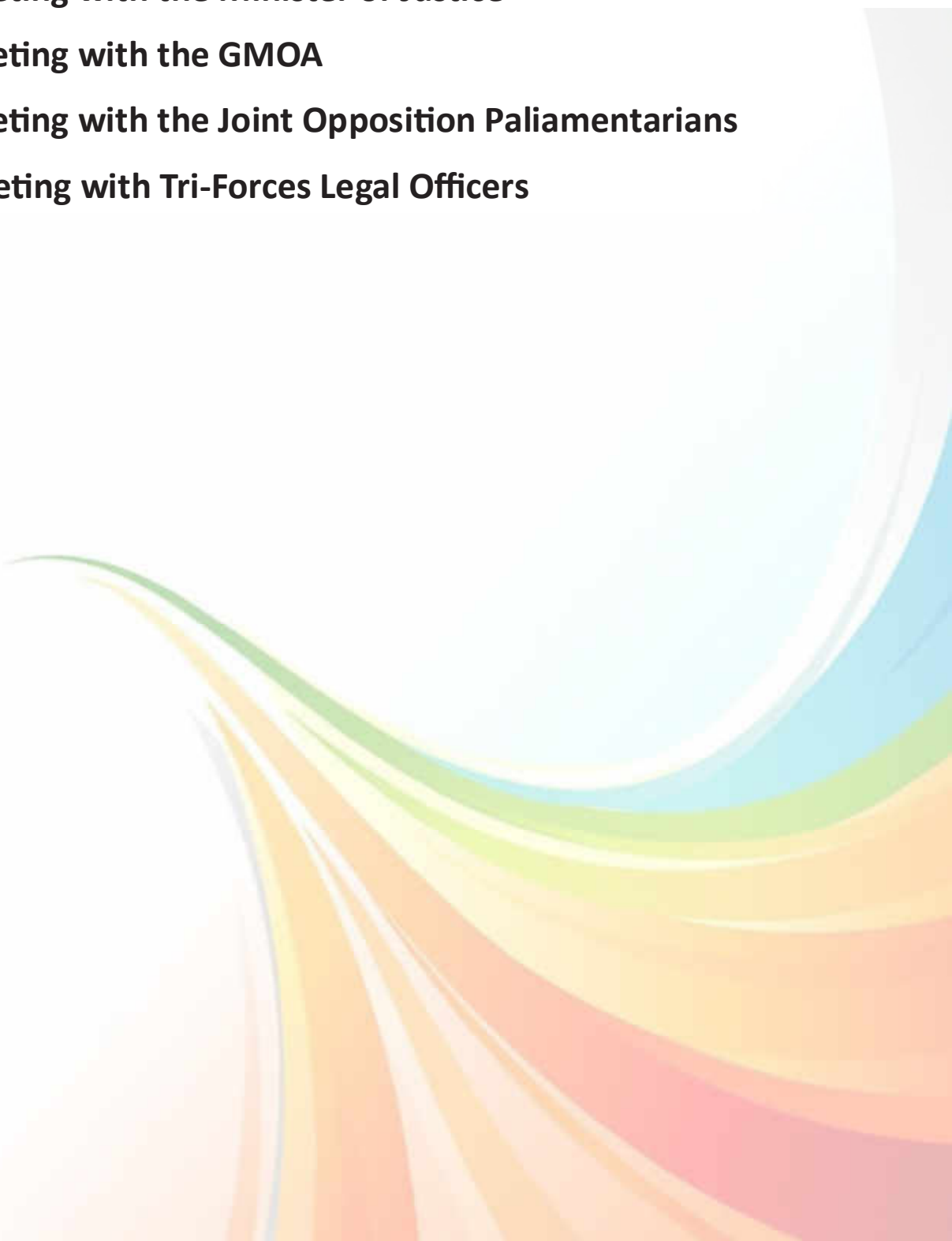
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## CHAPTER 08

### BASL Meetings with Government and Non-Government Officials

- » Meeting with the Minister of Justice
  - » Meeting with the GMOA
  - » Meeting with the Joint Opposition Parliamentarians
  - » Meeting with Tri-Forces Legal Officers
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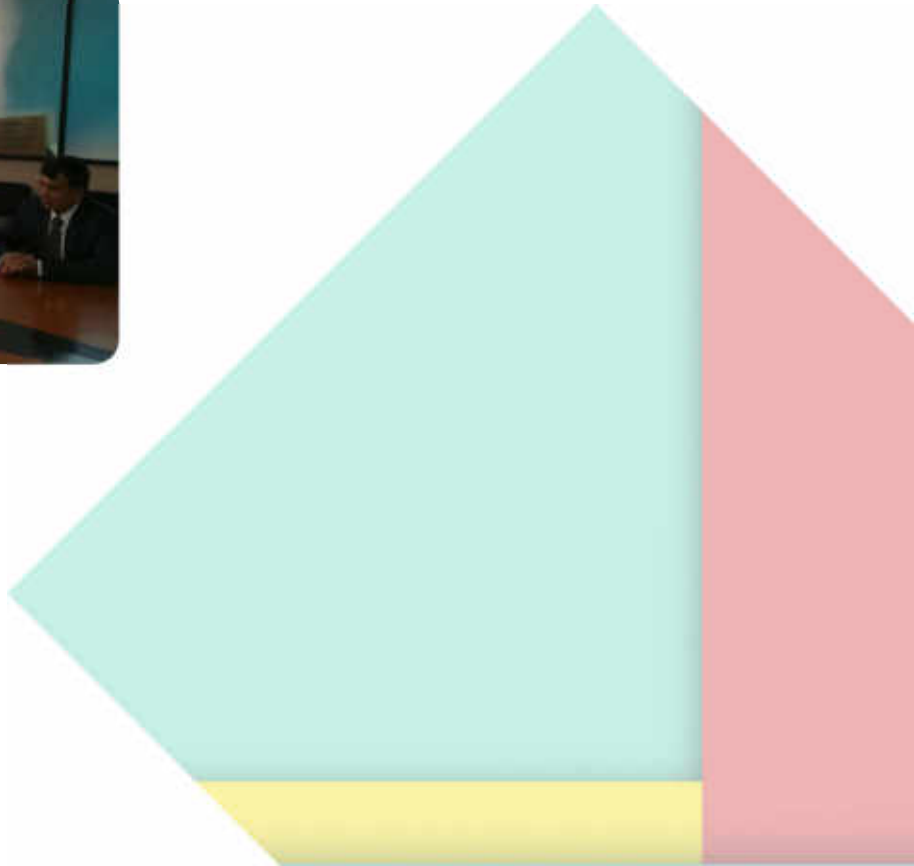
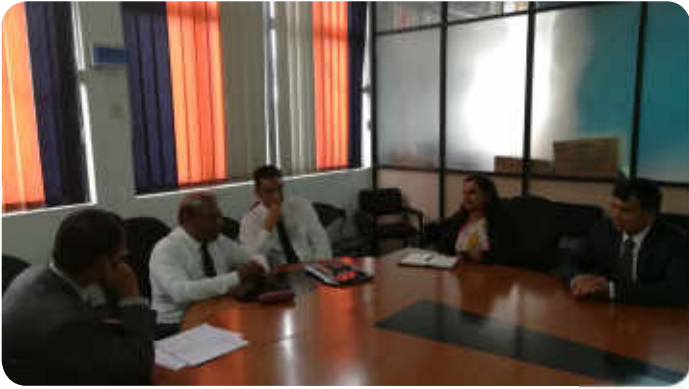
## CHAPTER 09

### BASL INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

- » Meeting with Judge Motoo Naguchi
  - » Meeting with Kerala Lawyers
  - » Meeting with Law Asia Officials
  - » Meeting with Pakistan and Nepal Lawyers
  - » Meeting with USAID & Chemonics
  - » Meeting with Nepal Law Commission Delegation
  - » Meeting with Punjab Bar Council
  - » Meeting with IFES of Sri Lanka reg: Election Dispute Resolutions
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## **CHAPTER 10**

### **BASL REPRESENTATION AT OTHER COMMITTEES**



During the period the BASL was represented in the following committees for uplifting Professional Standards, Rule of Law, Legal Education, Independence of the Judiciary, Public Interest, Court Management, Infrastructure Development and Amending Laws, such as:

	<b>Body/Authority/Committee</b>	<b>BASL Representative</b>
1	Incorporated Council of Legal Education	U.R. de Silva PC & Amal A. Randeniya
2	Legal Aid Commission	Mr. Priyantha Colombage
3	Eradication of Police Torture Committee	Amal A. Randeniya
4	Judicial Infrastructure Trust Fund	U.R. de Silva PC
5	Supreme Court Management Committee	U.R. de Silva PC
6	Right to Information Commission	Justice Rohini Walgama
7	Bench & Bar Committee	U.R. de Silva PC & Amal A. Randeniya
8	Inquest to death Committee	Amal A. Randeniya
9	Customs Law Reforms	Indika Perera & Riyad Ameen
10	Criminal Procedure Amendment Committee	U.R. de Silva PC & Amal A. Randeniya
11	Penal Code Amendment Committee	U.R. de Silva PC & Amal A. Randeniya
12	Task Force on Enforcing Contracts in SL	Harsha Fernando
13	Special Presidential Task Force on Recovery of State Asstes	U.R. de Silva PC
14	National Risk Management on Money Laundering & Terrorist Financing. National Coordinating Committee (NCC)	Mrs. Senehe Perera
15	Sectoral Oversight Committee on Legal Affairs of Parliament	U.R. de Silva PC & Sujeewa Lal Dhanayake
16	International Trade Agreements	Sunil Abeyratne & Rajitha Hathursinghe
17	Task Force on Judicial and Legal Causes for Prison Overcrowding and Prison Reforms	Amal A. Randeniya
18	Parliamentary Steering Committee on Constitutional Reforms	U.R. de Silva PC, Amal A. Randeniya & Rajitha Hathursinghe
19	Customer due diligence rules on designated Non-financial businesses & Professions Committee	Amal A. Randeniya

## CHAPTER 11

### BASL STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

- » Notarial Practice Committee
  - » Professional Purpose Committee
  - » Human Rights Committee
  - » Ethics Committee
  - » Information Technology & Communication Committee
  - » Future of Legal Education Committee
  - » OPA Committee
  - » Special Projects Committee
  - » Police Relations
  - » TAX Committee
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**NOTARIAL PRACTICE COMMITTEE**

Chairperson : Mr. S. Bagirathan  
Convener : Ms. Nirodha Kalansooriya

**PROGRESS OF ACTIVITIES OF NOTARIAL PRACTICE (NPC) & REGISTRATION OF TITLE COMMITTEE(ROT)2017/2018**

Mr. S. Bagirathan Attorney-at-Law & Ms Keerthimala Gunesequera Attorney-at-Law were appointed as co-chairperson of NPC Committee and Registration of Title Committee. Ms. Nirodha Kalansooriya Attorney-at-Law was appointed as convener of NOC Committee and Registration of Title Committee.

Subsequently Ms. Keerthimala Gunesequera Attorney-at-Law was submitted her resignation due to her busy schedule  
**MEETINGS OF THE COMMITTEE**

This committee had their monthly committee meetings on the Bar Council day at 9 A.M Due to several important Notarial matters to be considered urgently, this committee convened several additional committee meeting and consider this opportunity to thank the committee members for attending and contributing their suggestions and opinions to resolve those matters

**AMENDMENTS TO REGISTRATION OF TITLE ACT NO. 21 OF 1998**

The Committee had to focus mainly on the amendments related to Registration of title Act. The committee had perused the amendments to Registration of title Act and circulated the said amendments and requested all members of BASL, senior Legal officers of Bank, law firms and senior Lawyers to give their views and suggestions about the said two amendments.

A discussion on Act 21 of 1998, was carried out with the Chief Law officers of Banks, Financial institutions and senior partners of Law firms which was undoubtedly considered as an important area two days at the BASL Auditorium. The said meeting was of utmost importance to uplift the Notarial Practice by creating the necessary environment for the benefit of notaries to get valued knowledge, ideas and co-operation. Participants submitted in writing to the organizers of the discussion the problems encountered by them regarding the existing documentation in respect of Act 21 of 1998

Subsequently Committee had collated all the suggestions and submitted a comprehensive report to EXECO of BASL to be sent to Hon Minister of Justice

**MEETING WITH HON MINISTER OF JUSTICE**

As invited by Hon Minister of Justice Hon Wijayadasa Rajapakse PC, Committee and Senior Lawyers of Law firms held a meeting on 10/8/2017 with Hon Minister of Justice Hon Wijayadasa Rajapakse PC, Registrar General Department, Attorney General Department and Surveyors to discuss and to implementation of amendments to Title Registration Act at Parliamentary Premises.

**MEETING ON REGISTRATION OF TITLE ACT HELD BY INSTITUTE OF HUMAN RIGHTS**

Upon an invitation received from Institute of Human Rights, participated to the said meeting and contributed by giving the views of the committee, for the suggested amendments

**AMENDMENTS TO NOTARIES ORDINANCE**

Committee also liaised with EXCO and taken steps to submit amendments to Notaries Ordinance (which was submitted previous year) to Hon Minister of Home Affairs Our proposed amendment on the Notaries Ordinance was circulated to all the Branch Associations of the BASL for their observation and recommendation.

Subsequently a meeting was held at the Ministry of Justice presided by Mr. Nihal Jayamanne P.C to consider the report and recommendations tendered by the Notarial Committee of the BASL and Mr. S. Bagirathan Co chairman was invited for that meeting held on 6th October 2017 Mrs. Dilhara Amarasinghe Officer Assisting the Cabinet subcommittee on Legislation referred a copy the minutes of the meeting of the committee and therein testified that most of the recommendations referred by our BASL Notarial Committee was accepted by that Committee

**PAYMENT OF STAMP DUTY FOR DEEDS/INSTRUMENTS**

A letter was received from Commissioner of Revenue Western Province informing that there are number of lawyers who have not paid stamp duty for their deeds.NPC committee had a meeting with Commissioner of Revenue Western Province and got their approval to get 14 days to pay stamp duty after the date of execution of the deed /instrument without any fine .As discussed in the meeting taken steps to formulate a guideline to all lawyers/Notaries to affix a

photocopy of the stamp duty payment receipt, to the original Deed .BASL replied to Commissioner of Revenue Western Province that BASL would take necessary action against the lawyers who have not paid stamp duty for Deeds

#### **DRAFT RULES TO BE ISSUED COVERING THE DESIGNATED NON-FINANCIAL BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONS (DNFBPs)**

We have been invited to participate to an initial meeting to discuss draft rules to be issued covering the Designated Non-Financial Businesses and Professions (DNFBPs) on 30th November 2017. Professionals including Lawyers, Accountants etc. were participated and same was chaired by the Governor of Central bank of Sri Lanka.

#### **ISSUES RELATED TO LAND REGISTRIES**

Upon a complaint made by a Finance Company ,issues relating to land registry of Avisawella was resolved after discussing and writing to Registrar General. Upon complaints received from Lawyers about Horana Land Registrar, a letter was sent to Registrar General through BASL informing to take necessary steps to do the needful.

#### **SEMINARS ORGANISED BY THE COMMITTEE**

NPC successfully organized several seminars on timely topics with a large crowd of lawyers (nearly 150- 200 participants)

#### **“A SEMINAR ON DISSEMINATION OF KNOWLEDGE TO NOTARIES FOR THE 21 CENTURY”.**

“Issues Relating to Sale of Condominium” was discussed by Ms. Ajithaa Edirimane , “Protect Notaries from Land Scam” was discussed by Ms. Keerthimala Gunasekera - Attorney-at-Law , “Practical Issues in Condominium Related Law” was spoken by Mr. Kapila Gamage - Former Chairman of Condominium Management Authority and “Regulations Relating to Construction and Development of Condominium Property “was discussed by Dr. Senaka Dharmathilaka - Project Architect Havelock Condominium Property” Dr. Senaka Dharmathilaka - Project Architect Havelock City 2.

#### **A SEMINAR ON A SURVEY OF THE RECENT STATUTES IMPOSING OBLIGATIONS ON LAWYERS AND NOTARIES PERTAINING TO FOREIGN EXCHANGE AND REPORTING OF SUSPICIOUS TRANSACTIONS TO THE FINANCIAL INTELLIGENCE UNIT, Foreign Act No 12 of 2017 and Gazette order made under the Financial Transaction Reporting Act No 6 of 2006 imposing legal obligation on lawyers and Notaries of reporting suspicious transactions to the financial Intelligence Unit**

Mr. Arjun Obeysekera Senior Deputy Solicitor General of Attorney Generals Department and Mr. R. R. Jayarathne Attorney-at-Law, Additional Director Foreign Exchange of Central bank discussed on Foreign Act No 12 of 2017.

Mr. Sudarshana Desilva, Senior State Counsel of Attorney Generals Department and Mr. Ayesh Ariyasinghe Semnur Assistant Director FIU of Central Bank discussed on Gazette order made under the Financial Transaction Reporting Act No 6 of 2006 imposing legal obligation on lawyers and Notaries of reporting suspicious transactions to the financial Intelligence Unit

Mr. Theja Silva Attorney-at-Law, DGM Legal & Company Secretary of Nations Trust bank was a panelist and Mr. T. P. Ampitiya, SP Criminal Investigation Department also gave their ideas

#### **A SEMINAR ON “RECENT DEVELOPMENTS ON NOTARIAL PRACTICE”**

As requested by Continuing Legal Education Committee (CLE), NPC has given their support to organize a Seminar on in Sinhala language to recently passed out lawyers



**REPORT ON PROFESSIONAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE**

**Chairperson : Mr. G. G. Arul Pragasam**  
**Convener : Administrative Secretary, Ms. Suranee Samarasekara**

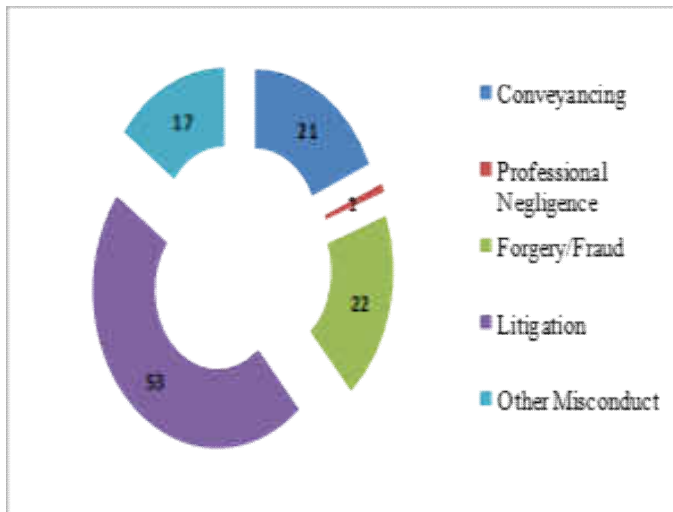
I was appointed as the Chairman of the Professional Purposes Committee of the Bar Association of Sri Lanka to oversee the complaints made and allegations leveled against Attorneys-at-Law and to adjudicate justice.

I have received hundred and fourteen (114) complaints against Attorneys-at-Law during the past year and a majority of the complaints are in relation to Litigation matters which constitute approximately fifty (50) per centum of the total complaints received. Complaints and allegations in relation to Conveyancing, Forgery and Fraudulent activities constitute thirty eight (38) per centum of the total and we have received eighteen (18) complaints with regard to other Professional Misconduct.

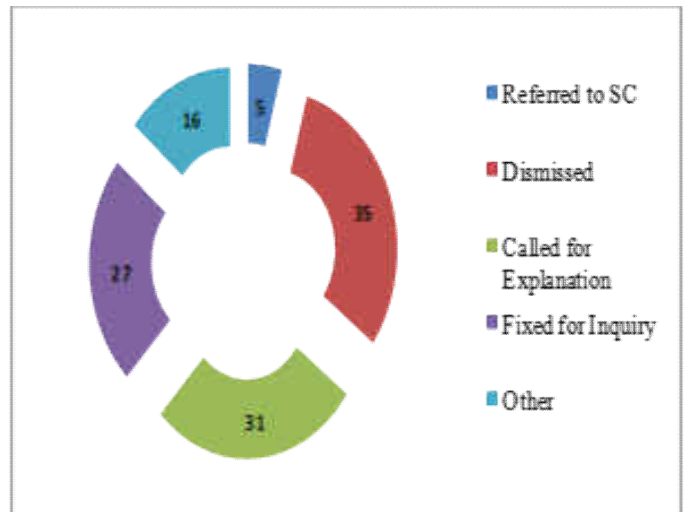
I have looked into all matters referred to me and given necessary instructions. Accordingly, I have recommended referring five (05) complaints together with inquiry panel rulings to His Lordship the Chief Justice to take appropriate steps. I have also recommended dismissing thirty five (35) complaints that is thirty one (31) per centum of the total complaints received due to lack of merits and jurisdiction. I have also recommended calling for explanation from thirty one (31) Attorneys-at-Law with regard to complaints received against them and recommended to fix twenty six (26) cases for inquiry.

I believe it is of paramount importance to expedite the adjudication process as our profession will lose its nobility very soon if we fail to and/or neglect to take necessary steps in addressing the complaints received and allegations leveled against Lawyers.

**Nature of Complaints**



**Steps Taken**



### HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE

**Chairperson** : Mr. Sujeewa Lal Dahanayake  
**Convener** : Mr. Mohan Sellapperuma

The Human Rights Committee of the Bar Association of Sri Lanka organized two seminars during this year. The first seminar was held on 03rd August 2017 at the auditorium of the BASL focusing Human Rights Law and its Practical Application.

First resource person, Mr. H. A. Menaka Harankaha, Senior Lecturer, Department of Commercial Law, Faculty of Law from University of Colombo made his presentation on Introduction to the Laws relating to Human Rights. Second Resource Person, Mr. J. C. Weliamuna PC discussed the Human Rights Conventions and their applicability. As the third resource person, Mr. Prashantha Lal de Alwis PC discussed the Practical Aspects and Drafting of Fundamental Rights Applications.

The event was highly successful with the participation of a large number of lawyers from the corporate sector including Etisalat, Mobitel, Lankabell, Hutch, Dialog Axiata PLC, Law Schools, Unilever Finance PLC, Ceylinco Insurance PLC, Delmege Forsyth & Co. Ltd, Hayleys Group, Hemas Manufacturing, MAS Holdings, Abans, Aitken Spence Hotel Group, John Keels Holding PLC, Sri Lankan Airlines, Sri Lanka Rupavahini Corporation and Sri Lanka Air Force Headquarters. The second programme was held as a Training Workshop on Human Rights at Cinnamon Lakeside Hotel, Colombo on the 26th of September 2017.

The panel of resource persons was consisted of Mr. K. W. Janaranjana, Attorney-at-Law, Editor-Ravaya Newspaper, Dr. Prathiba Mahanamahewa, Senior Lecturer, Faculty of Law, Univesity of Colombo, Mrs. Jeewa Niriella, Head of the Department, Public and International Law, Faculty of Law, University of Colombo, Mr.U.R.De Silva PC, President of the Bar Association of Sri Lanka and Dr. Kalana Senaratne. Mr. Janaranjana spoke on “Freedom of Expression, Media and Human Rights”, Dr. Mahanamahewa discussed about “Constitutional and Statutory Restrictions to Fundamental Rights and Freedoms, Mrs. Nirella made a presentation on “Protection of the Victims of Crime –Human Rights Perspective”, Mr. U. R. De Silva PC discussed on the “New Developments in interpreting Human Rights as Fundamental rights of the citizen. Finally, Dr. Kalana Senarathne spoke on “Transitional situation of the country and the demand for a constitutional replacement”.









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## SEMINAR ON HUMAN RIGHTS

### TOPICS

- Introduction to the laws relating to Human Rights - Mr. Menaka Harankahawa, Senior Lecturer, Uni. of Colombo.
- Human Rights Conventions and their applicability - Mr. J.C. Weliamuna PC
- Practical Aspects and Drafting of Fundamental Rights Applications

### ORGANIZED BY

## THE HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE OF THE BAR ASSOCIATION OF SRI LANKA ON 3<sup>rd</sup> AUGUST 2017

AT THE BAR ASSOCIATION AUDITORIUM

FROM 2.00 PM TO 5.00 PM

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### Judges Workshop - Human Trafficking



**REPORT OF THE ETHICS COMMITTEE**

**Chairperson : Mr. Shammil J. Perera PC**  
**Convener : Mr. Binara A. Gunasekera**  
**Committee Members : Mr. Varuna Senadhira, Mr. Primal Ratwatte**

Professional Ethics is an integral part of this noble profession. It was the view of many, that the annual influx of a large number of lawyers into the profession without any quality control has seen this profession descending into depths hitherto unknown.

They commenced their tenure and discharged assigned matters which were at a stand-still for two years. The Committee met on weekends on a regular basis and due to the efficiency of the same, certain professional purpose inquiry matters too were entrusted to the Ethics Committee.

In discharging ethics issues, the committee took every inquiry very seriously and concluded such inquiries in a highly professional manner. Everyone who came before the Committee, be it senior or junior were treated alike. The Committee also was of the unanimous opinion that there should be 'zero tolerance' for breach of professional ethics. This is because there is a crying need for honesty and integrity in the legal profession today.

The following is the schedule of work that was completed during the current year. Though many expressed concern that the younger generation does not follow the rule of law and have less regard for professional ethics, the committee felt otherwise as 90% of the matters were pertaining to complaints against lawyers who were above 10 years in practice.

**SCHEDULE****ETHICS COMMITTEE REPORT AS AT 02ND FEBRUARY 2018**

MATTERS RECEIVED IN YEAR 2017	MATTERS REFERRED BY THE EC TO THE PPC (YEAR 2015&2016)	DISMISSED	PENDING
44	11	23	23

**The Ethics Committee recommends the following to all the interested members of the profession.**

1. Please keep a track of correspondence with your client in files all the time.
2. Notify the client of the steps that you have taken in his or her professional matter as soon as possible either by email or post sent under registered cover.
3. Never be rude to fellow lawyers and to your clients.
4. Don't accept fees for unethical matters and specially don't mislead /cheat your client.
5. Be mindful, when you are the instructing attorney as we see a trend of clients complaining against them when the case goes ex -parte.
6. Touting is totally prohibited.

OUTSTATIONS BAR COMMITTEE

Chairperson : Mr. Athula Perera



**IT AND COMMUNICATION COMMITTEE****Chairperson** : Secretary, Mr. Amal A. Randeniya**Convener** : Assistant Secretary, Rajitha Hathurusinghe and Charitha Jayawickrema

- The BASL through its website aims to provide information and resources to its users. The primary goal of the new website is to showcase information such as current news, ongoing & upcoming events, various resources, lawyers' directory to the site users and some additional features such as membership renewals, discussion forum and product purchase to the members. The new website is a more member driven website with the full management of the website at all times handled by the BASL Administration to enable easy access and maintenance of the same without the need to obtain any assistants from any 3rd party. The new members' database to be introduced to address all the needs of all stakeholders such as members, public, foreign agencies and embassies other institutions. The objective is to uplift the standard of the website and database to the international standards.

Funded with the aid of USAID and upon following the necessary tender procedure a company named Saberion Pvt Ltd was awarded with the project. Several meetings were held and accordingly initial data gathering and initial designing of the same has completed. Expecting to launch the same by 24th March, 2018. Whole new features to be included such as easy search of member details, a forum, easy access and downloadable of BASL publications, gazettes, acts, latest judgments, law reports, articles and speeches and many more. The main aim is to serve all needs of its members related to their professional matters through the new website.

- IT Infrastructure of the BASL Secretariat was uplifted by purchasing of new servers, computers, printers and laptops along with sufficient data backup services to serve the online database and internal administration of the BASL. With the emergence of wireless technology, the BASL IT Infrastructure was fully refurbish with required brand-new equipment and to replace the existing 5-7 years old equipment. BASL Secretariat was installed with new IP TV connection for the first time and the Board Room with conference enabled television. A new automated telephone answering system (PABX) was installed at the Secretariat to ease the members to address their issue with the relevant officer at once. A new network cables were installed during this period to improve the speed of the Internet.
- A support system was established to support day to day IT and Designing requirements of the BASL Secretariat and activities of the sub committees and also provided services to provincial branches of the BASL. Several computers and printers were donated to the Negambo Law Society, Colombo Law Society, Women Lawyers' Association, Marawila Bar Association and to the Children's' village in Puttlam.
- As per the suggestions made by the committee to the BASL Management a separate IT Division was established within the BASL Secretariat and qualified IT personnel was recruited to provide the services expected from the division. A separate IT section at the BASL Secretariat was established with modern high-tech equipment. As a result of that most of the project activities with graphic designing were conducted internally to save money and time. A 24 x 7 alert (via sms or email) systems is in operation under the newly established IT department.
- After many negotiations with the Ministry of Justice the committee was able to obtain the rights to the of the most wanted legal website known as the "lawnet". BASL entered in to a comprehensive agreement with the Ministry of Justice in respect of the hosting, maintenance and updating the website for period of one year.

### THE FUTURE OF LEGAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE

**Chairperson : Mr. M.U.M. Ali Sabry PC, Deputy President BASL and Chairman of the FLE Committee**  
**Convener : Mr. Lasitha Kanuwanaarahchi - Co-Convenor of the FLE Committee**  
**Mr. Sanjeewa Dasanayake - Co-Convenor of the FLE Committee**

The Committee on the Future of Legal Education was established by the Bar Association of Sri Lanka (BASL), in order to conduct a comprehensive study on the current state of legal education in Sri Lanka and to prepare a Report, identifying problems within the system and to propose necessary reforms.

The Committee consisting of several eminent seniors, and junior Attorneys-at-Law had adopted various measures to consult with the relevant stakeholders to make such representations pertaining to the legal education in Sri Lanka and the need for reform and development. Notices were published in Colombo and outstation Bars calling for representation on the status of legal education and furthermore, steps had been taken to issue a public notice in newspapers of all three national languages- Sinhala (Lankadeepa), Tamil (Thinakaran) and English (the Sunday Times). Letters calling for written representations were also sent to various legal education institutions including the Kotelawala Defense University, American National College (ANC Education), Asia Pacific Institute of Information Technology (APIIT), British College of Applied Studies (BCAS) and the University of Colombo Faculty of Law.

Furthermore, upon assessing the structure of legal education in Sri Lanka, the study was categorised into 5 segments, setting out different aspects of legal education. Thereupon, several sub-committees were established to examine the different aspects of legal education:

1. Existing and Proposed Pathways to become an Attorney-at-Law and the Minimum Criteria for Entry Pathways
2. The Regulation of Entry of Foreign Graduates into the Law College of Sri Lanka
- 2A: Imposition of a Ceiling on the Total Number of Entrants as an Alternative Solution to Overcrowding
3. Regulation, Supervision and improving the standards of Legal Education in Sri Lanka Law College
4. Continuous Professional Development (CPD)
5. Council Rules: Existing Rules and Amendments needed

The Future of Legal Education Committee conducted regular meetings at the BASL over the course of several months, wherein, the research conducted by the Sub Committees were extensively examined and evaluated. The Sub Committees also held a number of meetings and was tasked with the preparation of Sub-Committee Reports. The said reports were put forward before a representative body consisting of senior attorneys-at-law, academics, representatives of legal education institutions and other stakeholders at a 'Brainstorming Session' held on Saturday, the 16th of September 2017 at Hilton Colombo Residences, No. 200, Union Place, Colombo 2. At the said session the Executive Committee and the Sub Committees presented the research, findings and suggestions on the areas of legal education, followed by a discussion wherein the suggestions put forward were recorded.

At the conclusion of this highly successful 'Brainstorming Session' an Editorial Board was appointed to prepare the Final Report of the Future of Legal Education Committee, integrating the areas of study of the Subcommittees and preparing an executive summary of the recommendations. The draft proposal of the report was then presented at the 8th Bar Council Meeting held on the 28th of October 2017, and, the Council unanimously approved the said proposal. The Editorial Board thereafter conducted numerous Meetings with a full-day review session being held on Saturday, the 11th of November 2017 at the aforementioned Conference Hall. The review session was conducted through presentations followed by a critical discussion of the new suggestions including those raised at the Brainstorming Session.

The Editorial Board together with the Future of Legal Education Committee, upon conducting several further meetings, identified the key concerns in relation to legal education in Sri Lanka with comparisons and reference being made to foreign jurisdictions (where required) and assessed the key areas of reform and review. Therein, the final report was



compiled outlining the recommendations.

The Final Report on ‘Future of Legal Education’ compiled by the BASL Committee was then presented to the Members of the Council of Legal Education on 3rd February 2018.

The final report presented by the Committee assesses the current status of legal education in Sri Lanka. It focuses on the main areas of concern in the existing scheme of legal education, with special emphasis being placed on the issues relating to regulating entry to the legal profession and the need to enhance the quality of the legal education provided at the degree-awarding institutions and the Sri Lanka Law College. The report also sets out the need to enhance the skill and knowledge of professionals already within the legal profession, and the requirement for Continuous Professional Development (CPD) to be introduced within the scope of legal practice in Sri Lanka.

Each Chapter of the Report calls upon the regulatory bodies and stakeholders of legal education, to review the existing status quo and to implement necessary reforms for standardization and upliftment of the legal profession in Sri Lanka. The Report puts forward suggestions and recommendations that can be practically implemented to address and resolve the crucial issues faced.

The final chapter of the report, reviews the necessary changes in the legal structure including rules of procedure, guidelines and the regulatory framework necessary to adopt and enforce the recommendations. The report also provides for an Executive Summary of the said recommendations of the Future of Legal Education Committee.





**ORGANISATION OF PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS (OPA) COMMITTEE OF THE BASL****Chairperson : Ms. Ruchira Gunasekera****Convener : Ms. Kishani Jayasinghe**

The Committee has held 05 meetings from May 2017 to February 2017.

Mr. Jayantha De Z Gunasekera PC, Mr. J. K. Liyanasuriya and Mr. Sujeewa Lal Dahanayake, were elected as the Representative Member-Law, Association Member and Vice President respectively to the Executive Committee of the OPA for the year 2017/2018.

The following 10 members were appointed to the General Forum of the OPA for the year 2017/2018.

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| 1. Mr. Nihal Serasinhe     | 6. Ms. Ruchira Gunasekera   |
| 2. Mr. Upali Gooneratne PC | 7. Mr. R. R. S. Thangarajah |
| 3. Mr. Sunil Abeyaratne    | 8. Mr. K. Gnanasegaram      |
| 4. Mr. Raja Collure        | 9. Mr. Neil Dias            |
| 5. Mr. Upula Fernando      | 10. Mr. Kamal Goonesinghe   |

The above committee members who were selected to the Forum of the OPA representing the Bar Association of Sri Lanka are actively involved in OPA activities and also serving in many sub committees appointed by the OPA.

Senior committee member Mr. J. K. Liyanasuriya, served in the three - member Election Panel of the OPA under which the General Election of the OPA was held in October 2017. Another senior Committee member, Mr. Nihal Serasinhe was appointed as the Consultant to the Restaurant and Bar Committee of the OPA and he was also invited as a Consultant to advise the special committee on "Constitutional Amendments of the OPA". Former Chairman of the BASL Committee of the OPA, Mr. Sunil Abeyaratne has been appointed as the Legal Consultant to the Publication & Website Committee of the OPA for the current year.

The OPA committee had a successful year with committed contribution from members of the committee. The committee organised the annual Technical Session in association with the Organisation of Professional Associations of Sri Lanka (OPA) under the title "Practice of Consensual Government and Good Governance in arresting corruption: Merits & Demerits" and it was held at the OPA auditorium on the 16th of February 2018 which was followed by dinner which encouraged interaction and networking amongst professionals. More than hundred professionals participated at the seminar including Lawyers, Officers from the Attorney General's Department and Bribery Commission, Doctors, Engineers, Architects, Human Resource Managers and members of the Sri Lanka Economic Association.

The panel of resource persons was consisted of Mr. Sarath Jayamanne PC-Director General of Commission to Investigate Allegation of Bribery of Corruption, Mr. S. C. Mayadunne-Former Auditor General and Mr. Yasantha Kodagoda PC-Additional Solicitor General. Mr. Sarath Jayamanne PC discussed on "Can you overlook Law & Order?", Mr. S. C. Mayadunne made a presentation on "Accountability" and a presentation on "Responding to corruption through Criminal Justice: the way forward" was made by Mr. Yasantha Kodagoda PC. The session was followed by a panel discussion moderated by Mr. Raja Collure, Attorney-at-Law.

Work has begun on the refurbishment of the BASL room in OPA Secretariat initiated by Mr. Sujeewa Lal Dahanayake at the invitation of Chairperson, Ms. Ruchira Gunasekera.

The committee expressed its greatest appreciation for the support and cooperation extended by the President, Deputy President, Secretary, Treasurer, Assistant Secretary, Executive Committee, Members of the Bar Council and Administrative Staff of the BASL towards the activities of the BASL/OPA committee.





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**SPECIAL PROJECTS COMMITTEE**

Chairperson : Mr. Mahesh Katulanda  
Convener : Ms. Ruchira Gunasekera

**SLR REPORTS**

In keeping with Article 2:1 (k) (l)- one of the Objects of the BASL, the furtherance of legal education and study of the law, under the guidance of Mr.U.R.De Silva PC, President of the Bar Association of Sri Lanka, the Special Projects Committee undertook to print Sri Lanka Law Reports (1978 – 2013) which contain 70 books per set.

Members were given the option of purchasing the set of SLR books at a discounted rate of Rs. 70,000/- upfront or on easy payment scheme of Rs. 3000/- per installment for 24 months. About 350 members ordered the books and only 74members bought the books on cash basis.

**LAWYERS DIRECTORY 2017**

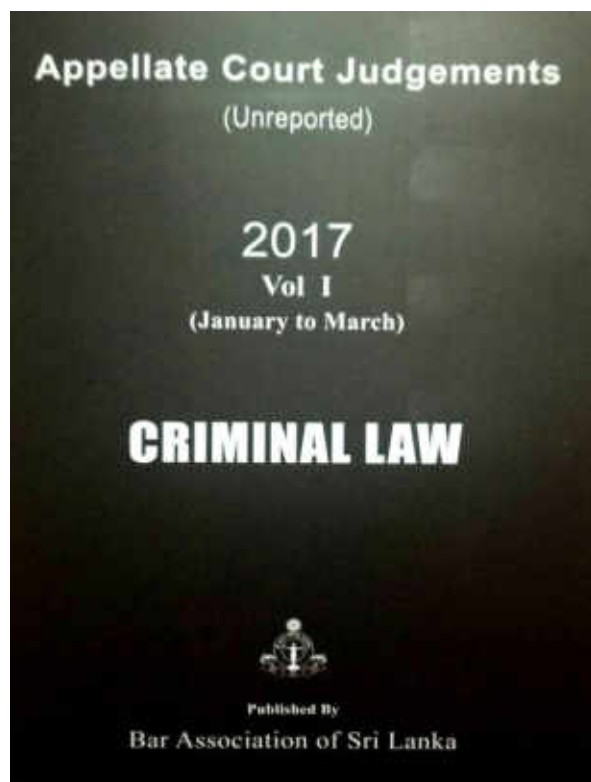
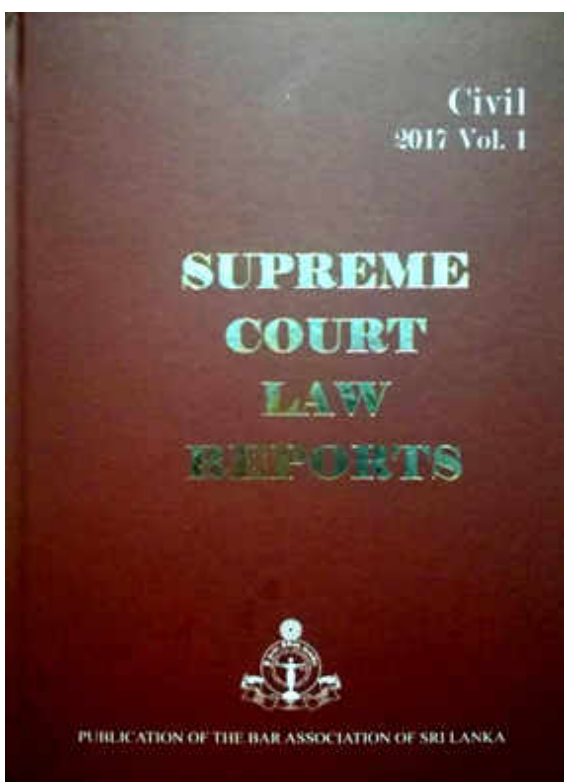
After a lapse of 9 years, updated special edition of the Lawyers Directory was printed under the direct supervision of Mr.U.R.De Silva PC, President of the Bar Association in commemorating 25 years of BASL “Neethi Ranga”.

Lawyers Directory which is an official publication of the Bar Association of Sri Lanka, contains listings of Attorneys-at-Law (both geographical and alphabetical); official section contains details of the Judicial Officers, Officers of the Attorney General’s Department, Court Officials, Courts and information on leading Law Firms.

Lawyers Directory is an invaluable resource for the legal fraternity and it is available at the BASL Secretariat and the Book Shop at a price of Rs.2000/-

**JUDGMENTS**

At the requests of the President, Mr.U.R. De Silva PC and Treasurer, Mr.Sujeewa Lal Dahanayake the Special Projects Committee undertook to publish Supreme Court Law Reports – Civil 2017 Volume 1 , Appellate Court Judgments (Unreported) - Criminal Law 2017 Volume 1 (January to March) and Appellate Court Judgments (Unreported) - Criminal Law 2017 Volume 11 (July to December).



**25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Silver Jubilee**

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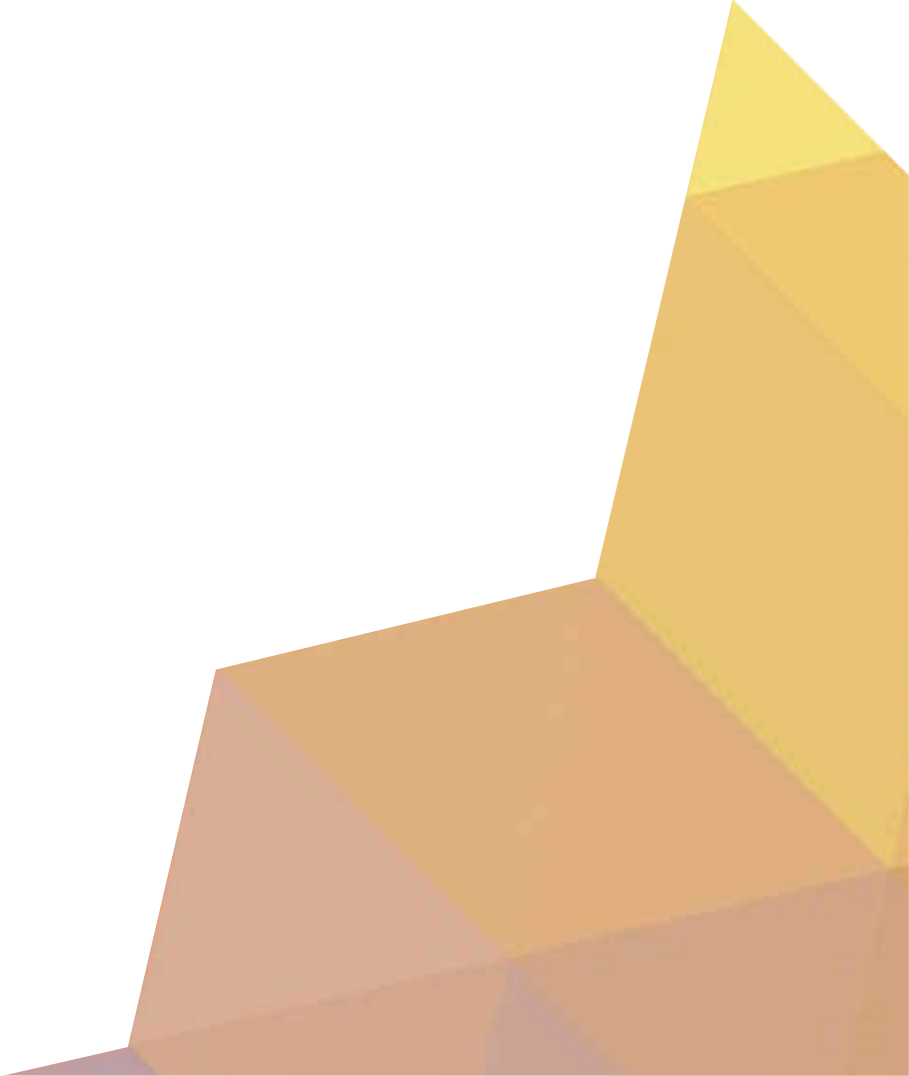




**TAX COMMITTEE OF THE BASL**

<b>Chairperson</b>	<b>: Mr. Suresh Perera</b>
<b>Co-Convener</b>	<b>: Ms. Samantha Dias</b>
<b>Co-Convener</b>	<b>: Ms. Sachithra Chandrasena</b>

The following projects were concluded during the period which includes;

- During the period 2017-2018 the BASL Tax Committee provided consultations and technical assistance to draft the Petition to the Supreme Court with regard to the implementation of the Inland Revenue Bill. Tax committee was able to address some of the vital issues concerned with the legal profession in the said petition.
  - The Committee also made representation on behalf of the legal community with regard to the loopholes and concerns vis-à-vis the implementation of the Inland Revenue Act, No. 24 of 2017.
  - The Committee made written submissions on behalf of the legal community in relation to the proposals to be included in the budget proposal 2018.
  - The Committee constantly administering and updating the BASL tax forum on Facebook to enlighten lawyers in connection to the changes/ updates relating to tax laws of Sri Lanka.
  - The Committee also advised the Bar Association of Sri Lanka in relation to the impact on the Association vis-à-vis the implementation of the New Inland Revenue Act.
  - The Committee held meetings time to time to discuss timely issues relating to tax laws concerned with the legal profession and legal education.
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## **CHAPTER 12**

### **MEDIA, PRESS CONFERENCES, PRESS RELEASES & PAPER ARTICLES**



**MEDIA COMMITTEE**

**Chairman** : Mr. Amal A. Randeniya, Secretary BASL  
**Convener** : Ms. Subhashini Jayalath

The media committee was established To regulate & organize media conferences and press releases issued by the BASL and to improve a close relationship with media personal and BASL,. The Media committee conducted undermentioned programmes for the year 2017/2018.

**Press Conferences & Press Releases Issued by the BASL**  
**(from 25th March 2017 to 20th March 2018 )**

- I. 29.03.2017 - Press conference in relating to "04th SINHALA NATIONAL LAW CONFERANCE" Organized by the BASL in Collaboration with the "Neethiya Foundation" at BASL Auditorium
- II. 07.04.2017 - Special press conference was held at BASL Auditorium to explain the incident of an assault on two Attorneys-at-Law by several people while they were on way to a Police Station
- III. 17.05.2017 - Press conference on "THE 28th PRESIDENTS OF LAW ASSOCIATIONS (POLA) CONFERENCE
- IV. 01.06.2017 - Released a press statement condemning the situation of all incidents of hate speech & incitement of violence against racial and religious communities in Sri Lanka existed in that period.
- V. 29.06.2017 – Press release was issued in relating to Shramadana Campaigns to eradicate dengue in all Court premises throughout the Island which was organized by the BASL together with Ministry of Justice
- VI. 14.07.2017 – Issued a press release on the 02nd Provincial Law Conference organized by the Rathnapura Bar Association in collaboration with the BASL.
- VII. 22.07.2017 – A letter issued to media requesting a reporter or a representative to cover the Inauguration Ceremony of the "The 28th Presidents of Law Association in Asia Summit (POLA)".
- VIII. 24.07.2017 - Released a press statement condemning the death of Police Officer Sarath Premachandra, personal security officer of Jaffna High Court Judge Hon. M. Illanchezhiyan and the incidents took place in Jaffna peninsula.
- IX. 09.08.2017 – Press release issued on the Legal Aid Camp conducted by the BASL for the people affected by the Meethotmulla garbage dump disaster.
- X. 10.08.2017 - A letter issued to the media requesting presence and give publicity to the 06th Lawyers' Cricket World Cup which was hosted by Sri Lanka Lawyers' Cricket Association.
- XI. 18.08.2017 – Press release issued in relating to the baseless allegations made against the Attorney General's Department especially relating to particular officers in relation to their professional engagements.
- XII. 23.08.2017 - Released a press statement condemning the statement made by Deputy Minister Ranjan Ramanayake alleging that a majority of the judges and lawyers are corrupted.
- XIII. 24.08.2017 - Special press conference was held to explain the above mentioned press release dated 23rd August 2017.
- XIV. 25.09.2017- Released a press statement to aware the public on the Constitutional Provisions relating to passing a Law in the Parliament & the Role of the Supreme Court in a determination matter.
- XV. 25.09.2017 - Press conference was held regarding above mentioned press release dated 25th September 2017.
- XVI. 28.09.2017 – Released a Press statement demanding the Justice for Maldivian Lawyers who were charged for the alleged offense of contempt of court for filling a petition demanding the Rule of Law be upheld in the Maldives.

- XVII. 23.10.2017- Released a press statement on the proposed amendments to Articles 1 & 2 of the present Constitution, which are in the Interim Report of the Steering Committee of the Constitutional Assembly of Sri Lanka.
- XVIII. A letter issued to the media requesting presence and publicity to the Dialogue on the Constitution making process and the Right of the Citizen organized by the BASL on 24.10.2017
- XIX. 26.10.2017 – Press Conference was held on National Law Conference 2017/2018
- XX. A letter issued to the media requesting presence to the Training Workshop on Human Rights organized by the BASL
- XXI. 11.01.2018 - Released a press statement to inform newly elected President and Secretary BASL for the Year 2018/2019.
- XXII. 06.02.2018 – Issued a press release to media on initializing of criminal proceeding against the former Chief Justice Mr. Mohan Pieris PC and Justice A.H.M.D. Nawaz , a sitting Judge of the Court of Appeal.
- XXIII. 06.02.2018 – Press Conference was held to explain the above mentioned press release dated 06.02.2018 issued by the BASL
- XXIV. 08.03.2018 – Released a press statement condemning the situation occurred on racially motivated violence.
- XXV. 08.03.2018 - Press Conference was held to explain the above mentioned press release dated 08.03.2018 & especially to aware the public on emergency regulations and its consequences.

### **TV & Radio Programmes & Print Media Articles**

1. Mr. U.R de Silva PC, President of the BASL participated many TV and Radio programmes during the past year including programs in 'Aluth Parlimenthuwa' - Derana TV, Sirasa TV, Neth FM, etc
2. Mr. Amal Randeniya as the chairman of the media committee of the BASL has participated several TV and Radio Programmes including 'Wednesday Sooriya Sirasa' – Sirasa FM, 'Hardaya Sakshiya' – Y FM, " NITHIYAI OBAI " (kS;shhs Tnhs ) morning show at "NUGASEWANA" in Rupavahini. The objective of the " NITHIYAI OBAI " program is to educate the general public on simple legal matters which are important to day today life. The media Committee was responsible for the preparation of the script of the program and participation of Attorneys-at-law for the discussion of the program. From July 2017 about 25 " NITHIYAI OBAI " programs have been telecasted. Since February 2018 the script of this program has been simultaneously published in 'NAVALIYA' Newspaper as " ඔූ;h lshjuq ". Media committee wishes to express its sincere gratitude for Lawyers who have participated in those programs, namely, Mr. Prasantha Lal de Alwis PC, Mr. Ravindranath Dabare, Mr. Kaushalya Navaratne, Mr. Indika Perera, Mr. Chatura Galhena, Mr. Nalin de Silva, Ms. Kalani Medagoda, Ms. Lakshika Ratnayake, Ms. Nirodha Kalansuriya, Ms. Deshani Koralage & Ms. Sagarika Dharmabandu

### **Certificate Course for Journalist**

3. Project Proposal has already been submitted to the USAID asking financial support for the Certificate Course in "Legal Practices & Ethical Reporting related to Media" to be conducted by the BASL. The objective of this certificate course is to enhance professionalism, educating legal facts & ethics of the journalist who are engage in reporting on matters relating to the administration of justice. Further people who are willing to become journalist, media students and interested parties on this subject also can participate for this course.

### **Guest Lecture**

4. BASL Media Committee together with Press Council organized a Guest Lecture and Discussion with a Former Supreme Court Judge of India at BASL Auditorium.



U.R de Silva to contest BASL presidency

Senator lawyer U. R. de Silva has decided to contest for the presidency of the Bar Association of Sri Lanka during the annual general meeting at Ananda College, Colombo. U. R. de Silva passed out of Law College and was admitted as an Advocate of Law at the Supreme Court in 1983. He was honored by the former BASL President, Ananda Wijewardena PC, with



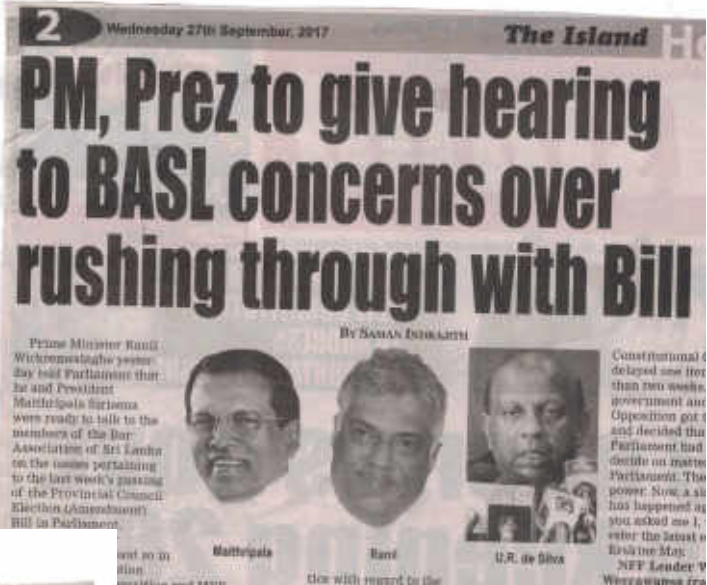
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PM, Prez to give hearing to BASL concerns over rushing through with Bill

Prime Minister Ranil Wickremesinghe yesterday told Parliament that he and President Maithripala Sirisena were ready to talk to the members of the Bar Association of Sri Lanka on the issues pertaining to the fast-track passing of the Provincial Council Election (Amendment) Bill in Parliament.



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BASL frowns on criminal action against ex-CJ, judge

BY MAHEESHA MUDUGAMUWA



BASL Secretary Ranjeniya addressing the media at the BASL auditorium in Colombo yesterday. Pic by Sujatha Jayaratne

The Bar Association of Sri Lanka (BASL) yesterday took exception to criminal proceedings against the former Chief Justice Mohan Pieris PC and Justice A.H.M.D Nawaz, a sitting Judge of the Court of Appeal. The criminal proceedings against them have been initiated on the basis of professional advice given by them in their former capacities as the Attorney General and Deputy Solicitor General respectively, according to BASL Secretary Amal Ranjeniya.

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- ... poses dozen queries to govt. seeking answers
- ... questions fate of unitary character of state
- ... frowns on apparent bid to introduce federalism

The Bar Council of the Bar Association of Sri Lanka, at a special meeting, yesterday (22) resolved to express its grave concerns about the proposed amendments to Articles 1 and 2 of the present Constitution.

The Bar Council also noted that proposed amendments to the functions of the Constitutional Assembly of Sri Lanka had the effect of converting the Unitary character of the State to a Federal structure.

The Bar Council resolved to write to the government to request precisely and with clarity the following questions:

1. What is the need requirement for a new Constitution?
2. If Sri Lanka continue to be Unitary State, what is the basis for this?
3. What powers will be devolved to Provincial Councils?

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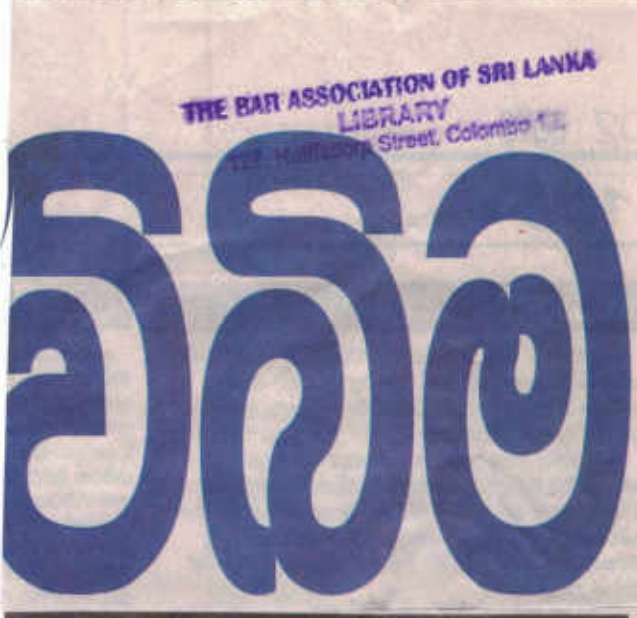
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ඊළා අස්සන් ගනු නාලායුච්චෙනන් ශ්‍රී ලංකා නීතිඥ සංගමය නිලධාරීන්ගේදී ප්‍රාදේශීය නිරීක්ෂණ නිර්වචන ලෙස පවුලු නොකර සිටීමට තීරණය වූහ. මෙම තීරණය හේතුවෙන් ශ්‍රී ලංකා නීතිඥ සංගමය දැඩි විරෝධතාවයකට මුහුණ පෑහ. නිද සංගමයේ සභාපතිවරයා නිර්වචනාත්මක සඳහා පෙබරවාරි 21 වැනිදා පැවැත්වීමට සමීකර තිබූ නිලධාරීන්ගේ සභාවේ, ශ්‍රී ලංකා නීතිඥ සංගමය සභාපතිවරයා මහෝදය මහේන්ද්‍ර සිදුවිය. දැඩි ලෙස අසරණ වූ නීතිඥ සංගමය අවසානයේ සිය මෙහෙය ව්‍යවස්ථාව මෙහෙයනය කිරීමටද පියවර ගත්හ.

කන්නන් මහතාගේ සභා කිරීමට දායක වූ නීතිඥ සංගමයේ නිකුත්වූ රජයේ සංගමයේ අතර මි ආකාරයෙන් දෙමුග්ගේ මෙහෙයුමට එරෙහිව ඉහළ කනකුරු ලට නිලධාරීන් පත්කිරීමේ ස්වල්ප අවසානයේ නතර වන්නේ නොනැතකදැයි සියලු දෙනාම බලා සිටියි.

සටහන  
**මනෝප්‍රිය ගුණසේකර**

මෙහි දැක්වෙන්නේ නීතිඥ සංගමයේ මෙහෙයුමට එරෙහිව සිටින නීතිඥ සංගමයේ සභාපතිවරයා මහෝදය මහේන්ද්‍ර සිදුවිය. දැඩි ලෙස අසරණ වූ නීතිඥ සංගමය අවසානයේ සිය මෙහෙය ව්‍යවස්ථාව මෙහෙයනය කිරීමටද පියවර ගත්හ.



## ව්‍යවස්ථා අතුරු වාර්තාව: නීතිඥ සංගමය අද රැස්වෙයි

**(රත්නේ පද්මසිරි)**  
 ආණ්ඩුක්‍රම ව්‍යවස්ථා සභාවේ මෙහෙයුම් කොමිටිය මගින් ඉදිරිපත් කර ඇති අතුරු වාර්තාව සම්බන්ධයෙන් කරුණු විමසීම සඳහා ශ්‍රී ලංකා නීතිඥ සංගමයේ විධායක සභාවක් රැස්වෙයි.



# රොහිත්ගායා සරණාගතයන් මෙරට රැඳී සිටින්නේ කුමන පදනමකින්ද

රජය එය පැහැදිලි කළ යුතු බව ශ්‍රී ලංකා නීතිඥ සංගමය කියයි

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මහේස්වරයේ සිට ශ්‍රී ලංකාවට පලාචිත් සිටින රොහිත්ගායා

සරණාගතයන් සුමන පාසල සරණාගතයන් රජයේ සොයා ගැනීමට අදහස් කරමින් සිටින බව රජයේ නීතිඥ සංගමයේ නියෝජිතයන් පවසයි.

මේ හේතුවෙන් මෙහි සරණාගතයන් මෙරට රැඳී සිටින්නේ කුමන පදනමක් යටතේද? යන්න රජය විභවයෙන් පසිඳීමට සකස් කළ

## BASL condemns onslaught against Attorney General

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LAKMAL SOORIYAGODA The Bar Association of Lanka has strongly condemned the Minister's move to strip the Attorney General of his power to control the proceedings of any official hearings, if anyone undermines the commission of the Attorney General from outside, and undermines the initiative power of the mission and public lose their trust in Attorney General.



### Party leaders to meet BASL to discuss the procedure adopted

He said this in response to a question asked by joint opposition parliamentary group leader Dinesh Gunawardene. "The BASL has said the procedure adopted by the government in enacting the PC Election... doing about it," Mr Gunawardene asked. The Prime Minister said he had assured the BASL that party leaders will meet its officials to discuss this matter and pointed out that procedures pertaining to enacting of Bills had to be decided by Parliament as laid down in the Constitution.

## නීතිපති දෙපාර්තමේන්තුව උදහසට ලක්කිරීම කොමිසමට අපහාසයක්

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මහේස්වරයාගේ සරණාගතයන් මෙරට රැඳී සිටින්නේ කුමන පදනමක් යටතේද? යන්න රජය විභවයෙන් පසිඳීමට සකස් කළ



President Maithripala Sirisena and Prime Minister Ranil Wickremesinghe at the 29th Law Asia Conference which was held in Colombo on Saturday. PHOTO BY WARUNA WANRIARACHCHI

# PARTY LEADERS WILL MEET BASL: PM

නීතිපති දෙපාර්තමේන්තුව උදහසට ලක්කිරීම කොමිසමට අපහාසයක්

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**BASL request all parties concerned to exercise restraint**

Expressing concern over recent remarks and allegations made against the Attorney General's Department by various members of the Sri Lanka (BASL) Y

# BASL to take legal action against Ranjan

*\*Ajith Perera draws fire for trial-at-bar proposals  
\*Summoning of AG to Temple Trees must be examined  
\*Interfering with AG's Dept. impeachable offence  
\*Minister removed for doing right thing – members*

The Bar Council has unanimously decided to file action against Ranjan if he attacks the Judiciary and the Attorney General's Department.

## BASL President files writ application against Bribery Commission

President of the Bar Association of Sri Lanka Udaya Rohan de Silva, PC, yesterday filed a writ application in the Court of Appeal, requesting the Court to quash the decision of the Director General of the Commission to Investigate Allegations of Bribery or Corruption (CIABO) to impose any personnel criminal liability upon Justice H. M. D. Nawaz, Judge of the Court of Appeal, while he was acting as the Deputy Solicitor General.

letter written to him by the Bar Association, requesting the names of the judges and the lawyers whom he alleges to be corrupt. Mr. Kaushalya Navaratne, President of the Colombo Law Society said



would be to abuse power to impeach an offence corrupt practice which should be condemned by everyone. To my mind every single Minister of Justice, starting from Felix Dias

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**ව්‍යවස්ථා අතුරු වාර්තාව**  
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**අද රැස්වෙයි**  
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අදාළ කමිටු සාමාජිකයන්ගේ විවේචනාත්මක වාර්තාවක් අද දැනුවත් කිරීමට සූදානම් වී ඇත. අනුරාධපුරයේ පැවැත්වූ රැස්වීමේදී සාමාජිකයන්ගේ විවේචනාත්මක වාර්තාවක් අද දැනුවත් කිරීමට සූදානම් වී ඇත.

### නීති නිලධාරීන්ට නඩු පැවරීම නීතිඥ සංගමය හෙළාදැකී

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### නීති නිලධාරීන්ට...

වසර 08 කට ඉහතදී 'නීතිපති ධුරය' හා 'නියෝජ්‍ය කොමිෂනර් ජනරාල් ධුරය' දරමින් දෙක ලද නීති උපදේශ වෛද්‍ය බවට නිකමිතය යොමු කිරීමට අවබෝධයක් ලෙස පිරිස් මතකයටත් වත්මන් අභියාචනාධිකාරී විනිසුරු ඒ. එම්. එම්. ඩී. කවුසල් මහතාටත් එරෙහිව අපරාධ නඩුවක් පවරීමට සිදුවීමට සූදානම් වීමට නීතිඥ සංගමය විවේචනාත්මක වාර්තාවක් අද දැනුවත් කිරීමට සූදානම් වී ඇත. අනුරාධපුරයේ පැවැත්වූ රැස්වීමේදී සාමාජිකයන්ගේ විවේචනාත්මක වාර්තාවක් අද දැනුවත් කිරීමට සූදානම් වී ඇත.

## BASL: Ridiculing AG Dept. an insult to Bond Commission



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Sri Lanka Bar Association President Udaya Rohan de Silva PC, said it was an insult to the Presidential Commission of Inquiry probing the bond issue when outsiders speak about its activities, ridicule them and

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# ජාතීය රාජ්‍යය පෙඩරල් ව්‍යාපෘතියේ සැකයක්

## නීතිඥ සංගමයේ රජයට ප්‍රශ්නාවලියක්

2. එක් එක්, ඒ ප්‍රදේශවලදී...  
 10. විධිමත් වූ රාජ්‍ය ව්‍යාපෘතියක් හා සම්බන්ධව...  
 වෙන වෙනම හා වෙන වෙනම වූ...  
 වෙන වෙනම වූ වෙන වෙනම වූ...

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 මේ වන විටදී මහලු ප්‍රකාශනවලට මානව...  
 නීතියට එරෙහිව...  
 (අ) එක් එක්, ඒ ප්‍රදේශවලදී...  
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 නීතියට එරෙහිව...

ASL concerned over case  
 against...



eral or their deputies should not be a cause to initiate criminal proceedings. If not, the individuals holding such office would hesitate to discharge their functions. It would not set a good example," he commented.

PC Elections Bill  
**PARTY LEADERS WILL MEET BASL: PM**  
**JO SAYS ACCORDING TO THE BASL THE PROCEDURE FOLLOWED IS WRONG**  
**PM SAYS PROCEDURES ADOPTED TO ENACT BILLS HAVE TO BE DECIDED BY PARLIAMENT**  
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# SC STAYS BC CASE AGAINST MOHAN PEIRIS AND JUSTICE NAWAZ

The Supreme Court directed the parties to file objections and counter objections and fixed the matter for hearing on July 19.

The Bench comprising Justices Eriyawardena, (Sri Lanka), Navas (former Solicitor General) and current Court of Appeal Justice) and M.M.C. Perera (former Secretary of Lanka Electricity Company) in Colombo Chief Magistrate's Court.

The case was filed against the respondents on charges of preparing a wrongful Attorney General's opinion to avoid taking criminal investigation on irregularities and corruption reported in land purchases for LECO between December 1 and 31, 2016 when Mohan Peiris was Attorney General.



need of a criminal investigation on the matter. The Attorney General's opinion had wrongfully prevented the CID from continuing the investigation on the allegation at the LECO and certain alleged people, who had been involved in the investigation.

## රෝගීන්ගේ සරණාගතයන් වෙත රැඳී සිටින බවට තීරණය වූ පදනමක්

රජය එය පැහැදිලි කළ යුතු බව ශ්‍රී ලංකා නීතිඥ සංගමය කියයි

මේ වේලාවට මේ කාර්යයක් සම්බන්ධව රජයට එරෙහිව නීතිඥ සංගමය විසින් පවරා ඇති පියවර...





අනුකූල නැගීම සඳහා කරනා ගොස්

# ශ්‍රී ලංකා නීතිඥ සංගමය ව්‍යවස්ථා

## ව්‍යවස්ථා අතුරු ආකර්ම ගැටලු රාජකාරි

ශ්‍රී ලංකා නීතිඥ සංගමයේ ලේකම් අමල් රත්දෙනිය

ඒ පිළිබඳව මූලිකත්වය දැරුවා. ඒ ප්‍රශ්නාවලියට පිළිතුරු ලබා ගැනීමට අප අපේක්ෂා කරනවා. අපි පැමිණීමට යොමුකළ පත්තිය

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# නීතිඥ සංගම් සභාපතිගේ ජෛත්‍යම චිතිකූරු දෙදෙනෙකු විනාශයෙන් ඉවත්

(සිලිඟි ද සිල්වා සහ රාජේෂ් කටුගම්පොළ)

අල්ලස් පනත යටතේ අභියාචනාධිකරණ විනිසුරු ඒ.එම්.එම්. නවාස් සහ සිටපු අභියාචනා විනිසුරු මොහාන් පීට්ස් මොහොල්ලන්ට එරෙහිව අල්ලස් කොමිෂන් විසින් කොළඹ මහේස්ත්‍රාත් අධිකරණයේ ගොනු කර ඇති පැමිණිලි විභාගයට ගැනීම වළක්වාලන අතුරු නියෝගයක් නිකුත් කරන ලෙස අල්ලා ගොනු කළ පීට්ස් පෙන්සම් පිළිබඳ විභාගයෙන් අක්ෂයාධිකරණ විනිසුරුවරුන් දෙදෙනෙක් ඉවත් (15) ඉවත් වූහ.

මෙලෙස මෙම පෙන්සම් විභාගයෙන් වැඩිදුරටත් බලපන අලුතින් කරන නැගීමට එරෙහිව සහ අක්ෂයාධිකරණ විනිසුරුවරුන් දෙදෙනා සම්බන්ධව අධිකරණය විනිසුරු ඒ.එම්.එම්. නවාස් මහතාට එරෙහිව වාර්තාවක් කොළඹ මහේස්ත්‍රාත් අධිකරණයට ගොනු කර ඇති අභියාචනාධිකරණ විනිසුරු ඒ.එම්.එම්. නවාස් මහතාට එරෙහිව වාර්තාවක් කොළඹ මහේස්ත්‍රාත් අධිකරණයට ගොනු කර ඇති පැමිණිලි විභාගය අවසන් වන තුරු නිකුත් කෙරිණි.

එම අත්පිටි මි මෙහෙද හඳුනා වේ, "අල්ලස් පනත යටතේ අභියාචනාධිකරණ විනිසුරු ඒ.එම්.එම්. නවාස් මහතාට එරෙහිව වාර්තාවක් කොළඹ මහේස්ත්‍රාත් අධිකරණයට ගොනු කර ඇති පැමිණිලි විභාගය අවසන් වන තුරු නිකුත් කෙරිණි.

එම විභාගයේ පැමිණිලි විභාගය යටතේ චෝදනාවක් කොමිෂන් විසින් විනිසුරු ඒ.එම්.එම්. නවාස් මහතාට එරෙහිව වාර්තාවක් කොළඹ මහේස්ත්‍රාත් අධිකරණයට ගොනු කර ඇති පැමිණිලි විභාගය අවසන් වන තුරු නිකුත් කෙරිණි.

# විනිසුරුවරුන්ට එරෙහිව නීතිමය පියවර ගැනීම නීතියේ ආධිපත්‍යයට - අධිකරණයේ නිදහසට කරන බලපෑමක්

ශ්‍රී ලංකා නීතිඥ සංගමයේ ලේකම් අමල් ඒ. රත්දෙනිය කියයි



නීතිමය පියවර ගැනීම නීතියේ ආධිපත්‍යයට - අධිකරණයේ නිදහසට කරන බලපෑමක්

අධිකරණයේ නීතිමය පියවර ගැනීම නීතියේ ආධිපත්‍යයට - අධිකරණයේ නිදහසට කරන බලපෑමක්



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**Alleged attack on 160 churches: BASL asks lawyer to come clean**

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Attorney-at-Law Lakshan Dias who alleged that nearly 160 churches in the country had come under attack has been ordered by the Bar Association of Sri Lanka (BASL) to elucidate on his statement by naming each and every church so attacked individually through an affidavit.

The order has been communicated to Dias in Writing said Bar Association President U.R.de Silva.



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**මුල්ල විට ගෙවීමේ තොරොත්වට මහ ලබාදෙනු ලබන ආය මුදලක් අය කර ගන්නේ කෙසේද?**

**ජීවිතය නිවසට**

**මිනිස් කෞතුකාගාරය**

**මිනිස් කෞතුකාගාරය**

**අවමන් විඳිනු කිව බිඹරන් පසුපස දිව භෝගිය වල?**

**ගියට එරෙහිව ත දැඩි කරගත් ගේ කතාවක්**

**ජීවිතය නිවසට**

**මිනිස් කෞතුකාගාරය**

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ශ්‍රී ලංකා නීතිඥ සංගමය  
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2018/03/08

**මාධ්‍ය නිවේදනය**

පවු අරමුණු පෙරදැරිම, ජීවිත හානි-දේපල හානි සිදු කරමින්, සමස්ත ජාතියේම ආරක්ෂාව හා සංහිදියාව අවදානමට ලක්කරමින් ජනවර්ග අතර සිදුවන ප්‍රචන්ඩකාරී ක්‍රියා ශ්‍රී ලංකා නීතිඥ සංගමය ඉතා දැඩි ලෙස හෙලා දකී.

පවත්නා නීති කඩකරමින් ප්‍රචන්ඩකාරී ලෙස හැසිරෙන පුද්ගලයන් හා පුද්ගල කාණ්ඩයන්ට හැකි කඩිනමින් නීතිය ඉදිරියට පවුලුකර, ඔවුන්ට එරෙහිව නීතිය දැඩිලෙස ක්‍රියාත්මක කළයුතු බව ප්‍රකාශ කර සිටිමු. අතිබහුකරක් සාමකාමී ජනතාවගේ සාමකාමී ජනජීවිතයට බාධා කරමින්, ජාතීන් හා ජන කොටස් අතර වෛරය දැනුණු අතුරුදහන්, ප්‍රචන්ඩකාරීත්වය මුදා හරින හා මුදාහැරීමට, සෘජුව හා වක්‍රව සහය සහ අනුබල දෙන හැටි දෙනාට එරෙහිව නීතිය ක්‍රියාත්මක කිරීමට නීතිය ක්‍රියාත්මක කරන ආයතන සහ නිලධාරීන් කිසිවිටෙක පසුබට නොවිය යුතු අතර, ඒ සඳහා අනෙකුත් නීති-රෙගුලාසි අතර, හදිසි අවස්ථා රෙගුලාසි මෙන්ම සිවිල් හා දේශපාලන අයිතිවාසිකම් පිළිබඳ අන්තර්ජාතික සම්මුතීන් සහගත් ( ICCPR Act. ) ප්‍රතිසාදන යොදා ගත හැකිය.

විශේෂයෙන් මාධ්‍ය හා සමාජ මාධ්‍ය ජාල හරහා වෛරය ප්‍රකාශ, ආවේගශීලීත්වය ඇති කරවන ප්‍රකාශ හා අසත්‍ය කථාණු පතුරුවන පුද්ගලයන් හා පුද්ගල කාණ්ඩ කෙරෙහි නීතිය දැඩි ලෙස ක්‍රියාත්මක කිරීමද එවැනි ක්‍රියා වැළැක් වීමට ද කටයුතු කළ යුතුය.

මේ අවස්ථාවේ, රටේ ජීවිතවන සියළුම ජන කොටස් වලට ජාති-ආගම හේදයකින් තොරව ශ්‍රී ලංකා ආණ්ඩුක්‍රම ව්‍යවස්ථාවෙන් ද, කහවුරු කොට ඇති සාමයෙන්, සමානාත්මයෙන් හා සමාජදර්ශනවශයෙන් ජීවත්විය හැකි පරිසරය ඉදිරියටත් නොහැසි පවත්වා ගෙන යා හැකි වන පරිදි, නීතිය හා සාමය රැකීමට අවශ්‍ය නිසි තායකත්වය ගරු ජනාධිපතිතුමා, අගමැතිතුමා ඇතුළු රජය, පොලීසිය හා ත්‍රිවිධ හමුදාවට ලබාදෙනු ඇතැයි ශ්‍රී ලංකා නීතිඥ සංගමය අපේක්ෂා කරයි.

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BAR ASSOCIATION OF SRI LANKA

24<sup>th</sup> July, 2017

**PRESS STATEMENT**

The Bar Association of Sri Lanka (BASL) vehemently condemns the recent incident took place in Jaffna Peninsula and the result of death of personal Security Officer of Jaffna High Court Judge Hon. M. Illanchezhian, Police Sargent Sarath Premachandra.

The BASL demands the authorities to conduct impartial and expeditious investigations into the incident and bring the perpetrators before the law without delay.

We urge the government to strengthen all facilities including security enabling the Judiciary to carry its functions without any fear or favour throughout Sri Lanka.

The Bar Association of Sri Lanka expresses its condolences to the family of late Mr.Sarath Premachandra and wishes speedy recovery to the Police Constable Wimalasiri who was injured during the incident

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BAR ASSOCIATION OF SRI LANKA



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8<sup>th</sup> March, 2018

**PRESS STATEMENT**

The Bar Association of Sri Lanka vehemently condemns the recent Acts of racially motivated violence, which has resulted in the loss of life and property of people and is endangering the security of our nation.

The perpetrators of the mob violence which has been unleashed must be dealt with firmly under the law. The authorities should not hesitate to use the provisions of the law including the ICCPR Act and the Emergency Regulations to deal with those engaging in acts of violence and those instigating violence and communal hatred through different media including the social media.

The Bar Association of Sri Lanka calls upon His Excellency the President, the Prime Minister and the government of Sri Lanka to give moral and political leadership to the police and the armed forces to ensure that our country remains a place where people of all communities and religions can live together in peace and harmony.

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එකී ජනතා පරමාධිපත්‍යයේ ප්‍රධාන අංග 3 වන ව්‍යවස්ථාදායක බලය ජනතාව විසින් තෝරාගත් කරුණු ලබන පාර්ලිමේන්තුව විසින්ද, විධායක බලය ජනාධිපතිවරයා විසින්ද, අධිකරණ බලය පාර්ලිමේන්තුව මගින් අධිකරණය හරහා ශ්‍රී ලාංකීය නීති ප්‍රභූ බවට ආණ්ඩුක්‍රම ව්‍යවස්ථාවේ 4 වන ව්‍යවස්ථාවේ විශේෂිතවම සැපයේ කර ඇත.

1978 ආණ්ඩුක්‍රම ව්‍යවස්ථාවේ තේරී ගත් කමිටු වාර්තාව අනුව ආණ්ඩුවේ එකී ප්‍රධාන ප්‍රදේශ එකී ලිවිධ ආයතනයක් අතර එකමී විධායකය, ව්‍යවස්ථාදායකය හා අධිකරණය අතර බලය බෙදාහැරීම, බලය අයුතු ලෙස යොදාගැනීම සහ බලය ඉක්මවා කටයුතු කිරීම වැළැක්වීම සඳහා පහත ඇති ප්‍රවේශම් ලියවිලියක් ඇති අතර එය සංවර්ධන හා අලුත ක්‍රමය ලෙස සලකන්නු ලබයි.

ඉහත සි අවස්ථානුගත තත්ත්වයන් යටතේ පහත් කෙටුම්පතක් හිඟයන් ඔවට සම්මත කරවා ගැනීමේදී අනුමතය සඳු ප්‍රභූ කාර්ය පටිපාටිය ව්‍යවස්ථාව මගින් සැපයුණු බලය කෙරෙහි කර ඇත. ඒ අනුව,

- 1. 1978 ආණ්ඩුක්‍රම ව්‍යවස්ථාව අනුව සම්මත කරගැනීමට බලපොදෝත්තු වන ගිණුම පහත් කෙටුම්පතක් පාර්ලිමේන්තුවේ හතර පත්‍රයට ඇතුළත් කිරීමට අවම වශයෙන් දින 14 කට පෙර ගැටළු පත්‍රයේ පළකල යුතුය. (78(1) ව්‍යවස්ථාව)
- 2. පහත් කෙටුම්පතක් හා යෙදෙන සම්මතයක් ආණ්ඩුක්‍රම ව්‍යවස්ථාවට හා පාර්ලිමේන්තුවේ ස්ථාවර සියෝග වලට අනුකූලව අනුමත සඳු ප්‍රදේශය. (78(2) ව්‍යවස්ථාව)

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## CHAPTER 13

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## FELICITATION OF MEMBERS COMPLETED 50 YEARS AT THE BAR

The Bar Association of Sri Lanka felicitated eighteen distinguished senior lawyers who had completed 50 years at the Bar at Grand Monarch, Thalawathugoda on the 5th of March 2018.

Hon.Chief Justice Priyasath Dep PC, Hon. Jayantha Jayasuriya PC, Attorney General, several Judges of Superior Courts, High Courts, , Hon.Mohan Peiris PC former Chief Justice and several senior and junior members of the Official and Unofficial Bar also participated at the ceremony.

The eighteen senior lawyers who have completed 50 years at the Bar are Hon. N.E.Dissanayake, Hon. Hector S.Yapa, Mr.Neil H.Dias, Mr.Justin P.Fernando, Mr.S.R.Narayanasamy, Mr.A.Muthukrishnan, Mrs.Chintha M. Balalle, Mr.K.Thiranagama, Mr.Asoka de Z Gunasekera, Mr.Quintus A.R.Cooray , Mr.W.O.Ananda de Silva, Mrs. Indrani Arangalage , Mr.M.Devasagayam, Mr.Mohan R. A. Ratwatte, Mr.Nihal B Peiris, Mr.A.L.M.Hedayatulla PC, Mr.Tissa Dissanayake and Mr.A Virgil C. Mihindukulasuriya. In the presence of the Management Committee of the BASL, the Chief Guest, Hon.Chief Justice Priyasath Dep PC gave away the plaques to them.

## APPRECIATION NIGHT

The BASL also appreciated the assistance rendered by its members in achieving its goals during the year 2017. Fifty three members who have served in Standing Committees of BASL for the year 2017 as Chairpersons and Conveners received awards for their efforts from the Guest of Honour Hon.Jayantha Jayasuriya PC, Attorney General. At the invitation of Mr.U.R.De Silva PC, President of the Bar Association, Hon Justice K.T.Chitrasiri , Judge of the Supreme Court gave away gifts to the Administrative Staff of the BASL for the assistance and support given by them throughout the year.





### Computer Donations



### Flood Donations



#### EMERGENCY RELIEF ASSISTANCE

The Bar Association of Sri Lanka in collaboration with the Sri Lanka Rupavahini Corporation is in the process of collecting basic items for flood victims.

Members are hereby requested to deliver their goods such as drinking water, dry rations, clothing, sanitary-wear, medicines etc to the Bar Association of Sri Lanka at No. 153, Mihindu Mawatha, Colombo 12 and/or to respective Branch Association and/or to Sri Lanka Rupavahini Corporation, Buddhaloka Mawatha, Colombo 07.

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Thank you

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### BASL Members Welfare Day 2018





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**BAR ASSOCIATION OF SRI LANKA**

07<sup>th</sup> March, 2018

To: All Members of the BAR Association of Sri Lanka

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### New Court Attire for Women Lawyers (Optional) What to wear and what to avoid.

The attire for Women Lawyers recommended under the Supreme Court Rules (**Gazette Extraordinary No 1/4 dated 07-09-1978**) is **white, black, grey or mauve saree and jacket, or white, black, grey or mauve frock.**

In 2016, the BASL new proposal was forwarded at the Bench-Bar Meeting with the former Chief Justice, His Lordship the Chief Justice K. Sri-pavan, seeking permission to introduce appropriate alternate attire for women lawyers. The proposal was to introduce an easy and comfortable pair of black trousers and a black coat, with a white shirt that has a frilled collar.

This move was very positively appreciated by the entire membership of the Bench-Bar Committee. The proposal was taken up for reconsideration at the last Bench-Bar meeting by Mr. U.R. de Silva PC – President BASL and Secretary BASL Mr. Amal A. Randeniya. His Lordship the Chief Justice Priyasath Dep PC and Her Ladyship Justice Eva Wanasundara PC agreed to the designed presented and directed BASL to develop a proper design along with guidelines.

Currently, the BASL is working on a modality to design the attire which would be acceptable to the Supreme Court. Although the approval has been granted, there has to be a change in the Supreme Court Rules, affecting the incorporation of amendments approving this new attire for women lawyers. The proposal has to be channelled through the EXCO of BASL for approval from the Supreme Court.



Therefore, all women members of the Bar are requested to adhere to the currently existing rules in terms of attire as per the existing Supreme Court Rules, until the change is officially notified through a circular. Therefore the BASL would like request members to strictly take note of to this notification. Members should be aware that the BASL has not assigned nor delegated this matter to any other Association. The members are requested to take caution and not to be misled by media publicity given by parties other than the BASL.

I wish to thank a team of dedicated lawyers namely, Ms. Subhashini Jayalath, Mr. Maduka Perera and Ms. Sashika Rupasiri for providing me the necessary designs and sketches, for tailoring samples and for the photo-shoot.



## **CHAPTER 14**

### **BASL PUBLICATIONS**



**Appellate Court Judgements**  
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**MR.U.R.DE SILVA WAS ELECTED AS THE 24<sup>TH</sup> PRESIDENT OF THE BASL**



The Government will introduce a host of laws from this year to modernise the country's legal system  
Prime Minister, Hon.Ranil Wickremesinghe

Speaking at the 43rd Annual Convocation of the BASL, after the induction of the BASL's new President, Mr.U.R. De Silva by Attorney General, Hon.Jayantha Jayasuriya, PC, on the 25<sup>th</sup> of March 2017, the Prime Minister who was the Chief Guest said while Sri Lanka could be proud of having the oldest legal tradition in Asia, the country was far behind others in the region when it came to modern laws. As such, "starting from this year, there will be a lot of new laws coming in."

He said, among the new laws would be a counter terrorism law to replace the Prevention of Terrorism Act and an anti-dumping law. In addition, an Inland Revenue Bill would be tabled in Parliament very soon. Laws pertaining to the offshore financial city that was being built would also be formulated. Mr. Wickremesinghe urged the BASL to study the proposed laws and make recommendations to parliament's oversight committees. Mr. Wickremesinghe also said one pressing issue that was being discussed in Parliament was the law's delays. He said the Government would discuss the matter with both the judiciary and the BASL.

Justice Minister, Hon. Dr. Wijeyadasa Rajapakshe, PC also highlighted the need to minimise delays in the legal system. "While much has been done within the past few years to restore the public's confidence in the independence of the judiciary, the frustration of litigants regarding the delay in delivering justice remains undiminished," he said.

Mr. U.R. De Silva said that it was due to the pressure exerted by the BASL that reforms to the entire legal system were being discussed. "Therefore, I treat it as my foremost duty to see that much awaited changes, both in procedural and substantive laws are brought into effect during my tenure," he said.

Acting Chief Justice, Eva Wanasundara, President of the Court of Appeal, Justice Vijith Malalgoda also addressed the gathering.

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"I treat it as my foremost duty to see that much awaited changes, both in procedural and substantive laws are brought into effect during my tenure"  
- President BASL -



**BASL PRESIDENT'S SPEECH**  
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**UPCOMING EVENTS.....**



BASL will host the 28th Presidents of Law Associations of Asia (POLA) Summit to be held from July 22 to 24 at the Kingsbury Hotel, Colombo.

U.R. DE SILVA, PC PRESIDENT	ALI SABRY, PC DEPUTY PRESIDENT	AMAL A. RANDENIYA SECRETARY	SUJEEWA LAL DAHANAYAKE TREASURER	RAJITHA HATHURUSINGHE ASSISTANT SECRETARY
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**BASL CALENDAR - 2018**

A limited number of 2018 BASL Calendars will be available for sale from the 1st week of December.

This calendar published for the first time by the BASL Diary Committee will feature all important dates of the BASL for 2018 together with Court vacations and public holidays.

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## **CHAPTER 15**

### **INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENTS**



The BASL took the initiative to encouraged the Ministry of Justice to establish new court houses or additional court houses in undermentioned areas of the country. Namely;

- Additional High Court in Gampaha and Ratnapura
- New High Court in Matale
- New Civil Appellate Court in Negambo and Puttlam
- Additional Civil Appellate Court in Galle or Balapitiya
- New Court Complex for Moratuwa, Mount Lavinia, Galle, Pollonnaruwa and Matale
- New Court Houses for Wattala and Ruwanwella
- Foundation stones were laid at Medawachchiya and Kahatagasdigiliya for new court houses

BASL together with the Ministry of Justice was able to donate library books worth Rs. 50,000/- to Rs. 100,000/- provincial branch association to improve or establish libraries for the benefit of their membership. More than 2000 chairs were also distributed along wit the library project as per the request of the BASL.

Upon the continous request made the JSC established the Court Managment System in every Court Complex/House comprising of the High Court Judges, Branch Presidents and Secretaries, Registrars and Technical Officers.









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සියළුම මහාධිකරණ විනිශ්චයකාරවරුන්, දිසා විනිශ්චයකාරවරුන්, මහේත්මන්වරුන් වෙත.

**“ අධිකරණ පරිපාලන කමිටු ” පිහිටුවීම.**

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- ආ. අධිකරණ රෙජිස්ට්‍රාර්
- ඇ. අදාල නීතිඥ සංගමයේ සභාපති හා ලේකම්
- ඈ. ගණකාධිකාරී (ගණකාධිකරණයේ)
- ඉ. අධිකරණයේ අතිරේක රෙජිස්ට්‍රාර්/රෙජිස්ට්‍රාර්වරුන්
- ඊ. අධිකරණයේ හාද කාන්තයන් නිලධාරියා
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  - මහජන සේවාව පවත්වන
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02. අධිකරණ කමිටු පිහිටුවීමේ අරමුණ

- ❖ අධිකරණ පරිපාලන කමිටුව, උසාවි ගොඩනැගීම, නිල නිවාස, උපකරණ හා කාර්යාල මාරු සම්බන්ධව අදාළ යටිතල පහසුකම් මනා ලෙස පවත්වාගෙන යාම සහ ක්‍රමානුකූල නඩත්තුව.
- උදා :- අධිකරණ සභාවේ පුද්ගල, මෙහෙයුම්, විදුලි පාකා, කාර්යාලයේ පරිගණක, ජාත්‍යන්තර පිටපත් යන්ත්‍ර, ජල කාර්ම, විදුලි, සහ වැඩිදුරටත් අදාළ
- ❖ උසාවි භූමිය තුළ පිරිසිදුකම, පරිත්‍රකම් නිසි පරිදි පවත්වාගෙන යාම හා නඩු හාණ්ඩු ක්‍රමානුකූලව අසුරා ගැනීමට අවශ්‍ය පියවර ගැනීම.
- ❖ අධිකරණ කාර්ය මණ්ඩලය හා වෙනත් සේවකයන් (උදා; නීතිඥවරු, රජයේ නිලධාරීන්) සමග ගැටළු ඇති වේ නම් සාකච්ඡා කර විසඳීම සෙවීම. උදා :- සහතික පිටපත් නිකුත් කිරීම, ලේඛනාගාරයේ නඩු පොත් පවත්වා කිරීම ආදියද ඇතිවන ගැටළු.

❖ පොලීසිය, බන්ධනාගාර නිලධාරීන්, මහජන සේවාව පවත්වන ආයතනවල ඇතුළත් රජයේ නිලධාරීන්ගේ ක්‍රියාකලාපය නිසා ගැටළු ඇති වේ නම් සාකච්ඡා කර විසඳා ගැනීම.

- 03. කමිටු රැස්වීම මාස 02 කට වරක් වත් විය යුතු අතර, ඒ සඳහා අධිකරණයේ නඩු විභාග වන කාලය යොදා ගෙන යා යුතුය.
- 04. කමිටු රැස්වීම් වල සාකච්ඡාවන් අධිකරණයේ විනිශ්චයකාරවරයාගේ හා අධිකරණයේ ලේකම්වරයාගේ පරිපාලන කමිටුවට මෙම කමිටු සාකච්ඡාවලින් අයුතු මාදිලියක්වීමක් උද්ගත කරන ආකාරයේ ප්‍රතිචලයක් සිදු නොවිය යුතුය.
- 05. කමිටු රැස්වීම්වල සාකච්ඡාවන් ඉතාමත් සුඛදේශී ආකාරයෙන් පවත්වාගෙන යා යුතු අතර, සුදෙක් අධිකරණයේ, නීතිඥ මණ්ඩලයේ, අධිකරණ කාර්ය මණ්ඩලයේ හා නඩු කියන්නන්ගේ යහපත පිණිස පමණක් විය යුතුය.
- 06. දෙපාර්තමේන්තු ප්‍රධානියා වන විනිශ්චයකාරවරයාගේ හා අධිකරණයේ රෙජිස්ට්‍රාර්වරයාගේ පරිපාලන කමිටුවට මෙම කමිටු සාකච්ඡාවලින් අයුතු මාදිලියක්වීමක් උද්ගත කරන ආකාරයේ ප්‍රතිචලයක් සිදු නොවිය යුතුය.
- 07. සාකච්ඡාවලදී ගනු ලබන තීරණ අධිකරණ සේවා කොමිෂන් සභාව හා අධිකරණ අමාත්‍යාංශය විසින් දැනුවත් කිරීමක් කර ඇති හා ඉදිරියේදී කිරීමක් කරනු ලබන විකුලේට්වල උපදෙස් වලට පටහැනි නොවිය යුතුය.
- 08. කමිටු රැස්වීම්වල වාර්තා රෙජිස්ට්‍රාර්වරයා විසින් පිළියෙල කර නිසි පරිදි පවත්වාගෙන යා යුතුය. එම වාර්තාව පිටපතක් අවශ්‍ය නම් අදාල නීතිඥ සංගමයේ ලේකම්වරයාට රෙජිස්ට්‍රාර්වරයා වෙතින් ලබා ගැනීමට හැකියාව ඇත.
- 09. සාකච්ඡාවලදී ගනු ලබන තීරණයන් ක්‍රියාත්මක කර ගැනීමට ක්‍රියා කල හැකි අතර, එම කමිටුවට විසඳා ගත නොහැකි, අධිකරණ සේවා කොමිෂන් සභාවේ විෂයය පරාසයට ගැනෙන කාරණයක් උද්ගත වුවහොත්, එම අධිකරණ සේවා කොමිෂන් සභාවට ඉදිරිපත් කර උපදෙස් / සහාය ලබා ගත යුතුය.
- 10. එම කමිටුවට විසඳා ගත නොහැකි අධිකරණ ගොඩනැගීම, කාර්යාල උපකරණ, යටිතල පහසුකම් වැනි අධිකරණ අමාත්‍යාංශයේ විෂය පරාසයට ගැනෙන කරුණු අධිකරණ අමාත්‍යාංශයට ඉදිරිපත් කර උපදෙස් / සහාය ලබා ගත යුතුය.

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- පිටපත් :- 1. ලේකම්, අධිකරණ අමාත්‍යාංශය
- 2. ලේකම්, ශ්‍රී ලංකා නීතිඥ සංගමය.

## **CHAPTER 16**

### **PROJECTS OF PROGRAM UNIT OF BASL**



**REPORT BY THE BAR ASSOCIATION OF SRI LANKA  
PROGRAM COMMITTEE 2017/2018**

The Program Committee of the Bar Association of Sri Lanka was established in year 2014 to provide technical expertise to the Bar Association of Sri Lanka in implementing special projects undertaken. With the successful completion of the three year project of Civil Society Initiatives to promote Rule of Law (CSI.ROL) program funded by USAID, the Program Committee continued providing its services to the BASL by implementing EIDHR program titled 'Strengthening Fundamental Rights and Freedoms in Northern and Eastern Provinces of Sri Lanka' funded by European Union. Meanwhile, the Program Committee further contributed to continue the BASL partnership with Democracy Reporting International (DRI) to implement the Program titled 'Accompanying Sri Lanka's Democratic Transition' under the Grant of German Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Similarly, the Program Committee supported the establishment of the BASL Advanced Study Centre providing a number of CLE opportunities to the BASL membership across the island.

The Professional team of personnel at the Program Committee comprised with **Ms. Nayomi Wickramaratne (Program Manager)**, **Ms. Umeshika Dalpatadu (Research Manager)**, **Mr. Thuraisingham Prakalathan (Finance Manager)** and **Mr. Kalinga De Silva (Program Coordinator)** and following is the summary of the Activities completed by the team in the Year of 2017/2018.

### **EIDHR Program of European Union**

In the year 2016/2017, the Program Committee successfully completed the two year project undertaken by the Bar Association of Sri Lanka in partnering with the European Instrument for Democracy and Human Rights (EIDHR) Program titled 'Strengthening Fundamental Rights and Freedoms in Northern and Eastern Provinces of Sri Lanka' and funded by European Union.

This partnership was made in the year 2016 to promote Freedom of Expression, better understanding and increased respect of fundamental rights, the quality of legal services and the access to legal assistance in Northern and Eastern Provinces of the Country and therein to achieve three separate outcomes; firstly the media is empowered to foster inclusive dialogue among civil society on a conducive environment, secondly the capacities of young lawyers and judges on fundamental rights and freedoms and, civil and criminal law are strengthened and thirdly awareness and improved access to legal services to the most vulnerable is provided. This Annual Report contains the Year Two Activities implemented within the year of 2017/2018.

### **Awareness Programs on Freedom of Expression, Media Rights and Right to Information**

In the Year Two of the Program, it was required to conduct Eight (08) Awareness Sessions at Provincial (1 in each target province, 2 in total), District (1 in each target province, 2 in total) and Divisional (2 in each target province, 4 in total) levels focusing the topics related to Freedom of Expression, Media Rights and Right to Information. The target group of these Awareness programs was journalists, media people, local government officials, community leaders, CSOs, social activists and university students in related fields.

District	Program	Month	Day 1	Day 2	Location	Status
01	Provincial Level 1	May	27	28	Killinochchi	Completed
02	District Level 1		04	05	Jaffna	Completed
03	DS Level 1		19	20	Nallur	Completed
04	DS Level 2	June	02	03	Chavakachcheri	Completed
05	Provincial Level 1	May	20	21	Batticaloa	Completed
06	District Level 1		27	28	Batticaloa	Completed
07	DS Level 1	June	01	02	Vavunathivu	Completed
08	DS Level 2	July	15	16	Paddipalai	Completed

For these awareness sessions, the BASL has utilized Seventeen (17) Tamil Speaking Resource Persons (05 Lawyers, 05 University Lectures, 05 Senior Journalists and 02 Government Officers). In the Year One, the BASL has utilized Eighteen (18) Resource Persons (05 Lawyers, 05 University Lecturers, 07 Senior Journalists, and 01 Government Officer). 09 Resource Persons have been used in both years while 09 Resource Persons were used only for the programs in Year One and another 08 Resource Persons were used for the programs in year Two.

### Training Workshops on Ethical Reporting

In the Year Two of the Program, it was again required to complete 10 Ethical Reporting Workshops at District (1 in each target district, 2 in total) and Divisional (4 in each target district, 8 in total) levels targeting journalists and media personnel in Nallur and Chavakachcheri DS Divisions in Jaffna District and Vavunathivu and Paddipalai DS Divisions in Batticaloa District.

	Activity	Location	June	July	September	Participation		
						M	F	T
1	District Level 1 - Jaffna	Subash hotel	10-11	-	-	16	6	22
2	District Level 2 - Batticaloa	Bridge View Hotel	30	01	-	21	4	25
3	DS Level Program 1 - Jaffna	Conference Hall, Euroville	23-24	-	-	13	01	14
4	DS Level Program 2 - Jaffna		-	07-08	-	10	04	14
5	DS Level Program 3 - Jaffna		-	14-15	-	09	05	14
6	DS Level Program 4 - Jaffna	Gnanams Hotel	-	21-22	-	18	10	28
7	DS Level Program 1 - Batticaloa	Green Garden Hotel	-	07-08	-	13	22	35
8	DS Level Program 2 - Batticaloa	Bridge View Hotel	-	-	09-10	7	0	7
9	DS Level Program 3 - Batticaloa	YMCA Hall	-	-	23-24	7	39	46
10	DS Level Program 4 - Batticaloa		-	-				

For these training workshops, the BASL has utilized Sixteen (16) Resource Persons (08 Lawyers, 03 University Lectures, 04 Senior Journalists and 01 Government Officers). In the Year One, the BASL has utilized Fourteen (14) Resource Persons (06 Lawyers, 01 University Lecturers, 05 Senior Journalists, and 02 Government Officer). 09 Resource Persons have been used in both years while 05 Resource Persons were used only for the programs in Year One and another 07 Resource Persons were used for the programs in year Two. There were 412 beneficiaries in both years (205 in year one [114 male +91 female] and 207 in year two [137 male + 70 female])

### Awareness Sessions on Fundamental Rights and Freedoms

BASL in the Year Two of the program successfully completed two Awareness Sessions on Fundamental Rights and Freedoms targeting lawyers in Northern and Eastern Provinces.

The first program was held on 28th and 29th July 2017 in Nelly Rest Vavuniya and, there were 53 participants in to this training [Male 40 + Female 13] representing Branch Bar Associations of Vavuniya, Mullativu, Killinochchi and Mannar. Second program was successfully completed with the training program conducted in Trincomalee focusing Civil Law and Criminal Law. Accordingly, first part was completed in the program held on 20th, 21st and 22nd October 2017 at Trinco Rest, Trincomalee while second part was completed in the program held on 16th 17th 18th February 2018 at Hotel Trinco Blue, Trincomalee. There were 35 participants into the first part of the program [Male 27 + Female 08] and 75 participants in to the second part of the program [Male 58 + Female 17] representing Branch Bar Associations of Trincomalee, Bibile, Ampara, Samanthurai, Kalmunai, Akkarai pattu, Hingurakgoda and Pollonnaruwa.

In total, there were 163 participants in year two program. When observing the year one program there were 160 participants and accordingly, 223 participants in both locations were benefitted from this program. Mr. M.A.Sumanthiran, PC, Mr. V. Puvitharan, PC, Ms. Bhavani Fonseka, Attorney-at-Law, Senior Researcher, CPA, Mr. M.A.M.Hakeem, Attorney-at-Law, Senior Lecturer, Faculty of Law, University of Colombo and Mr. M. Thirunavukarasu, Attorney-at-Law were the resource persons of these two programs in Year Two. In Both Years, the BASL has invited Twelve (12) resource persons and BASL thanks all these resource persons for willingness to share their time and expertise with the membership in these two regions.

### **Advanced Training Program on Civil Law and Criminal Law**

Under Year Two of the Program two (02) Advanced Trainings on Civil Law and Criminal Law were required to be completed and accordingly, the BASL successfully completed these two programs as Provincial Law Conferences targeting legal practitioners in Northern and Eastern Provinces.

The first program was held on 31st August, 01st and 02nd September 2017 at the Hotel Mango Mango Anuradhapura and there were 96 participants into the training [Male 57+ Female 36] including members of judiciary. Second program was completed amalgamating Awareness Sessions on Fundamental Rights and Freedoms and accordingly, the first part of the training held on 20th, 21st and 22nd October 2017 at Trinco Rest, Trincomalee while second part was completed in the program held on 16th 17th 18th February 2018 at Hotel Trinco Blue, Trincomalee. There were 35 participants into the first part of the program [Male 27 + Female 08] and 75 participants in to the second part of the program [Male 58 + Female 17].

In total, there were 206 participants in year two program. When observing the year one program there were 154 participants and accordingly, 360 participants in both locations were benefitted from this program.

Hon. Attorney General graced these two Advanced Trainings as the Chief Guest and it was indeed a great opportunity for lawyers in these regions to see and hear the veterans of the Bar. Mr. U. R. De Silva, PC President BASL, Hon. Judge Manjula Thilakarathne, Mr. Kalinga Indatissa, PC, Mr. Kuvera De Zoysa, PC, Mr. Neville Abeyarathne, PC, Mr. Karunarathne Herath, PC, Mr. G. G. Arulpragasam, Attorney-at-Law, Mr. Madhawa Thennakoon, Senior State Counsel, Mr. Sunil Abeyarathne, Attorney-at-Law, Mr. Anura Bandara, Attorney-at-Law, Mr. Jagath Wickramanayake, Attorney-at-Law, Sanjaya Kodithuwakku, Attorney-at-Law, Mr. Upali Mohotti, Attorney-at-Law and Mr. Kaushalya Nawarathne, Attorney-at-Law, Secretary Elect to BASL were the resource persons of these two programs and BASL thanks all these resource persons for willingness to share their time and expertise with the membership in these two regions.

### **Awareness Sessions on Basic Rights and Access to Justice**

In the Year Two of the program, it was again needed to complete 20 GN Level Awareness Programs [10 in Jaffna and 10 in Batticaloa] on 'Basic Rights and Access to Justice' targeting the community leaders and local authorities in those areas. The 10 programs in Batticaloa were held from 02nd August 2017 to 01st September 2017 focusing 2 D/S divisions of Vavunathivu and Paddipalai. Accordingly, 05 programs were held in Vavunathivu D/S Division Focusing Kanchirankudha, Pavatkodichenai, Makilavdduvan, Panchenai and Unnichchai G/N Divisions while the other 05 programs were held in Paddipalai D/S Division targeting Muthalikudah West, Kanchikodisuwamimalai, Pannichchaiyadimunmari, Unnichchai and Kuluvinaimadu G/N Divisions.

The 10 programs in Jaffna were held from 02nd August 2017 to 01st September 2017 focusing 2 D/S divisions of Nallur and Chavakachcheri. Accordingly, 05 programs were held in Nallur D/S Division focusing Ariyalai East, Ariyalai South West, Ariyalai South East, Ariyalai Central West and Ariyalai North West G/N Divisions while another 05 programs were held in Chavakachcheri D/S Division targeting Kovilkudiyiruppu, Meesalai West, Manthuvil North, Navatkulai west and Ketpeti G/N Divisions.

District	D/S Division	Month	Day1	GN Division	Status		
01	Jaffna	Nallur	August	02	Ariyalai East	Completed	
02				03	Ariyalai South West	Completed	
03				14	Ariyalai South West	Completed	
04				16	Ariyalai Centre West	Completed	
05				18	Ariyalai North West	Completed	
06		Chavakachcheri		21	Kovilkudiyiruppu	Completed	
07				23	Meesalai West	Completed	
08				30	Manthuvil North	Completed	
09				31	Meesalai West	Completed	
10				September	01	Palaveemankaamam	Completed
11	Batticaloa	Vavunathivu	August	02	Kanchirankudha	Completed	
12				03	Pavakkodichenai	Completed	
13				14	Mahilavuran	Completed	
14				16	Panchenai	Completed	
15				18	Unnichchai	Completed	
16		Paddipalai		21	Muthalikudha	Completed	
17				31	Pannichchaiydimunmari	Completed	
18				31	Pannichchaiydimunmari	Completed	
19				September	01	Kuluvinaimadhu	Completed
20					29	Unnichchai	Completed

There were 335 participants in to 10 Programs in Jaffna [125 Male + 210 Female] and 446 participants in to the 10 programs in Batticaloa [119 Male + 327 Female]. In Total there were 781 participants in to the whole activity in the Year Two while there were 682 beneficiaries in Year One (301 beneficiaries in 10 programs in Jaffna [149 male + 152 Female] and 381 beneficiaries in 10 programs in Batticaloa [ 159 Male + 122 Female] . When considering both years, there were 1463 beneficiaries in both locations.

### Training Programs on Legal Documentation

In the Year Two of the program, it was further needed to complete 20 GN level Training Programs on Legal Documentation [10 in Jaffna and 10 in Batticaloa] focusing the same target group of the above mentioned program. However, Due to the past experience of the program, some programs were merged and combined as one activity. Accordingly, 09 programs were conducted in the Baticolooa while all the 10 programs were completed in Jaffna.

The 09 programs in Batticaloa, were held from 12th September to 12th October 2017 focusing 2 D/S divisions of Vavunathivu and Paddipalai. Accordingly, 05 programs were held in Vavunathivu D/S Division focusing Unnichchai, Kanchirankudah, Panchenai, Paratkodichenai and Makilavedduvan G/N Divisions while the other 04 programs were held in Paddipalai D/S Division focusing G/N Divisions of Pannichchaiyadimunmari, Mavaraddymunmari, Muthalikudah West, Keviliyamadu and Kuluvinaimadu.

The 10 programs in Jaffna, were held from 08th to 28th September 2017 focusing 2 D/S divisions of Nallur and Chavakachcheri. Accordingly, 05 programs were held in Nallur D/S Division focusing Ariyalai East, Ariyalai South West, Ariyalai South East, Ariyalai Centre West and Ariyalai North West G/N Divisions while the other 05 programs were held in Chavakachcheri D/S Division focusing G/N Divisions of Meesalai West, Kovilkudiyiruppu, Manthuvil North, Navatkulai West and Ketpeti.

District	D/S Division	Month	Day1	GN Division	Status	
01	Jaffna	September	08	Ariyalai East	Completed	
02			11	Ariyalai South West	Completed	
03			12	Ariyalai South East	Completed	
04			14	Ariyalai Centre West	Completed	
05			18	Ariyalai North West	Completed	
06			Chavakachcheri	19	Meesalai West	Completed
07				21	Kovilkudiyiruppu	Completed
08				22	Manthuvil North	Completed
09				25	Navatkulai West	Completed
10				28	Ketpeti	Completed
11	Batticaloa	September	12	Unnichchai	Completed	
12			14	Kanchirankudha	Completed	
13			28	Panchenai	Completed	
14		October	10	Pavakkodichenai	Completed	
15			12	Mahilavuran	Completed	
16		Paddipalai	September	19	Pannichchaiydimunmari	Completed
17				26	Muthalikudha	Completed
18				29	Keviliyamadu	Completed
19			October	03	Kuluvinaimadhu	Completed

There were 190 participants for the programs in Jaffna [69 Male + 121 Female] and 248 participants into the programs in Batticaloa [41 Male + 207 Female]. In total there were 438 participants [110 Male + 328 Female] into the whole program in Year Two. When considering both years, there were 744 beneficiaries in both locations.

### Legal Services Mapping

The Bar Association of Sri Lanka Legal Services Mapping (BASL LSM) Project was a research initiative designed to increase the understanding of the legal services available for the people in the Jaffna and Batticaloa Districts, the extent to which their legal needs are currently being met, and how access to legal services can be improved in the area. This mapping was done as a participatory action research where the environmental scanning and collaborative needs assessments were conducted as part of various other activities under the project. The methodology used for this study was qualitative in nature. The main tools used for data collection were key person/key contact interviews. Study was done using a structured survey questionnaire and the research team personally met all 25 organizations in Jaffna District and 36 organizations in the Batticaloa District identified as providing legal services.

The Research team was able to produce a searchable database (updated) in terms of location, services, and areas of law which could be identified as unprecedented legal services information. Such information can be used by Justice sector stakeholders such as the government, legal professionals and other non-profit organizations for referral purposes as well as in the development of new programs towards reducing the gaps in legal services provided in the area. The BASL LSM has gathered and reported a wealth of information pertinent to answering the primary research questions set out at the beginning of the mapping which is contained in detail in the databases. The findings of the report show that there are organizations which provide a wide range of legal services to citizens however, the lack of proper maintenance of the statistics and data have;

1. Made it difficult for citizens to identify and access these services.
2. Some areas of concerns are seriously under-served whilst in some areas services overlap/ or are duplicated.
3. The quality of the services provided and the value transferred to final beneficiary has not been questioned.
4. The commitment and inspiring nature of the service providers have gone unnoticed or undervalued.

This mapping is the only attempt at legal service mapping in Sri Lanka to support the existing legal services to better coordinate and use a collaborative and community based approach in providing effective legal services and its findings and recommendations were presented to the Government Agent (GA) and the Divisional Secretaries in the Jaffna and Batticaloa Districts in the form of a report.



Batticaloa District meeting with the GA took place on 22nd February 2018 where all 14 Divisional Secretaries were present. Jaffna District meeting took place on the 26th February 2018 where GA and number of Divisional Secretaries or their representatives were present. Research Manager of the BASL Program Committee presented the findings of the Legal Service Mapping and explained how the database developed under the mapping can be easily maintained without high cost or time consumption. The importance of District Secretaries leadership and the collaborative efforts of the Government, INGOs and NGOs, CBO, CSO and Academics were stressed and all agreed the findings and the recommendations were timely and relevant.

### Mobile Legal Aid Clinics

In the Year Two of the program, it was the requirement of the project to complete 26 Legal Aid Mobile Clinics [2 days x 26 = 52 days] aiming vulnerable and marginalized people in the targeted areas in both the districts of Jaffna and Batticaloa. However, with the past experience of the project, it was then decided to merged some programs and have this program in one location in one day without having them as two day program in one location. Accordingly, 19 programs were successfully held Batticaloa while 22 programs were held in Jaffna.

All 19 programs of Batticaloa scheduled in Batticaloa District were completed in the months of October, November and December 2017. The total number of legal aid seekers was 259 and there were 153 Female Legal Aid Seekers.

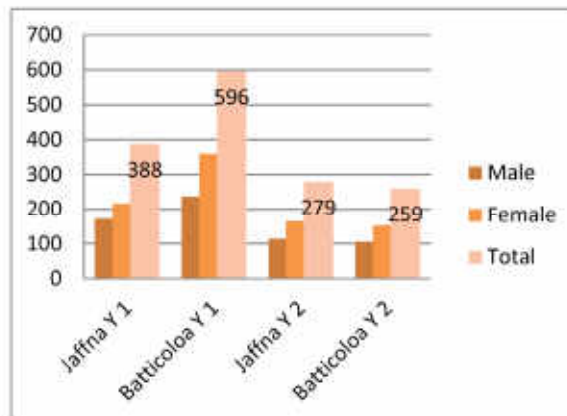
	District	D/S Div.	Month	Date	Venue	Status
01	Batticaloa	Vvunathevu	October	30	Manikikattu	Completed
02			November	01	Karavetty	Completed
03				02	Kannankudha	Completed
04				07	Illupadichchenai	Completed
05				08	Kanchirankudha	Completed
06				13	Aythiyamalai	Completed
07				December	04	Unnichchai
08			07		Puthumandapathady	Completed
09			Paddipalai	November	10	Ampilanthurai
10		14			Pandariyavelly	Completed
11		16			Kokkadicholai	Completed
12		17			Panichayadimunmarie	Completed
13		21			Kuluvinamadhu	Completed
14		23			Mahiladitheevu South	Completed
15		24			Munaikkadu West	Completed
16		28			Thanthamalai	Completed
17		30	Keviliyamadu	Completed		
18		District Level	December	05	Kaluwanchikudy	Completed
19				06	Vellavelly	Completed

All 22 programs of Jaffna scheduled in Jaffna District were completed in the months of October, November and December 2017 and January 2018. The total number of legal aid seekers was 279 and there were 165 Female Legal Aid Seekers.

District	D/S Division	Month	Date	Venue	Status	
Jaffna	Nallur	October	10	Ariyalai East	Completed	
			11	Ariyalai Centre	Completed	
			16	Neeraviyadi	Completed	
			20	Vannarpannai North	Completed	
			17	Nallur North	Completed	
			23	Thirunelvely West	Completed	
			26	Kondavil North West	Completed	
			27	Kokkuvil East	Completed	
			02	Kaithady North	Completed	
			07	Navatkuly East	Completed	
	Chavakachcheri	November	09	Kovilkudiyiruppu	Completed	
			10	Kalvayal	Completed	
			13	Madduvil	Completed	
			15	Madduvil North	Completed	
			17	Meesalai East	Completed	
			21	Kodikamam South	Completed	
			22	Karampakam	Completed	
			23	Varany North	Completed	
			24	Suddipuram	Completed	
			28	Chavakachcheri Town	Completed	
	District Level		December	15	Maruthankemy	Completed
			January	10	Karainagar	Completed

In total, 538 Legal Aid Seekers visited the mobile clinics held in both Jaffna and Batticoloa in Year Two. When observing all the performance data relating to Year 01 and Year 02 relating to this mobile legal aid clinics, it can be seen that there are 1522 beneficiaries in both Jaffna and Batticoloa Districts.

BASL takes this opportunity to thank the Chairman of the Legal Aid Commission for the support given in implementing these mobile Legal Aid Clinics in both targeted districts in Northern and Eastern Provinces successfully.



**Legal Documentation Clinics**

In the year 02 of the program, it was also a requirement of the EIDHR program to conduct 20 Legal Documentation Clinics [2days] throughout 40 days targeting vulnerable and marginalized people in the 2 DS Divisions of Nallur and Chavakachcheri in Jaffna and of Vavunathevu and Paddipalai in Batticoloa. However, with the past experience of the project, it was then decided to merge some programs without having them as two day program in one location and accordingly, 33 programs [17 in Batticoloa and 16 in Jaffna] were successfully completed in both Batticoloa and Jaffna.

All 16 programs of Jaffna scheduled in Jaffna District were completed in the months of November and December 2017 and February 2018. With the Local Government Elections, the programs scheduled in January were postponed and

accordingly 07 programs were completed after the Local Government Election on 10th February 2018. There were 481 legal aid seekers and BASL utilized 15 Resource Persons of Local Government Authorities in completing these legal documentation clinics in Jaffna.

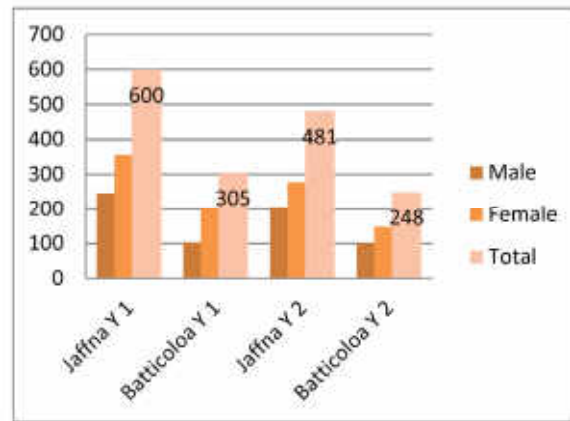
	District	D/S Division	Month	Date	GN Division	Status
1	Jaffna	Nallur	November	30	Ariyalai East	Completed
2				01	Ariyalai South West	Completed
3			December	05	Ariyalai South East	Completed
4				07	Ariyalai North West	Completed
5			February	12	Ariyalai East and Ariyalai South East	Completed
6				15	Ariyalai South West and North West	Completed
7		Chavakachcheri	December	08	Meesalai West	Completed
8				11	Kovilkudiyiruppu	Completed
9				12	Manthuvil North	Completed
10				18	Nawatkuly West	Completed
11				19	Ketpely	Completed
12				February	16	Meesalai East
13			19		Kovilkudiyiruppu	Completed
14			20		Manthuvil North	Completed
15			22		Nawatkuly West	Completed
16			23	Ketpuly	Completed	

All 17 programs of Batticoloa scheduled in Batticoloa District were completed in the months of November and December 2017 and January 2018. There were 248 legal aid seekers and BASL utilized 11 Resource Persons of Local Government Authorities in completing these legal documentation clinics in Batticoloa.

	District	D/S Division	Month	Date	GN Division	Status
1	Batticoloa	Paddipalai	November	17	Pannichchaiyadimunmari	Completed
2				21	Kuluvinaimadu	Completed
3				23	Muthalikudah West	Completed
4				28	Kachchaikodi	Completed
5				30	Swamimalai	Completed
6			December	21	Muthalikudah West	Completed
7				22	Kulivinaimadu	Completed
8			January	04	Mavadimunmari	Completed
9		Vavunathivu	December	07	Pavatkodichenai	Completed
10				12	Kanchirankudha	Completed
11				14	Makilavettuwan	Completed
12				19	Unnichchai	Completed
13			January	05	Pavatkodichenai	Completed
14				09	Kanchirankudha	Completed
15				11	Makilavettuwan	Completed
16				12	Panchenai	Completed
17				25	Unnichchai	Completed

In total, 729 Legal Aid Seekers visited the mobile clinics held in both Jaffna and Batticoloa in Year Two. When observing all the performance data relating to Year 01 and Year 02 of these legal Documentation clinics, it can be seen that there are 1634 beneficiaries in both Jaffna and Batticoloa Districts.

BASL has sought the support of Divisional Secretaries and other Government Officials in those targeted locations in both Jaffna and Batticoloa in conducting these legal documentation Clinics and, BASL takes this opportunity to thank all of them for the excellent support given throughout the project.



### Successful Completion

This project ran for the period of two years with the same defined activities and hence the Program Committee learned to follow a 'Learning Curve' theory by assessing learning against experience. This experience has enhanced Individual, Group, Organizational and inter-organizational learning further contributing to the effectiveness of this particular project.

Accordingly, in implementing this program, BASL could successfully adapt to changing environments and to adjust under uncertain conditions while serving the community working through a Community organization. This increased experience by working together as a team has promoted better coordination and teamwork integrating the new insights and knowledge from each other to cut time costs, to decrease the risks associated with problem solving, and to maximize mutual respect and understanding.

In so doing the Program Committee could closely collaborate with related State authorities particularly, Legal Aid Commission, Sri Lanka Police, Officials at District Secretariats, Department of Registration of Persons and academics and experts attached to such authorities in implementing various activities defined at the program mandate. Their services and contribution was a key pillar behind this accomplishment and BASL appreciate all their support in achieving the objectives of the program.

BASL further appreciate the support given by two field officers of BASL namely Mrs. Carmalita Sasiruban and Ms. Sharmi Jegatheeswaran, Attorneys-at-Law in implementing these specific program activities. BASL also thanks the two partners particularly the ACTED and SOND for their understanding in achieving the program objectives to the maximum. Finally the BASL praises the contribution of European Union (EU) to promote the Rule of Law in the country through this two year project.

### Dialogues on 'Our Rights; Our Constitution – Let's Talk about it'

The Program Committee provided their services in implementing a series of constitutional dialogues with the Provincial Bars and General Public to foster a public debate on the Constitution Making Process and the Rights of the Citizens. This program was implemented (from September 2017-November 2017) under the BASL partnership with Democracy Reporting International in executing the program titled 'Accompanying Sri Lanka's Democratic Transition' under the Grant of German Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

The Aim of these dialogues was to enhance the awareness of legal Community and the general public regarding the constitutional making process and the contents of the Sub Committee Reports and the Interim Report of the Steering Committee. Accordingly, members of the provincial bars, public officials, local authorities, law enforcement officers and civil society organisations were invited to participate to ensure a multi stakeholder representation within these dialogues.

These dialogues were indeed based on the Universal Principles of Equality and Non-Discrimination on grounds of gender, religion, ethnicity, class, place of origin and, the importance of having constitutional protection for every citizen and their entitlement to participate in Constitution Making Process to ensure the quality of governance in Sri Lanka.

Accordingly, four such dialogues were successfully completed in Polonnaruwa, Matale, Kegalle and Kuliypitiya in ad-

dition to the Panel Discussion held in Colombo with a key note address by the eminent Kenyan Constitutional Expert Prof Yash Ghai who chaired the Kenyan Constitutional process.

The agenda for the program consisted three main sessions to open a platform to a meaningful dialogue at the end of the program. The three main areas and sub areas discussed were broadly identified as; where we are at the moment; how the New Constitution can improve access to Justice and the Rule of Law; the chances of improving Gender Rights, and Fundamental Rights through the Constitution, Devolution of power; Development and strengthening Accountability and Constitutional Commissions as pathways to strengthening democracy and Fundamental Rights and, Citizen Rights and Responsibilities, and their contribution to the Constitution-making process.

BASL and DRI worked collaboratively to design the programs and select the Resource Panel for each program. Resource persons were selected on the basis of their subject specialty, exposure in the relevant field, ability to present ideas in simple language in a context of a mixed audience and most importantly, their ability to present ideas in a neutral manner, without advocating for any party political agenda. BASL maintained the position that the program should always aim at increasing citizens' engagement in the Constitution Making Process by strengthening the public awareness and their empowerment. Care was taken accordingly to ensure that the program did not entertain politically motivated ideas in terms of promoting or demoting the current constitutional making process.

### Dialogues on 'Our Rights; Our Constitution – Let's Talk About It'

PROGRAM AGENDA	
Registration	0930 -1000
Opening	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Welcome Address</li> <li>Objective of the Workshops - Constitution and the importance of the Constitutional Process</li> </ul>	1000 – 1015
Session 01 : Panel Discussion	
<b>"Where we are at the Moment"</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Why does the Constitution matter to you?</li> <li>Why do we need comprehensive reform?</li> <li>What unites Sri Lankans? Common Aspirations, Visioning of the State</li> <li>How can they be united?</li> </ul>	1015 – 1100
<b>"How the New Constitution can improve access to Justice and the Rule of Law"</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>How the select committee report on Fundamental rights improves access to justice?</li> <li>Role of Courts to improve access to Justice.</li> <li>Constitution and reconciliation and experiences shared of South Africa</li> </ul>	1100 – 1130
<b>"The Chances of improving Gender, and Fundamental Rights through the Constitution"</b>	11.30- 12.00
Session 01 : Part 02	
<b>Devolution of power; Development and strengthening Accountability</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>challenges faced by provincial councils</li> <li>Reforms proposed in the interim report/ select committee reports ( key issues land rights, police powers, budgets (grants and taxation)</li> </ul>	12.00 – 1.00
Lunch	0100 - 0200
Session 02	
<b>Session 02 Part 01 - Constitutional Commissions as pathways to strengthening democracy and fundamental rights</b> <b>Why are they important to you the Citizen?</b> Human Rights Commission <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Right to Information Commission</li> </ul>	0200 – 0300 0300 – 0340
<b>Session 02 Part 02 – [Panel Discussion] Citizen Rights and Responsibilities, how can citizen contribute to Constitution?</b>	0340 - 0420
Discussion and Moderator to summarize	0420 - 0445
Conclusion	0445

Polonnaruwa District Program was held at the Hotel Sudu Araliya, Polonnaruwa on 7th October 2017 while Matale District Program was held at the Hotel Swiss Dale, Matale on 8th October 2017. Similarly, Kuliyaipitiya District Program was held at Rajana Reach Hotel, Kuliyaipitiya on 28th October 2017 while Kegalle District Program was held at Hotel Sleek, Kegalle on 29th October 2017. Public Discussion in Colombo was held at Dr. H W Jayewardene QC Auditorium on 24th October 2017.

There were 302 participants in to these dialogues [189 Male+102 Female+11 Not Mentioned] and the Resource Panel participating in these provincial programs were Dr. Deepika Udagama Chairperson, Human Rights Commission, Mr. Lal Wijenayaka, Attorney at Law, Chairman Public Representation Committee, Mr. Sujeewa Lal Dahanayaka Attorney at Law Treasurer of the Bar Association of Sri Lanka and Chairman Human Rights Committee of the Bar Association of Sri Lanka, Mr. Jagath Wickramanayake Attorney at Law Executive Committee Member 2016/2017, Professor Sumanasiri Liyanage Former Senior Lecturer in Political Economic Department, University of Peradeniya, Dr. Sakunthala Kadirgamar Country Representative DRI, Mr. Jayantha Dehiattage Attorney at Law, Mr. D. M Disanayaka Attorney at Law, Mr. Jagath Liyanarachchi Attorney at Law Director Media Circle on Right to Information and Mr. Luwie Ganesanathan, Attorney at Law.

The Resource Panel participating in Public Discussion held in Colombo included: Mr. Prasantha Lal de Alwis, President's Counsel, Mr. Manohara De Silva, President's Counsel, Mr. Saliya Pieris, President's Counsel, Hon. M. A Sumanthiran, President's Counsel, Dr. Paikiosothy Saravanamuttu and it was moderated by Mr. M. U. M Ali Sabry, President's Counsel, Deputy President of the Bar Association of Sri Lanka.









## **CHAPTER 17**

### **ART AND RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES**

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  - » Neethi Kekulu Committee**
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## NEETHI RANGA COMMITTEE

**Chairperson** : Mrs. Kanthi Kannangara  
**Convener** : Ms. Ruchira Gunasekera

The most awaited and vibrant annual musical event unfolding the variety and the extent, the graces and the energy of the Lawyers' talents in singing, dancing and acting was held on the 02nd of December 2017 at Kularatne Hall, Ananda College , Colombo 10.

This was the 25th anniversary of the event and it was graced by Hon.Justice Eva Wanasundera PC , Judge of the Supreme Court.

Hon. Justices of Supreme Court, Court of Appeal, High Courts, Districts Courts and Magistrate's courts, President's Counsel, lawyers and their family members attended the event.

We will be failing in our duty, at the outset, if we do not appreciate the time efforts, commitment and guidance of Mr.U.R.De Silva PC, President of the BASL in bringing out this event which commemorated 25th anniversary in 2017.

About 40 members took part in the event representing bars from Colombo and outstation. Ravindra Ranasuriya, G.Wijemanne, Tudor Bulathwela, Anuradha Peiris, Gihan Vindika, Suvini Karunarathne, Lasitha Ravin Umagiliya, Savani Pathirana, Dimuthu Karunarathne, Nilmal Wickremasinghe, Samantha Mallawaarchchi, Sagarika Weeraparakrama, Ayesha Attanayake, Yajish Tennakoon, Chandima Amaraweera, Nadee Sarathchandra, Devapriya Hulanduwa, Thushari Gange Kularatne, Rexie G Piyadasa, Susara Wijetunghe, Eranda Wanasinghe, Samanthi Gunawardena, Malika Siriwardena, Wijeyabandara Seneviratne, Sriyanthi de Seram, Chathura Gunaratne, K.M.W.Anuradha, Ruwani Adhikari, Malsha Mihirani, Shyama Uduwaragoda, Nelson de Silva, Rajika Silva, Premila Karunarathne, Sisira Edirasinghe, Amila Kankanamge , Surangi Sandamali, Nadeeshani Warnakulasuriya, Ranjan Dahampath Jayasena, Jithma Bandara Mayadunne, Vipula Vindika, Thilini Thambugala and Dinusha Jayasinghe entertained the audience with their scintillating voice and histrionics.

Comperes were Attorneys-at-Law Kapila Gamini Abeysinghe and Oshini Weerasinghe.

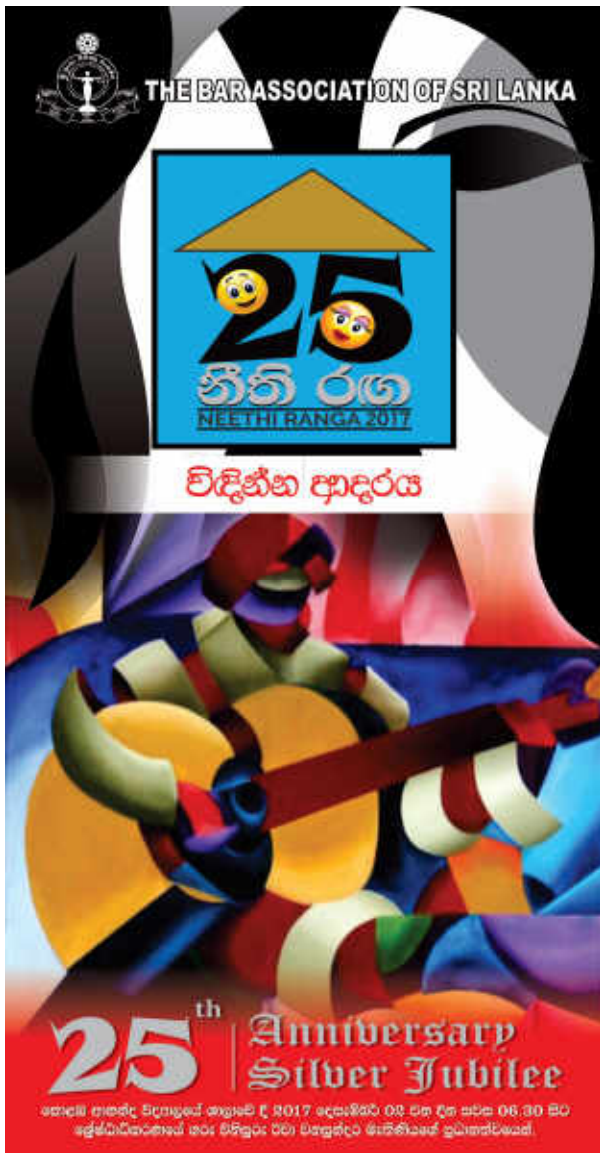
Performances of our members were at a higher level and it is not an exaggeration to say that they performed on par with professionals in the industry backed by Sangeeth Visharada G.P.Upananda and his musical group.

The committee extends its heartfelt gratitude to the staff of the BASL and all those who made contributions through advertisements and donations.









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08. දෙමර් දෙමර් (Dance) - චිත්‍ර රිදුමනි	26. Hindi Song (Kuch Kuch Hota Hai) - Video - ආදර් සානාමිණි
09. Japanese Song (Video) - මිලිමි රිදුමනි	27. මා මග පාලි - මිමි රිදුමනි
10. අනිසා මිලා - සානාමි මිලිමිණිමර / සානාමි මිලිමිණි	28. මිලිමි මාමි - ආදර් සානාමිණි
11. දුර්වලදර්සන මිලන් රිච් - ආදර් ආනාමිණි	29. මේමි මේමි - Dance - ආදර් සානාමිණි + රිච් රිච් රිච්
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## NEETHI KEKULU COMMITTEE

**Chairperson** : Mr.Sujeewa Lal Dahanayake  
**Convener** : Ms. Ranusha Wijesinghe

“Neethi Kekulu” was the Brain child of Mr.U.R.De Silva PC, President of the Bar Association of Sri Lanka ,who strongly believed that the opportunity too should be afforded for the children of our members to demonstrate their talents in singing and dancing.

This time too, dynamic BASL President Mr.U.R.De Silva PC guided the committee in bringing out the talents of around forty children of Lawyers of the Colombo Bar and Outstation Bars in Neethi Kekulu musical event held on 11th March 2018 at Kularatne Hall, Colombo 10.

The event was graced by Mr.W.Dayaratne PC, former President of the Bar Association of Sri Lanka and Mr.G.G.Arulpragasam, Senior Attorney-at-Law as the Guests of honour.

Our sincere thanks goes out to amiable Convener Ms.Ranusha Wijesinghe who choreographed the dancing events singlehandedly with her professional dancing expertise.

Committee makes a special note of the inspiration, dedication and commitment of the delightful parents, if not for which, the spectacular performances by the young Neethi Kekulu artists would certainly not have been possible.

Sangeeth Visharada G.P.Upananda was the Music Director.

Miss. Nimansa Thalduwa and Miss. Nishya Thamari Jayasundera added colour to the event with their eloquent competing.

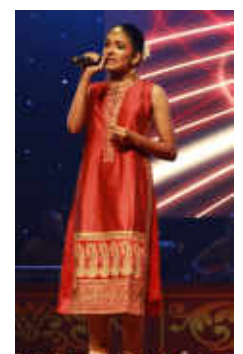
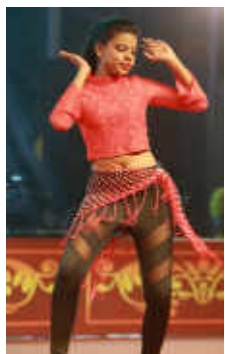
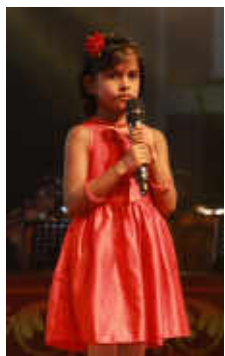
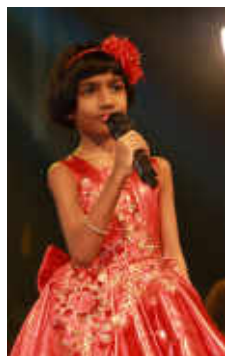
Our sincere thanks for the generous contributions and sponsorships provided by Mr.G.G.Arulpragasam, Senior Attorney-at-Law, Ceylon Petroleum Corporation and Pramuka Law School in making this event a great success.

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 Neethi Kekulu  
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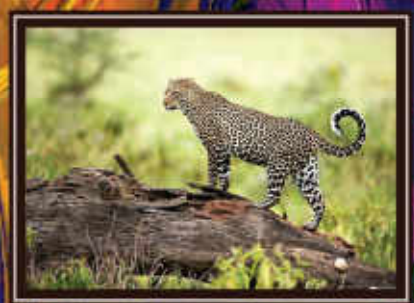
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### Exhibition of Painting, Sculpture and Photography of Lawyers

**Date :- 24<sup>th</sup> March, 2018**

**Venue :- Grand Monarch Hotel, Thalawathugoda**

**Time :- 9.00 a.m to 5.00 p.m**



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## CHAPTER 18

### SPORTS

- » Sports Gala 2018
  - » Law - Medical 2017
  - » Lawyers' Cricket World Cup 2017
  - » Lawyers' Football Association AGM 2018
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Sports Gala 2018



# BAR ASSOCIATION OF SRI LANKA

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# SPORTS GALA - 2018

The Largest Annual Family  
Gathering of Lawyers & Their Families

**21<sup>st</sup> January 2018**  
at

**St. Joseph's College**

Colombo 10

From : 7.00 am to 5.00 pm

**"Trophies, Medales and Certificates for Winners"**

**For Kids**

**Fancy Dress Parade**

**Lime & Spoon**

**3 leged Race**

**Blasting Balloon**

**Sack Race**

**Face Painting**

**Bumper**

**Pony Riding**

Many More

Apply on  
or Before  
**15<sup>th</sup> January 2018**

**Breakfast,  
Lunch,  
Refreshments  
&  
a T-shirt  
Free**

**Soft Ball Cricket**

**Foot Ball**

**Tennis**

**Table Tennis**

**Badminton**

**Net Ball**

**Tug - A - War**

**All Athletic Events**

**Carrom / Chess**

**Swimming**

**Fancy Dress Parade**

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Amal Randeniya (Secretary) - BASL

The Cheers of Blue BASL members, family and friends echoed from the St. Josephs ground and Sports Complex, on Sunday 21st January 2018 as the Annual Sports event “Sports Gala 2018”, which was an immense Success.

Event registration started at 7.00 a.m. and the event was declared open by the Hon. Attorney General Jayantha Jayasuriya PC after four members lit the Olympic Lamp with the participation of Mr. U.R. De Silva PC President of the Bar Association of Sri Lanka. In additions to the events traditionally held, such as six a side cricket, swimming, netball, table tennis, chess, carom, badminton, tag-o-war relays, running events and walking race, new events such as tennis, football and fancy dress were newly introduced which inspired many members to take part.

All members were offered a specially designed t-shirt, all day refreshments, soft drinks and a framed photograph as a complimentary token. Members relished the continuous entertainment provided at the event in the form of “Papare” and DJ music. Large number of members and their families (750+ participants) turned in from all parts of country which included Hon. Judges, President Counsels and many Senior Lawyers.

The highlight of the event was the active participation by the Judges Association of Sri Lanka where teams representing the Judges Association participated in many events at the Sport Gala giving legal practitioners a game of shoulder to shoulder.

Also, there were many kids events including face painting, tattooing, pony rides and bouncers and all kids were presented with gifts in addition to the winners of the kids’ events.

Chief Guest Hon. Chief Justice Priyasad Dep PC arrived to witness the competitive events such as 100mx4 relays and finals of the cricket match. The awards for the final sports events were presented by the Hon. Chief Justice whereas the rest of the medals and trophies were awarded on the podium throughout the event. Event was concluded around 7.00 p.m. as the most successful event in the history of “BASL Sports Gala”

BASL Sports Gala was one such welfare event for its members in the year 2017 – 2018 which had an estimated budget over 1.8 million which also recorded a saving exceeding Rs. 200,000/- after successful completion. The commitment and the dedicated service of the BASL Sport Gala Committee is highly commendable as the event completed as one of the Best Sports Galas without being a financial burden to the Association.













## SIXTH LAWYERS' CRICKET WORLD CUP 2017

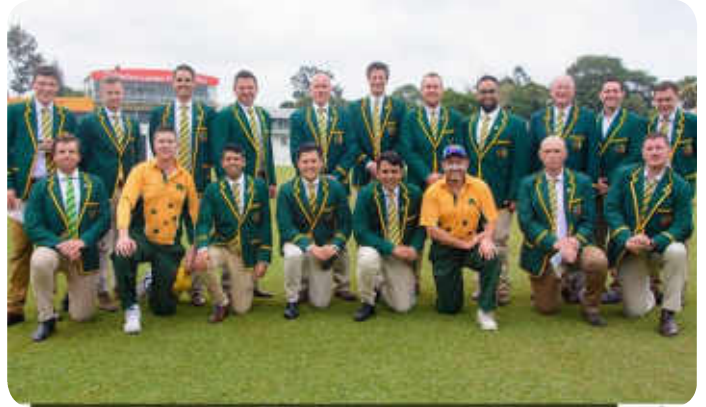
The 6th Lawyers' Cricket World Cup was held in Colombo, Sri Lanka from 10th August 2017 to 20th August 2017. The Sri Lankan Lawyers' Cricket was headed by its President Mr. Theja Silva and Mr. Manesh Wevita as the Secretary. The Cricket team was captained by Mr. Buvaneka Basnayake.

The 6th Lawyers cricket World Cup Organized by Sri Lanka Lawyers Cricket Club under the guidance and support of the BASL. 12 teams representing 6 rest playing nations took part. Over 250 lawyers from as far as West Indies and Australia took part in the event. 37 matches were played and the final was played at the famous SSC grounds. Australia defeated the spirited Sri Lankan Lawyers to become the champions.

The opening ceremony was graced by his lordship the CJ, World Cup winning cricket captain Hon. Arjuna Ranathunga, BASL president Mr. UR deSilva PC, President of Sri Lanka Lawyers Cricket Mr Theja Silva and other officials of the BASL and Sri Lanka Lawyers Cricket as well as the President of the Commonwealth Lawyers Association. Opening ceremony was followed by an exhibition match between judges and international lawyers. His Lordship CJ enthusiastically took part in this match.

A seminar of sports law was also held as part of the activities during the World Cup. Seminar was sponsored fully by the BASL and was held at the BASL auditorium. Speakers from England Sri Lanka and India contributed at this seminar which was attended by all participating countries.







# LAW - MEDICAL 2017



**ANNUAL LAW - MEDICAL CRICKET ENCOUNTER**

**AT  
NCC GROUNDS  
ON**

**10<sup>TH</sup> OF DECEMBER 2017  
FROM 9.00 AM TO 6.00 PM**

**FEATURING**

**LIVE MUSIC  
FOOD & BEVERAGE STALLS**

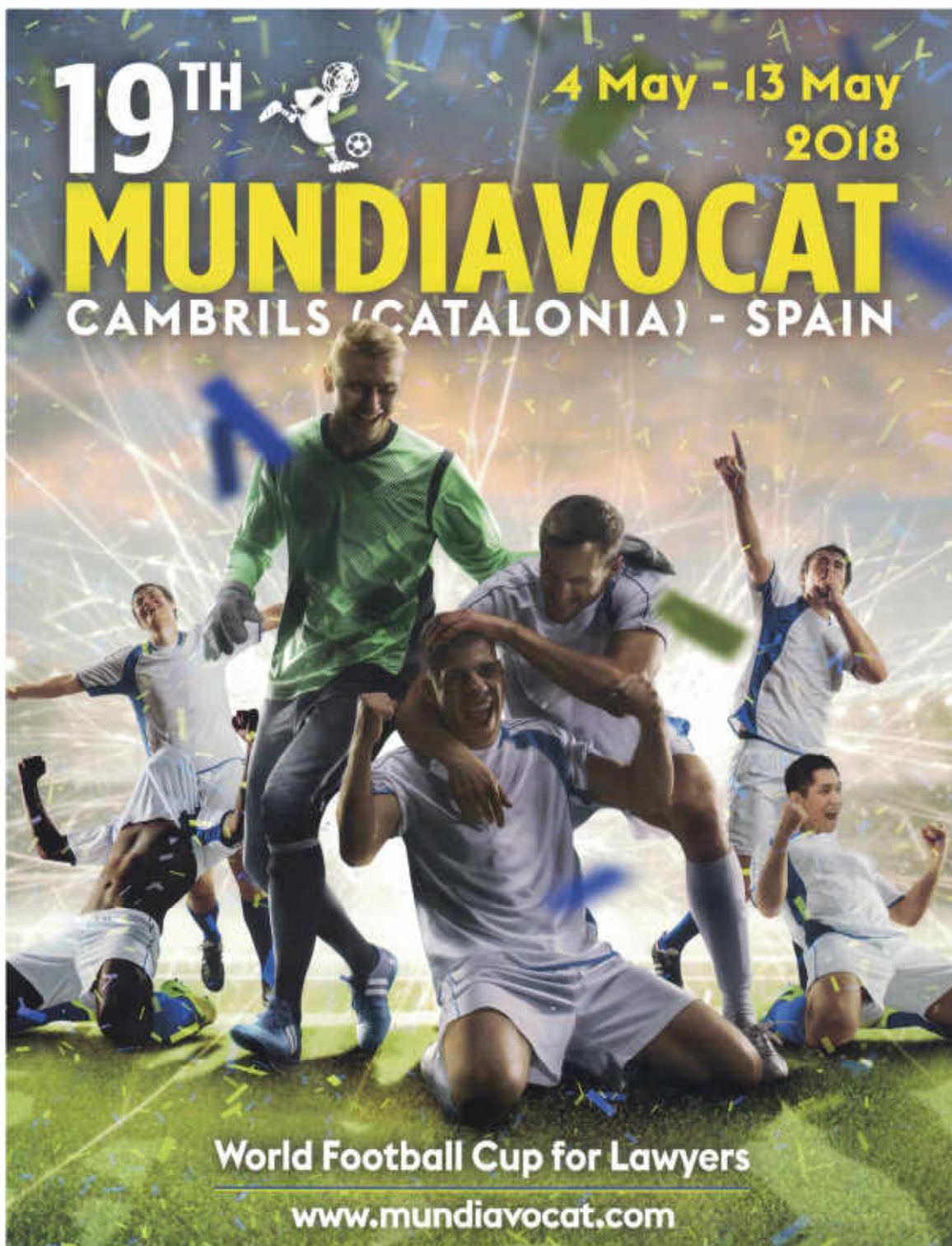
**Avindra Rodrigo - Chairman Law Medical Committee  
Sandamali Chandrasekara - Convener Law Medical Committee**

**Amal A. Randeniya  
Secretary - BASL**

## Lawyers' Football Association

The Lawyers' Football team participated to the Asiacup Tournament held in Vietnam on 28th March, 2017 and was able to secure their placement to participate at the Lawyers' Football WorldCup tournament to be held in Barcelona, Spain from 03rd May to 13th May, 2018.

Inaugural Annual General Meeting was held on 17th February, 2018 at OPA and Mr. Amal A. Randeniya got elected as the founder President of the Association.



## CHAPTER 19

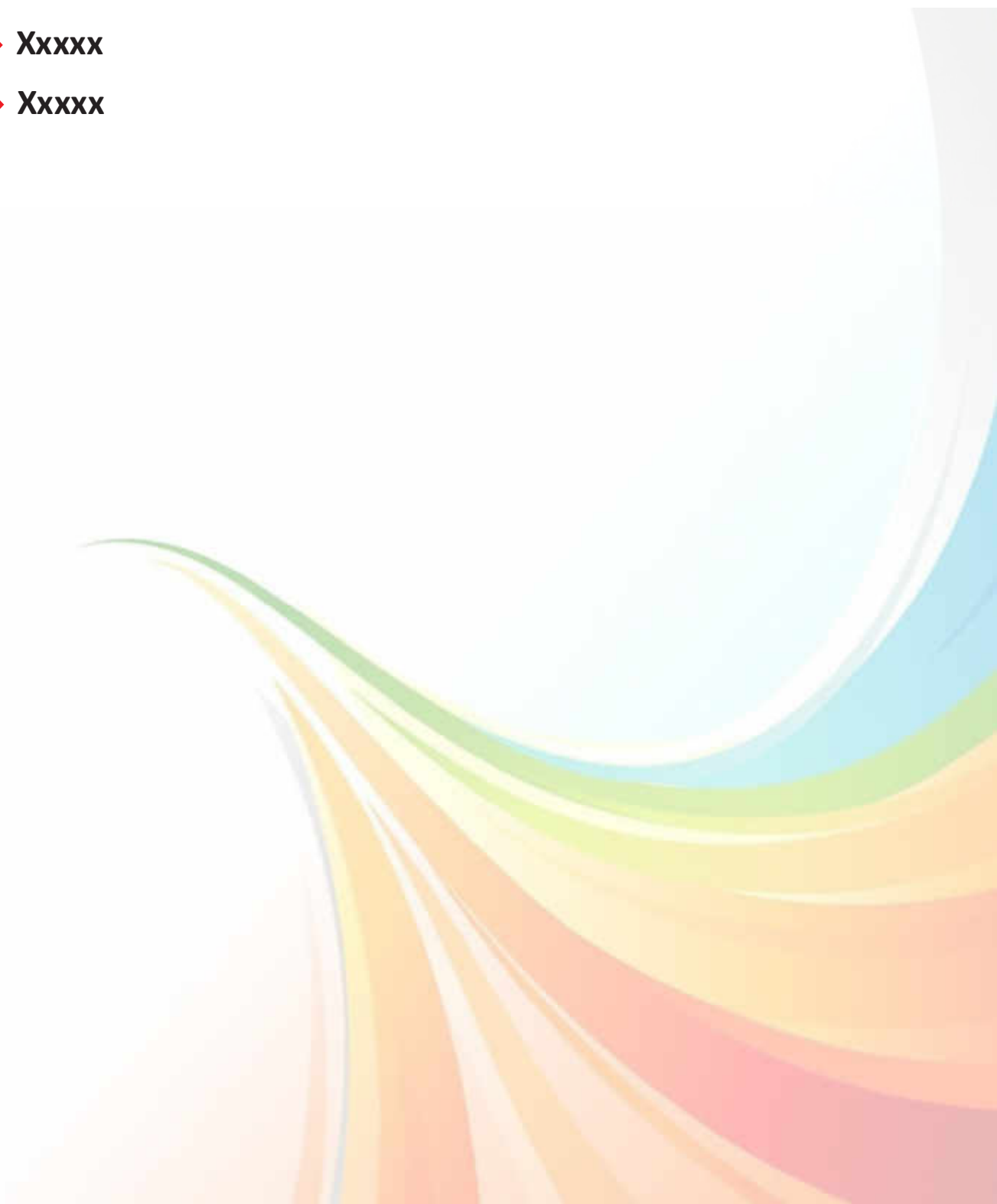
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Projects completed by the Bar Association of Kurunegala during the year 2017-2018 under the presidency of Mr. Felician Perera and Secretary Mr. Sashipri Jayasekara and the office bearers of the same.

1. Built a Peoples bank branch – full cost was borne by the bank
2. Built sub Post Office
3. Both were Declared opened by the Prime Minister –it's the first time a Prime Minister visited the Kurunegala court Complex
4. Air Conditioned the Library – Cost Rs. 325,000/- Given by a personal Donor through a contact of Mr. Piumal Herarth
5. Built a car park which could accommodate about 80 cars
6. The first ever (National) Provincial Law conference was hosted
7. A Lawyers Directory was published after 10 years
8. Two foreign trips were organized to China, Singapore and Bali
9. The Installation ceremony of the President was held for the first time with the participation of all the BASL office bearers
10. Ice cream Dansala was organized to commemorate Vesak festival
11. Two Buddhist dhamma sermons were held
12. Minister of justice visited the Court Complex and donated book to the value of 250000/-
13. Minister of Sports Visited the Court complex and donated Sports equipment
14. Law Medical Sports Festival Dinner dance and Indoor games were held on three different dates
15. Three Lectures for the lawyers were conducted by Mr. Kalinga Indatissa PC Mr. Yasantha kodagoda PC D.r Ariyaratna Dissanayaka
16. Felicitation ceremony was held in Honor of Mr. Sumeda Welagedara who completed 50 years at the Bar
17. Felicitation ceremony was held in Honor of Mr. Ariya Rekawa and Mr. Chandra Jayasekara after been sworn in as P C s
18. Two Local trips were organized to Nuwara Eliya, Mahiyanganaya and Waikkala
19. A Orientation was held for the New Lawyers
20. Term end Get-togethers Farewells for Judges References for the demised lawyers were held
21. A group photograph of the Judges and members of the bar was taken
22. Three Bar Bench conferences were held
23. Variety entertainment show of the lawyers were held
24. Two BASL mobile services were held
25. A special loan scheme on low interest were organized through Peoples Bank and DFCC Bank
26. The Lawyers canteen was renovated
27. The Photographs of the Lawyers who had completed 40 years were hung at the Law Library and a special felicitation ceremony was held
28. On Two Occasion's Flood relief was collected and taken to the sites and distributed to the needy people affected
29. Laptops were given to lawyers on a concessionary rate
30. Several Book exhibitions were held





**Activities of the Marawila Branch Members**

- 01. Eramadana Movement to prevent DENGUE FEVER  
( Photograph No. 11 & 02 )
- 02. Annual Trip of the Marawila Bar ( Place :- PanaduraJIE & JIE BEACH)  
3rd & 4 th Photographs
- 03. Donation of law Books to the Marawila Bar by Mr.U.D.de Silva PC  
President of BACL  
Photograph No.05
- 04. Reopening of the Lawyer's Consultation Office at the Marawila  
Court Premises by the president of BACL Mr.U.P.de Silva PC  
Photograph No.6 & 7 )
- 05 Christmas Party of the Marawila Bar which will be held annually.  
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## **CHAPTER 20**

### **BASL ADMINISTRATION**







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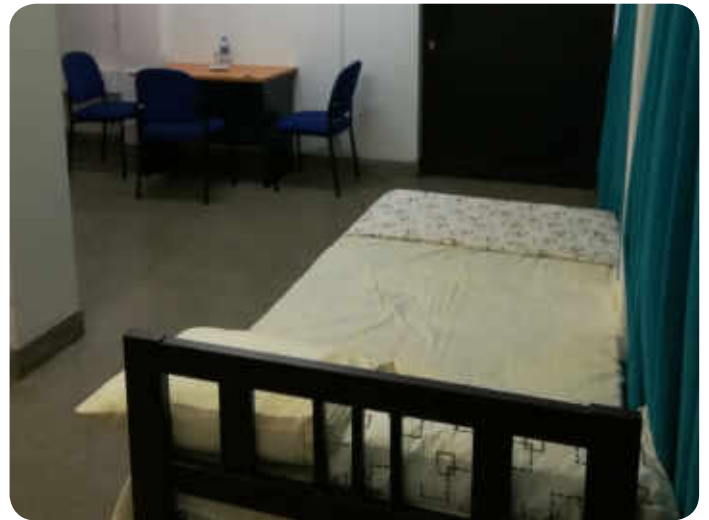
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BASL Secretariat Renovations



## **CHAPTER 21**

### **BASL EVENT CALENDER 2017/2018**



## BASL EVENTS CALANDER

### • **March - April 2017**

March 25	➤ BASL Annual General Meeting
March 25	➤ BASL 43 <sup>rd</sup> Annual Convocation
March 30	➤ CLE Seminar: Mount Lavinia Bar
April 02	➤ '4 <sup>th</sup> Nethiya Conference' at Foundation Institute
April 05	➤ 2 <sup>nd</sup> Executive Committee Meeting
April 06	➤ Special General Meeting of Kurunegala Bar with Office Bearers of BASL
April 18	➤ Meeting to discuss Section 37a Amendment to the Criminal Procedure Code at AG's Chambers - Right of Access to Suspects in Police Custody
April 18	➤ Press Conference – Meetotamulla Tragedy
April 20	➤ Opening of BASL for the 2 <sup>nd</sup> Term
April 20	➤ POLA Conference Committee Meeting
April 24	➤ Start of Courts for the 2 <sup>nd</sup> Term
April 24	➤ Induction Ceremony of Kurunegala Bar President
April 25	➤ BASL website Committee meeting with web developers
April 26	➤ Re-location of Commercial High Courts – Opening Ceremony
April 26	➤ Launch of issuing 200 SLR sets on Instalment Basis
April 27	➤ Seminar on Human Trafficking - Negombo
April 28	➤ Judges' Training Programme on Human Trafficking – Hotel Kingsbury
April 29	➤ 2 <sup>nd</sup> Bar Council Meeting
April 29	➤ Launch of BASL Diary 2018
April 30	➤ Release of BASL e-News April Issue

### • **May 2017**

May 03	➤ Meeting at Ministry of Development Strategies and International Trade at WTC
May 04	➤ Meeting: POLA Organising Committee ➤ Meeting: Council of Legal Education ➤ Meeting: Lawyers' Modern Office Complex
May 08	➤ Meeting with District Judge of Colombo ➤ Meeting: Supreme Court Management Committee
May 09	➤ ExCo Meeting at OPA
May 10	➤ Meeting with Mr. Santhanam – President Commonwealth Lawyers
May 16	➤ Kalutara Bar Function
May 17	➤ Press Conference for POLA Conference
May 18	➤ Meeting: Future of the Legal Education Committee
May 19	➤ CLE Seminar and Mobile Bookshop at Polonnaruwa Bar.
May 23	➤ Meeting: to Discuss ROT Amendment Act
May 24	➤ Ceremonial Sitting: to enable the Bar to Welcome Hon. Vijith Malagoda PC as a judge of the Supreme Court ➤ Commencement of Forensic Medicine Certificate Course
May 25	➤ Meeting with Ms. Elisabeth Borak of American Bar Association ➤ Meeting to discuss Amendments to the Criminal Procedure Code and Penal Code
May 26	➤ Taking Oaths by New Presidents Counsel
May 27	➤ <b>Bar Council Meeting</b>
May 28	➤ <b>Law College – Award Ceremony</b>
May 31	➤ <b>Meeting with Secretary of Ministry of Justice</b>



• **June 2017**

June 01	➤ Criminal Procedure Code Amendment Committee Meeting with Hon. Justice Buwaneka Aluvihare at Supreme Court
June 02	➤ 'Right of Access to Persons in Police Custody': Criminal Procedure Code Amendment Committee Meeting at BASL ➤ 'Law Nite' at Galadari
June 3,4	➤ 1st Provincial Law Conference – Kurunegala Zone at Hotel Tree of Life Kandy
June 05	➤ Funeral of Hon. Justice Mrs. Medagoda
June 06	➤ Meeting at University Grant Commission ➤ Meeting to discuss issues faced by Lawyers at SC & CA record Rooms and Registries
June 07	➤ 4th Executive Committee Meeting ➤ Meeting to discuss handing over of 'LAWNET' to BASL with Ministry of Justice
June 13	➤ Meeting at Human Rights Commission; Eradication of Police Torture Committee with Officials of HRC ➤ Handing over of Certificates of Appointment to Chairpersons & Convenors of Standing Committees. ➤ Legal Aid Training for Juniors
June 14	➤ Round Table Discussion: 'Criminal Law for the 2st Century' at BASL
June 15	➤ BASL Management Committee Meeting ➤ LAWNET: BASL IT Committee Meeting with Officials of Ministry of Justice & Lanka Logistics
June 17	➤ Laying of Foundation Stones for Mulativ and Mankulam Court Houses ➤ Distribution of Law Books to Mulativ, Vavuniya & Mannar Bars ➤ Legal Aid Camp for Prisoners at Welikada Prison
June 18	➤ Laying of Foundation Stones for Medawachchiya and Kahatagasdigiliya Courts
June 19	➤ Committee Meeting of Future of the Legal Education Committee
June 20	➤ Site visit and Inspection of New Wattala Court House
June 21	➤ Meeting: Council of Legal Education ➤ Bench – Bar Meeting with His Lordship the Chief Justice ➤ Registration of New Batch of Apprentices
June 22	➤ BASL Staff Meeting ➤ Registration of New Batch of Apprentices
June 23	➤ Apprentices Training and Guidance Committee Meeting with Principal Law College
June 24	➤ 4th Bar Council Meeting ➤ CLE Seminar at Tangalle Bar
June 29	➤ BASL Constitution Amendment Committee Meeting

• **July 2017**

July 01	➤ CLE Seminar at Matara Bar
July 02	➤ 'Kapruka Pooja' organised by the Staff Welfare Society of BASL at Kelaniya Temple
July 03	➤ Meeting: Future of the Legal Education Committee ➤ Meeting with delegation of Nepal Lawyers
July 04	➤ Felicitation Dinner to Welcome His Lordship the Chief Justice Priyasath Dep PC at Kingsbury Hotel
July 06	➤ Launch of Lake House Newspapers Promotional Package for Lawyers – at ANCL
July 07	➤ CPC Section 37A Amendment meeting at AG's Department ➤ Seminar Organised by Notarial Practise Committee at BASL Auditorium
July 10	➤ BASL Mobile Service at Matara Courts ➤ Foundation Laying Ceremony of Gampola New Court House
July 12	➤ Meeting with Max Planque Foundation at BASL ➤ Court House Designing Discussion at Ministry of Justice ➤ Supreme Court Management Committee Meeting ➤ POLA Summit Organising Committee Meeting ➤ Forensic Science Certificate Course
July 14	➤ Commencement of Criminal Defence Certificate Course ➤ Committee Meeting – Apprentices Training Committee ➤ Finance Committee Meeting
July 15	➤ 5th Executive Committee Meeting ➤ 2nd Provincial Law Conference: Ratnapura Zone at Hotel Jei Jei Jetwing Panadura
July 16	➤ 2nd Provincial Law Conference: Ratnapura Zone at Hotel Jei Jei Jetwing Panadura
July 17	➤ Future of the Legal Education Committee Meeting
July 18	➤ Meeting – Delegation of Embassy of USA
July 19	➤ Oaths Ceremony – 307 New Attorneys-at-Law
July 20	➤ Supported the Case Filed by BASL – SC (SD) 15/2017 ➤ Seminar – Civil Procedure Code (Amendment) Act No. 08 of 2017 at BASL ➤ Council of Legal Education
July 22	➤ Opening Ceremony: 28th POLA Summit Colombo (Presidents of Law Associations) at Galle Face Hotel
July 23	➤ POLA Summit – Technical Sessions
July 24	➤ POLA Summit – Closing Ceremony & Gala Dinner at Kingsbury Hotel
July 25	➤ Discussion: Issues related to appointing of JPUM and Justice of Peace at MOJ
July 26	➤ Bench – Bar Meeting with His Lordship the Chief Justice
July 27	➤ Seminar – Civil Procedure Code (Amendment) Act No. 08 of 2017 at BASL
July 28	➤ Meeting with Justice Prasanna Jayawardane PC – Issues at SC & CA Record Rooms and Registries ➤ Seminar at Vavuniya Bar
July 29	➤ 5th Bar Council Meeting ➤ Outstation Bar Committee Meeting

• **August 2017**

Aug 03	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Human Rights Seminar – BASL Auditorium</li> <li>➤ Production Disposal Mechanism – Meeting at Ministry of Justice</li> </ul>
Aug 04	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ K.C. Kamalabayson PC Memorial Oration – BASL Auditorium</li> <li>➤ Commencement of Criminal Defence Certificate Course</li> </ul>
Aug 05/06	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ BASL Annual Excursion – Long Beach Koggala</li> </ul>
Aug 09	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Future of the Legal Education Committee Meeting</li> <li>➤ Supreme Court Management Committee Meeting</li> <li>➤ Legal Aid &amp; Public Interest Litigation Committee Meeting</li> </ul>
Aug 10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Meeting at Parliament – Amendment to &amp; Implementation of the Title Registration Act</li> <li>➤ Consultation at UNDP on the Draft findings &amp; Recommendations of a review of Legislation for Consistency with the Right to Information Legal Regime</li> <li>➤ Lawyers' Cricket World Cup – Opening Ceremony at P. Sara Stadium</li> <li>➤ Legal Aid Camp &amp; Distribution of Vouchers for Meethotamulla affected people at Kolonnawa Raja Maha Viharaya</li> </ul>
Aug 12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ 6th Executive Committee Meeting at Golf Club Nuwara Eliya</li> <li>➤ 3rd Provincial Law Conference – Badulla Zone at Nuwara Eliya</li> </ul>
Aug 13	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ 3rd Provincial Law Conference – Badulla Zone at Nuwara Eliya</li> </ul>
Aug 15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Press Statement issued by BASL</li> </ul>
Aug 10-20	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Lawyers' Cricket World Cup Matches</li> <li>➤ Final match Sri Lanka Vs. Australia at SSC</li> </ul>
Aug 23	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Special Executive Committee Meeting at BASL</li> <li>➤ Meeting at Parliament: Sectoral Oversight Committee on Legal Affairs (Anti-Corruption) &amp; Media</li> </ul>
Aug 24	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Press Conference at BASL</li> <li>➤ Press Statement issued by BASL. Re: Remarks made by Deputy Minister Ranjan Ramanayake on Judiciary and Legal Profession</li> </ul>
Aug 26	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ 6h Bar Council Meeting</li> <li>➤ Outstation Bar Committee Meeting</li> <li>➤ Meeting: Committee to overview Pre-Trial Stage Procedure</li> </ul>
Aug 28	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Tax Committee Meeting</li> </ul>
Aug 30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Meeting - Council of Legal Education</li> <li>➤ Bench Bar Meeting with His Lordship the Chief Justice</li> </ul>
Aug 31 Sept 01	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ 4th Provincial Law Conference – Anuradhapura Zone at Mango Mango Anuradhapura</li> </ul>

• **September 2017**

Sept 01-08	➤ Inner Temple Visit to Sri Lanka
Sept 01	➤ 4th Provincial Law Conference – Anuradhapura Zone at Mango Mango Anuradhapura
Sept 02	➤ 4th Provincial Law Conference – Anuradhapura Zone at Mango Mango Anuradhapura
Sept 02	➤ Neethi Ranga Audition at BASL
Sept 04	➤ Meeting with Hon. State Minister of Finance, Mr. Eran Wickramaratne, ➤ Re: Inland Revenue Bill
Sept 04	➤ A seminar on Pre-Trial Stage Proceedings, Arbitration & Medico-Legal Case Study by Inner Temple Delegation at BASL Auditorium
Sept 07	➤ BASL Management Committee Meeting
Sept 09	➤ 7th ExCo Meeting
Sept 09	➤ CLE Seminar & BASL Mobile Bookshop at Kalutara Bar
Sept 13	➤ BASL President & Secretary: Meeting with members of Gampaha Bar
Sept 15	➤ Presentation of Token of Appreciation to BASL Past and Present Office Bearers by Legal Officers of Tri Forces
Sept 16	➤ Future of the Legal Education Closed Door Meeting at Hotel Hilton Residencies
Sept 18	➤ Meeting with Hon. Minister of Justice Ms. Thalatha Athukorale
Sept 18-21	➤ 30th LAWASIA Conference, Tokyo Japan
Sept 19	➤ Meeting with a Group of MPs at BASL. Re: Constitutional Provisions on Passing of an Act
Sept 29	➤ Junior National Law Conference – Hotel Amari Galle: Opening Ceremony
Sept 29	➤ 7th Bar Council Meeting at BASL
Sept 30	➤ Junior National Law Conference – Hotel Amari Galle
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• **October 2017**

Oct 01	➤ Junior National Law Conference – Hotel Amari Galle
Oct 04	➤ Meeting with Hon. Minister of Justice: Negombo Bar & Minuwangoda Bar Jurisdiction Issue
Oct 06-08	➤ International Conference on 'Striving for Justice' organised by Punjab Bar Council – Lahore, Pakistan
Oct 06	➤ EIDHR Programme: Training Workshop on Civil & Criminal Law - Polonnaruwa
Oct 06	➤ Meeting at Ministry of Justice: Notarial Ordinance Amendments
Oct 10	➤ Meeting with the President & Executive Committee Members of GMOA at BASL
Oct 10	➤ Supreme Court Management Committee Meeting
Oct 10	➤ USAID – CORE Justice Programme Meeting at Ministry of Justice
Oct 12	➤ Commencement of Effective Instructing Attorneys Certificate Course – 13th Intake
Oct 12	➤ National Law Conference Committee Meeting
Oct 13	➤ 8th ExCo Meeting at OPA
Oct 17	➤ A Discussion on Enhance Legal Systems for Women Victims of Sexual and Gender Based Violence – Organised by Asia Foundation & Women In Need
Oct 17	➤ Release of tickets for National Law Conference
Oct 18	➤ Meeting with USAID CORE Justice Programme Committee at BASL
Oct 20	➤ Council of Legal Education
Oct 21	➤ EIDHR Programme: Training Workshop on Civil Law & Criminal Law at Trincomali
Oct 23	➤ Special Bar Council Meeting to Discuss Interim Report of the Steering Committee of the Constitutional Assembly of Sri Lanka
Oct 24	➤ DRI Programme: Constitutional Reforms Process at BASL Auditorium
Oct 24	➤ Meeting with USAID CORE Justice Programme Committee at BASL
Oct 25	➤ National Law Conference Press Conference
Oct 25	➤ Tax Committee Meeting
Oct 26	➤ IFES SL - Round Table Discussion on Election Dispute Resolution Principles – at Galle Face Hotel
Oct 27	➤ Meeting with Judge Motoo Naguchi at Ministry of Foreign Affairs
Oct 27	➤ SAARC LAW Opening Ceremony at Hotel Taj Samudra
Oct 27	➤ Inaugural Session of Corporate Lawyers Conference at Hilton
Oct 28	➤ 8th Bar Council Meeting at BASL

• **November 2017**

Nov 3-5	➤ National Law Conference 2017/18 at Hotel Shangri la – Hambanthota ➤ Meeting with Chinese Investors at Hotel Shangri la
Nov 10	➤ Seminar on Foreign Exchange Act at BASL
Nov 10	➤ Committee Meeting: Law & Law Development Committee
Nov 11	➤ 9th ExCo Meeting at Hotel Hilton Residencies
Nov 11	➤ Future of the Legal Education Committee – A Discussion on Final Report: at Hotel Hilton Residencies
Nov 13	➤ Meeting with the Officers of Election Commission at BASL
Nov 18	➤ 8th Bar Council Meeting at BASL
Nov 21	➤ Council of Legal Education
Nov 21	➤ Bench – Bar Meeting
Nov 22	➤ Donation of Law Books to Marawila Bar Association ➤ Opening of Consultation Room of Marawila Bar
Nov 24	➤ Launch of Galle Bar Journal Parliament
Nov 25	➤ Certificate Distribution Ceremony: Criminal Defence Certificate Course – Grand Monarch Thalawathugoda
Nov 29	➤ Penal Code Amendment Committee Meeting: Justice Aluvihare Committee
Nov 30	➤ Meeting at Central Bank: Customer Due Diligence Rules on Designated Non-Financial Businesses & Professions
Nov 30	➤ 10th ExCo Meeting at OPA

• **December 2017**

Dec 01	➤ Neethi Ranga Rehearsal
Dec 02	➤ Neethi Ranga at Kularatne Hall, Ananda College
Dec 04	➤ UNESCO Regional Conference – On End Impunity for Crimes against Journalists and Promote Freedom of Expression & Rule of Law
Dec 05	➤ Meeting - UN working Group on Arbitrary Detention
Dec 08	➤ Discussion – Production Disposal Mechanism at Waters Edge
Dec 09	➤ 10th Bar Council Meeting
Dec 10	➤ Law – Medical Cricket Encounter at NCC Grounds
Dec 16-18	➤ BASL Year End Trip to Jaffna
Dec 19	➤ BASL Special ExCo Meeting ➤ BASL Staff Year End Lunch
Dec 20	➤ Closing date of BASL Electoral Register ➤ Foundation Laying for Matale Court Complex

• **January 2018**

Jan 02	➤ Opening of BASL Secretariat for the year - 2018
Jan 05	➤ Meeting with ASG Dappula De Livera PC. Re: BASL Election
Jan 09	➤ Meeting with Hon. Minister of Justice
Jan 10	➤ BASL Nominations ➤ Council of Legal Education Meeting ➤ Bench-Bar Meeting with Hon. Chief Justice
Jan 11	➤ Meeting – Special Committee to amend Criminal Procedure Code and Penal Code Chaired by Hon. Justice Buwaneka Aluvihare
Jan 13	➤ Special Bar Council Meeting to Amend BASL Constitution
Jan 14	➤ Neethi Kekulu Adution
Jan 15	➤ BASL It Committee Meeting with LAWNET & BASL Web Page Developers
Jan 19	➤ Seminar at Puttlam Bar
Jan 20	➤ Sports Gala at St. Joseph's College Grounds
Jan 24	➤ Opening of Library of Nugegoda Bar ➤ Meeting with USAID CORE Justice Programme ➤ ICT Law – Panel Discussion at BASL Auditorium
Jan 25	➤ Ceremonial Sitting ➤ Meeting – Future of Legal Education Committee
Jan 27	➤ Bar Council ➤ BASL Annual Photograph
Jan 30	➤ Opening of Post Office at Negombo Court Complex ➤ Donation of Law Books to Negombo Bar Library ➤ Financial Transaction Act

• **February 2018**

Feb 02	➤ Meeting with ACTED
Feb 03	➤ Future of the Legal Education Committee: Presentation of the Final Report to the members of ICLE at Hotel Kingsbury
Feb 05	➤ Meeting: Incorporated Council of Legal Education ➤ Meeting: Bench-Bar
Feb 06	➤ Press Conference
Feb 07	➤ Meeting with USAID ➤ Meeting with 'Lamarakshaka Balakaya'
Feb 08	➤ 12th ExCo Meeting at BASL
Feb 09	➤ Meeting with Secretary JSC ➤ Function of Nugegoda Bar at Mt. Lavinia Hotel
Feb 12	➤ Meeting with Secretary Ministry of Justice
Feb 14	➤ Meeting at Ministry of Justice ➤ IT Committee Meeting ➤ Meeting: Incorporated Council of Legal Education
Feb 15	➤ Meeting: Justice Aluvihare Committee to amend the Criminal Procedure Code and Penal Code ➤ Oaths Ceremony
Feb 16	➤ Oaths Ceremony
Feb 17	➤ Inaugural AGM of Lawyers' Football Association
Feb 19	➤ Meeting: Lawyers' Modern Office Complex
Feb 22	➤ Certificate Distribution of EIA & ICT Certificate Courses ➤ Meeting with USAID – CORE Justice Programme
Feb 24	➤ 12th Bar Council Meeting
Feb 27	➤ Visit to Kandy Bar – To Inspect First Regional Centre of BASL

• **March 2018**

March 02	➤ Committee Meeting: Justice Aluvihare Committee to Amend Criminal Procedure Code & the Penal Code
March 04	➤ Negombo Law Society Event
March 05	➤ BASL Appreciation Night at Grand Monarch Thalawathugoda ➤ Felicitation of 50 years at Bar ➤ Meeting: Council of Legal Education
March 07	➤ For Support - SC Writ 25/2018 filed by BASL
March 08	➤ Press Conference
March 09	➤ Ceremonial Sitting: to enable the Bar to welcome Hon. Achala Wengappuli PC as a Judge of the Court of Appeal
March 10	➤ BASL Staff Meeting with Secretary Elect
March 11	➤ 13th ExCo Meeting ➤ Neethi Kekulu Audition
March 12	➤ Neethi Kekulu Concert at Kularatne Hall Ananda College
March 14	➤ Committee Meeting: Representation of Suspects in Police Custody at MOJ ➤ Closing Date for Nominations for Executive Committee 11 Posts
March 15	➤ BASL Welfare DAY ➤ Sectorial Oversight Committee Meeting: Represent Suspects in Police Custody - at Parliament ➤ National Sustainability Discourse Briefing - at Presidential Secretariat ➤ Committee Meeting : Justice Aluvihare Committee to Amend Criminal Procedure Code & the Penal Code
March 16	➤ BASL Welfare Day
March 17	➤ Junior Bar Forum at Pegasus Reef Hotel Wattala
March 19	➤ Meeting : The Task Force on Legal & Judicial Causes of Prison Overcrowding and Prison Reforms at MOJ ➤ Meeting: Notarial Practise Committee
March 20	➤ Handing over of keys of Two houses to children of former Magistrate late Mr. Gunendra Munasinghe and Mr. Gamini Balasuriya a visually impaired Attorney-at-Law by Hon. Sajith Premadasa, Minister of Housing at BASL Auditorium. ➤ A Farewell for outgoing Secretary BASL Mr. Amal Randeniya & Assistant Secretary Mr. Rajitha Hathurusinghe at BASL
March 21	➤ Ceremonial Sitting: to enable the Bar to welcome Hon. Murdu Fernando PC as a Judge of the Supreme Court ➤ Special Meeting to appoint 4 new Committees to look into the matters relating to International Trade Agreements & Post Enactment Review Process.
March 24	➤ BASL Annual General Meeting – Grand Monarch Thalawathugoda ➤ ‘Sankalpa’ – Art, Sculpture & Photography Exhibition of Lawyers ➤ Launch of BASL Law Journal 2018 ➤ 44th Annual Convocation – Times Building Colombo 01

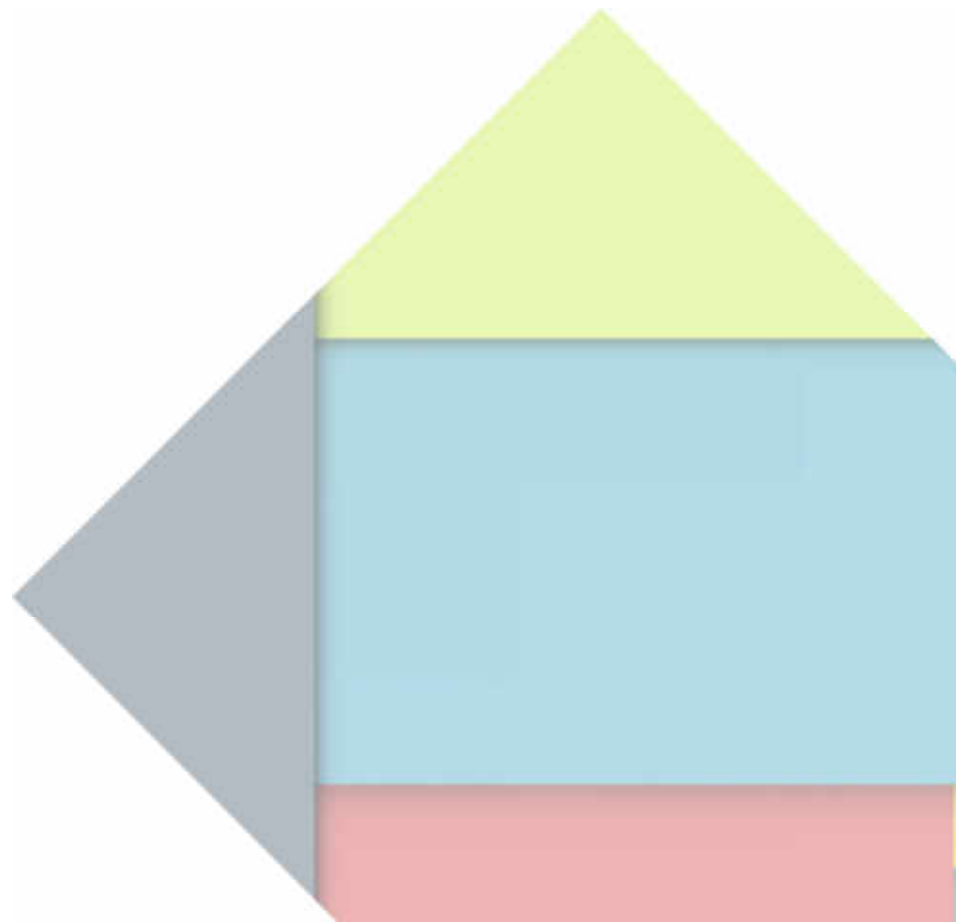
Amal A. Randeniya  
Secretary - BASL

## INNOVATIVE ACTIONS TAKEN DURING THE TENURE OF THE SECRETARY'S OFFICE 2016-2018

1. Established the **BASL Advanced Legal Study Centre**
2. Launched new **BASL web site**
3. Introduced '**BASL e-News**' – the online BASL newsletter
4. Re-launched the '**BASL Mobile Services & Bookshop**' for outstation bar members
5. Revived the '**BASL Legal Aid Foundation**'
6. Setup and co-chaired the '**Future of the Legal Education**' Committee which analysed the issue of overcrowding the profession and provided recommendations to regulate the pathways of enrolling Attorneys-at-Law in Sri Lanka.
7. Revised the syllabus & training methodology of **Apprentices' Practical Training Programme**
8. Initiated the '**Apprentice Help Desk**' at the BASL secretariat
9. Introduced the '**BASL TODAY**' SMS gateway
10. Launched the '**BASL Blog**'
11. Regularised **Bench-Bar Meetings**
12. Brought thirty three (33) **amendments to the BASL constitution**
13. Established a '**Contingency Fund**' to provide assistance to lawyers affected in the instances of natural disasters.
14. Introduced '**Court Management Committees**' for all the Court Houses Island wide
15. Established the **BASL Media Unit**
16. Instituted an **IT unit** at the BASL
17. Set up a new '**Law & Law Development**' Committee
18. Took over the '**LAWNET**' website to BASL
19. Initiated the '**BASL Public Day**'
20. Introduced the '**BASL HR Manual**' & '**Administration Manual**'.
21. Introduced the '**BASL Staff Grading System & Salary Scales**'
22. Introduced the '**BASL IT Policy & IT Manual**'
23. Introduced the '**Viz Law**' Case Management Tool & Mobile App
24. Founded the '**BASL Research Centre & e-Library**' under the Study Centre
25. Launched the '**BASL online Job Bank**'
26. Inaugurated '**Neethi Vimansa**' Sinhala Medium CLE Seminar Series



27. Commenced the '**BASL Members' Welfare Day**'
28. Negotiated and arranged New **Welfare Packages** for the BASL members with the corporate sector.
29. Introduced **New Certificate Courses** in the following subject areas;
  - Effective Company Secretary
  - Notarial Practise and Conveyancing
  - Election Law
  - Legal English
  - Commercial Arbitration
30. Re-commenced the '**Junior Bar Forum**'
31. Resumed '**Sankalpa**'- the Lawyers' Art, sculpture & Photography exhibition
32. Formed the '**Lawyers Football Association**'
33. Introduced a '**Publication Logo**' for BASL Publications
34. Systemised the dissemination of **BASL Notices, Obituaries via e-mail & SMSs**
35. Recognition of the **Legal service in the Tri Forces** as a separate Professional category and awarding a monthly allowance in recognition of the same



### Recommendations for Future Actions

1. Establish the '**Sri Lanka Legal Service - SLLS**' for lawyers who are working in the government sector along the lines of Sri Lanka Administrative Service (SLAS).  
(Proposals have already been given to Minister of Finance & Minister of Justice)
2. Introduce a '**BASL Watch Guard**' system in order to control and curb unethical practices by lawyers. The system would incorporate a mechanism to watch and warn those lawyers who engage in unethical practices. (ExCo approval for the proposal has already been obtained),
3. Request a Rs. **25** million allocation from the annual budget of the government for capacity building of lawyers through the Ministry of Justice. (Proposals have already been sent to the Ministry of Finance and the Ministry of Justice),
4. Introduce **Law** as a subject in the school curriculum. (Proposal is Ready),
5. Improve the **Court Family Counselling System** in Sri Lanka together with the Ministry of Justice and the Ministry of Law & Order.
6. Set up three **BASL Regional Centres** in Kandy, Matara & Jaffna. (Steps have already been taken to establish the Kandy Regional Centre at Kandy Lawyers Office Complex),
7. Institute a **Printing Department** and a Publication Unit in the BASL,
8. Construct **BASL Advanced Legal Study Centre Secretariat** at Ground Floor of BASL Building.
9. Build **Holiday Bungalows** for the members of BASL in Nuwara-Eliya, Anuradhapura & Kataragama.
10. Establish a '**Law Centre**' at the 'House of Justice' project at Hulftsdorp. (Planing has already been commenced with Ministry of Justice),
11. Convert the basement of the BASL Building to members only **Recreational Centre/Pub** for the members of BASL.
12. Introduce new **court attire** for lady lawyers (optional) as per the discussions with the Honourable the Chief Justice and Justice Eva Wanasundera PC. A circular has to be issued setting the agreed guidelines.
13. Erect a '**Statue of Lady Justice**' at Hulftsdorp Court area
14. Start a **Housing Scheme for Lawyers** with the Ministry of Housing & Construction

**Amal A. Randeniya**  
Secretary – Bar Association of Sri Lanka

# TREASURER'S REPORT



## TREASURER'S REPORT



It is with great pleasure, I submit the Audited Statements of Accounts and the Financial Statement of the Bar Association of Sri Lanka for the period of 01.01.2017 to 31.12.2017.

First and foremost, I am pleased to report to you that the finances of the Bar Association of Sri Lanka continue to be sound. As the Treasurer, I always maintained strict measures and control over all the activities of the BASL and consciously attended to my duties with utmost care and skill to the best of my abilities. The format of the financial information and accounting policies are unchanged from previous years and the financial affairs under review were managed by my predecessor in office until 31st of March 2017 and thereafter the remainder of the period was under my purview as the Treasurer.

As always, I sincerely value the constructive comments, suggestions and questions particularly about the financial reports I present at the Bar Council meetings, so that I, as the Custodian of the finances of the Bar Association of Sri Lanka can improve on the financial information you receive.

### INCOME

During the period under review, some of the projects listed below were embarked under the direct supervision of the Management Committee.

### MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTIONS

During the period under review, we collected Rs.7,725,000/- as life membership subscriptions and ordinary membership subscriptions for the same period was amounted to Rs.1,250,000/- .

### MANAGING THE FIXED DEPOSITS

During the period under review, investment on the fixed deposits were increased to Rs.113,530,750/- as against the last year's investment on the fixed deposits of Rs.101,830.750/-. Fixed deposits were placed at the best interests rates after closely reviewing and monitoring the rates in several financial institutions during the year under review. Life membership subscriptions collected are placed in fixed deposits from time to time as required by the Constitution of BASL.

### INCOME FROM THE BASL BOOKSHOP

The BASL recorded a profit of Rs 850,150/- being the commission on sale of the books, publications and stationery sold at the BASL Bookshop during the period under review.

At this stage, I must mention that payments on the sale of consignment books were made to the authors with the least possible delays.

### PROJECTS LAUNCHED BY BASL TO RAISE ADDITIONAL FUNDS

During the period under review, the following projects were launched by BASL to raise additional funds:-

- Issuance of Vehicle Passes
- Printing of BASL Identity Cards
- The Certificate Course on Effective Instructing Attorneys (EIA)
- Criminal Defence Certificate Course
- Advanced Certificate Course on Information & Communication Technology of Law (ICT)
- Forensic Science Certificate Course etc.

### PROJECTS EMBARKED THROUGH SPECIAL PROJECTS COMMITTEE

#### SLR Reports

The Special Projects Committee undertook to print Sri Lanka Law Reports (1978 – 2013) which contain 70 books per set.

Members were given the option of purchasing the set of SLR books at a discounted rate of Rs. 70,000/- upfront. About 350 members ordered the books and only 74 members bought the books on cash basis, of which BASL made a profit of Rs.370,000/ as processing fees.

### **Lawyers Directory 2017**

1500 copies of the updated version of the Lawyers Directory 2017 were printed. The directory is now available at the BASL Secretariat and the Book Shop at a price of Rs.2000/-

### **Judgments**

Special Projects Committee undertook to print the following publications.

Supreme Court Law Reports –Civil 2017 Volume 1 , Appellate Court Judgements (Unreported)- Criminal Law 2017 Volume 1 (January to March) and Appellate Court Judgements (Unreported)- Criminal Law 2017 Volume 11 (July to December). I wish to thank Mr. Ranjith Perera, Senior Attorney-at-Law and Mr. Kasun Perera for their assistance.

### **DIARIES COMMITTEE**

An income of Rs.3,034,204/- was generated from the sale of BASL Diaries(Slim and Desk) for the year 2017/2018 during the period under review.

### **OTHER ACTIVITIES OF THE BASL**

In keeping with BASL object of serving the members and reaching out to outstation members, the following seminars and activities were organized by BASL during the period under review. I would like to place on record my appreciation of the services rendered by the respective Chairpersons and Conveners of the following committees:-

#### **Conferences**

- Junior National Law Conference 2017
- National Law Conference 2017
- Provincial Law Conferences held in association with the Bars of Kurunegala , Ratnapura, Nuwara Eliya, Anuradhapura and Trincomalee
- Seminars organized by the Future of Legal Education Committee held at JAIC Hilton and Hotel Kingsbury, Colombo.

#### **Welfare Activities**

- Sports Committee/Sports Gala
- Neethi Ranga and Neethi Kekulu Musical Programmes
- BASL Mobile Bookshops organized at Attanagalle, Kegalle, Kalmunai, Polonnaruwa, Kurunegala and Kandy
- Law Medical Cricket Tournament
- Relief provided to the people affected by floods in Ratnapura , Matara, Matugama, Horana, Morawaka and Pugoda areas and garbage fall at Meethotamulla in 2017.
- Members 'Annual Trip to Koggala Long Beach Resort & Spa
- BASL Trip to Kankesanthurai by train at the invitation of the Army Commander in Jaffna.

BASL IN PROMOTING GOOD RELATIONS AND COOPERATION BETWEEN JUDICIARY & LAWYERS OF OTHER COUNTRIES AS PER ARTICLE 2:1:C

#### **Dinner hosted to welcome the new Chief Justice**

The President and the Executive Committee hosted dinner in welcoming Hon.Chief Justice Priyasath Dep PC to the Unofficial Bar in July 2017.

#### **28th Summit of the Presidents of Law Associations in Asia Pacific (POLA)**

BASL hosted 28th POLA Summit, providing a forum for the leaders of Bar Associations from across the Asia-Pacific region to exchange ideas and information, collaborate on issues of mutual interest and promote friendships in July 2017.

**EXPENSES**

I have taken several steps to effectively control and minimize the expenditure in order to utilize the funds in the best interest of the members.

**Purchase of Office Furniture and other office equipment**

The following items were purchased during the period under review.

• BASL ID Laminating machine	-	Rs 300,000/-
• PABX (telephone system)	-	Rs. 125,000/-
• Board Room furniture	-	Rs 422,775/-
• Computer equipment	-	Rs 527,900/-
• Furniture and fittings	-	Rs 542,613/-

**Capital expenditure and maintenance of the buildings/areas belonging to BASL**

- Exterior painting of the BASL building
- Painting of Ladies Rest Room in Colombo District Court premises
- Refurbishment of BASL Lunch Room area
- Painting of BASL –Legal Aid Room and Ground Floor
- Refurbishment of BASL Board Room
- Repairs made to the Elevator

**CMC Rates – BASL Ground Floor premises (new assessment)**

Colombo Municipal Council imposed a rate of Rs.44,660/- as assessment pertaining to the BASL Ground Floor bearing No.151 previously occupied by Hatton National Bank-Hulftsdorp Branch. Since they moved into a new premises, the present rate should be calculated disregarding their occupancy. BASL management had made an appeal to CMC authorities requesting them to consider reducing the present rate of Rs.29,260/-.

**Designing a New Pay Structure for the BASL Staff**

Previously BASL staff was paid 10% annual increment to their salaries irrespective of their qualifications, experience and service. There was a big disparity in the salary scales. Management has now rectified it and implemented a new pay structure taking those criteria into consideration during the period under review.

**Gratuity payments**

BASL staff members, Ms.Gnana Bastian and Ms. Sanduni Perera were paid gratuity amounting to Rs. 350,089/- during the period under review.

**Inventory Control**

There is a need to recruit a Inventory Keeper to manage the stationary and other stocks of the BASL. Presently stocks are managed by the Accounts Department. I recommend that the BASL should take steps to recruit a separate person to be in charge of the stocks under the strict supervision of Treasurer.

Finally, I must give special thanks to Mr.U.R.De Silva PC , President, who has the vision to take BASL towards the pinnacle. His ability to draw together diverse opinions and resources and his confidence to embark on any project must be appreciated. I thank the President for his guidance, opinions and constructive suggestions that helped me in my tasks.

I would like to extend my gratitude and thanks to Mr. Ali Sabry PC, Deputy President, Mr. Amal Randeniya, Secretary and Assistant Secretary, Mr. Rajitha Hathurusinghe, Members of the Executive Committee and Chairpersons and Conveners of Standing Committees, Mr. G. G. Arulpragasam and Ms. Ruchira Gunasekara for their trust, support, cooperation and flexibility which, undoubtedly, were of great help to me in discharging my duty as the Treasurer.

Mr. Neomal Gunawardena, Chairman and the members of the Finance Committee provided valuable guidance during the year under review.

My sincere thanks and gratitude goes to my able staff, Mrs. Madupani Mapa, Mrs.W.A.D. Aruni and Mrs. Surangi Liyanage for their dedication, commitment and support extended to me in discharging my duties.

Furthermore, I would like to express my appreciation for the constant support and assistance I have received throughout from Ms. Suranee Samarasekera, Administrative Secretary and the staff of BASL.

On behalf the Executive Committee, I would like to extend my gratitude and thanks to you my fellow colleagues for your continued support and the great confidence and trust in me.

Finally, I would like express thanks to our auditors SJMS Associates for their services and for submitting the Audit Report for the year 2017/2018.

**Sujeewa Lal Dahanayake**  
**Treasurer**  
**Bar Association of Sri Lanka**

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## **INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF BAR ASSOCIATION OF SRI LANKA**

### **Report on the Financial Statements**

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of Bar Association of Sri Lanka, which comprise the statement of financial position as at 31 December 2017, statement of comprehensive income, statement of changes in equity and statement of cash flows for the year then ended, and a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory notes.

### **Management Committees' Responsibility for the Financial Statements**

The management committee is responsible for the preparation of these financial statements that give a true and fair view in accordance with Sri Lanka Accounting Standard for Small and Medium sized Entities (SLFRS and LKAS), and for such internal control as Committee determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

### **Scope of Audit and Basis of Opinion**

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with Sri Lanka Auditing Standards. These standards require that we comply with ethical requirements and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatements of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation of the financial statements that give a true and fair view in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal controls. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates made by Management Committee, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our qualified audit opinion.

### **Qualified Opinion**

1. Membership fee receivable annually and subsequent settlements cannot be identified. Therefore we are unable to determine the accuracy of the fees receivable as at the reporting date.
2. The building has been constructed on land owned by the Government of Sri Lanka. We have not seen any documents to determine the period of occupancy of the premises. Further no depreciation has been provided on the building as required by the Sri Lanka Accounting Standard on property, plant and equipments
3. Provision has not been made for income tax by the Association for the past financial years and also for the current financial year.
4. Life membership is capitalized indefinitely. No reversal has been done for the decrease members.

In our opinion, except for the effect of the matters referred to in the preceding paragraphs (1) to (4), the financial statements give a true and fair view of the financial position of the Bar Association as at 31 December 2017 and of its financial performance and cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with Sri Lanka Accounting Standard for Small and Medium - Sized Entities (SLFRS for SMEs).



**SJMS ASSOCIATES**  
Chartered Accountants  
Colombo  
20<sup>th</sup> March 2018



BAR ASSOCIATION OF SRI LANKA  
INCOME STATEMENT  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31<sup>ST</sup> DECEMBER 2017

	Note	2017 Rs	2016 Rs
Income	6	9,924,500	15,102,000
Other income	7	37,611,051	54,246,443
Expenses		(33,062,100)	(25,149,272)
Surplus before taxation		<u>14,473,451</u>	<u>44,199,171</u>
Tax expense		-	-
Net surplus for the year		<u><u>14,473,451</u></u>	<u><u>44,199,171</u></u>

The accounting policies and notes from 1 to 16 form an integral part of these financial statements.



**BAR ASSOCIATION OF SRI LANKA**  
**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION**  
**AS AT 31<sup>ST</sup> DECEMBER 2017**

	Note	2017 Rs	2016 Rs
<b>Assets</b>			
<b>Non-current assets</b>			
Building and equipment	8	49,897,243	47,562,005
Investment	9	113,530,750	101,830,750
		<u>163,427,993</u>	<u>149,392,755</u>
<b>Current assets</b>			
Inventories		2,371,536	1,569,476
Receivables	10	12,172,195	9,336,458
WHT receivable	16	1,030,564	-
Deposits and advances	11	1,602,226	608,450
Cash and cash equivalents	12	17,241,318	24,268,172
		<u>34,417,840</u>	<u>35,782,557</u>
<b>Total assets</b>		<u>197,845,832</u>	<u>185,175,312</u>
<b>Equity and liabilities</b>			
<b>Capital and reserves</b>			
Capital reserves		97,011,896	89,286,896
Accumulated fund		73,234,892	67,658,531
Revaluation reserve		4,322,415	4,322,415
		<u>174,569,203</u>	<u>161,267,842</u>
<b>Non-current liabilities</b>			
Specific fund	13	4,757,574	6,593,289
Post-employment benefit	14	6,130,476	5,803,802
Fund - BASL Programme Committee		487,452	6,443,846
		<u>11,375,503</u>	<u>18,840,937</u>
<b>Current liabilities</b>			
Payables	15	11,901,378	4,827,237
WHT payable	16	-	172,296
Rent advance		-	67,000
		<u>11,901,378</u>	<u>5,066,533</u>
<b>Total equity and liabilities</b>		<u>197,845,832</u>	<u>185,175,312</u>

The Executive Committee is responsible for the preparation and presentation of these financial statements.

Approved by the Executive Committee on 20<sup>th</sup> March 2018.

  
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**President**

  
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**Secretary**

  
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**Treasurer**

The accounting policies and notes from 1 to 16 form an integral part of these financial statements.

**BAR ASSOCIATION OF SRI LANKA**  
**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31<sup>ST</sup> DECEMBER 2017**

	Capital Reserve Rs.	Revaluation reserve	Accumulated fund Rs.	Total Rs.
Balance as at 01 <sup>st</sup> January 2016	76,566,896	-	38,691,190	115,258,085
BASL Programme funds erroneously credited to revenue			(3,377,496)	(3,377,496)
Prior year adjustment			865,666	865,666
Transfer - life membership	12,720,000		(12,720,000)	-
Revaluation gain		4,322,415		4,322,415
Net income for the year			44,199,171	44,199,171
Balance as at 31 <sup>st</sup> December 2016	<u>89,286,896</u>	<u>4,322,415</u>	<u>67,658,531</u>	<u>161,267,842</u>
Prior year adjustment			(1,172,090)	(1,172,090)
Transfer - life membership	7,725,000		(7,725,000)	-
Net income for the year			14,473,451	14,473,451
Balance as at 31 <sup>st</sup> December 2017	<u>97,011,896</u>	<u>4,322,415</u>	<u>73,234,892</u>	<u>174,569,203</u>

The accounting policies and notes from 1 to 16 form an integral part of these financial statements.



**BAR ASSOCIATION OF SRI LANKA**  
**STATEMENT OF CASH FLOW**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31<sup>ST</sup> DECEMBER 2017**

	2017 Rs	2016 Rs
<b>Cash flows from operating activities</b>		
Net income for the year	14,473,451	44,199,171
<b>Adjustment for</b>		
Revaluation loss	-	2,077,928
BASL Programme funds erroneously written back last year reversed	-	(3,377,496)
Prior year adjustment	(1,172,090)	161,085
Gratuity provision	676,763	1,153,344
Depreciation	1,230,871	1,677,509
	<u>15,208,995</u>	<u>45,891,541</u>
<b>Movement in working capital</b>		
(Increase)/ decrease in inventories	(802,060)	636,514
(Increase) in receivables	(2,835,737)	(1,449,240)
(Increase)/ decrease in deposits and advances	(993,776)	475,812
(Increase) in advance payable	(67,000)	(804,000)
Increase/ (decrease) in trade and other payable	7,074,141	(2,522,323)
<b>Cash generated from operations</b>	<u>17,584,563</u>	<u>42,228,303</u>
Withholding tax paid	(1,202,860)	(535,877)
Gratuity paid	(350,089)	
<b>Net cash flow from operating activities</b>	<u>16,031,613</u>	<u>41,692,426</u>
<b>Cash flow from investing activities</b>		
Purchase of PPE	(3,566,109)	(361,819)
Net movement in long term investments	(11,700,000)	(42,165,432)
<b>Net cash from/ (used) in investing activities</b>	<u>(15,266,109)</u>	<u>(42,527,250)</u>
<b>Cash flows from financing activities</b>		
Net movement in funds	(7,792,108)	5,679,311
<b>Net cash flow from financing activities</b>	<u>(7,792,108)</u>	<u>5,679,311</u>
<b>Increase/ (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents</b>	(7,026,855)	4,844,487
Cash and cash equivalent at the beginning of the year	24,268,172	19,423,686
<b>Cash and cash equivalent at the end of the year</b>	<u>17,241,318</u>	<u>24,268,172</u>
<b>Cash and cash equivalent at the end of the year</b>		
Cash in hand (Note 12)	364,171	287,073
Cash at banks (Note 12)	16,877,147	23,981,099
	<u>17,241,318</u>	<u>24,268,172</u>

The accounting policies and notes from 1 to 16 form an integral part of these financial statements.



**BAR ASSOCIATION OF SRI LANKA  
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31<sup>ST</sup> DECEMBER 2017**

**1. General information**

The principal place of business of the Bar Association of Sri Lanka ("The Association") is at No.153, Mihindu Mawatha, Colombo 12.

The objective of the Association is to maintain the honour and independence of the Bar in Sri Lanka, promotion of good relations and co-operating consideration of matters of national importance, maintenance of standards of professional conduct of the Bar.

The financial statements of the association for the year ended 31st December 2017 were authorized for issue by the Executive Committee on 20<sup>th</sup> March 2018.

**2. Basis of preparation and summary of significant accounting Policies**

The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis and in compliance with the Sri Lanka Accounting Standard for Small and Medium-sized Entities (SLFRS for SMEs) laid down by the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Sri Lanka. All values presented in the financial statements are in Sri Lanka Rupees (Rs.) rounded to the nearest rupee. The measurement basis used is the historical cost basis, except where otherwise stated in the accounting policies below.

**2.1 Income and expenditure recognition**

**2.1.1 Income recognition**

**Membership fees/ subscription**

Subscription income is accounted on cash basis.

Life membership fee transferred to capital reserve account.

**Income from activities/projects**

Income from various other activities is recognized on accrual basis.

**Specific funds**

Auditorium grants are recognized in the income statement over a period of five years.

**Investment income**

Investment income consist of interest received from fixed deposits recognized on accrual basis.

**Rental income**

Rental income from the premises is recognized on a straight-line basis over the respective lease term and is included in "other income".

**2.1.2 Expenditure recognition**

Expenses are recognized in the statement of comprehensive income on the basis of a direct association between the cost incurred and the earning of specific items of income. All expenditure incurred in the running of the Association and in maintaining the property, plant and equipment in a state of efficiency has been charged to income in arriving at the net income for the year.

**2.2 Income taxes**

The Association has not provided for the income tax liability as required by the Act No. 10 of 2006 and amendment thereto.



**2.3 Property, plant and equipment including investment property measured at cost**

Furniture and equipments are stated in the statement of financial position at their revalued amounts, being the fair value at the date of revaluation, less any subsequent accumulated depreciation. Any revaluation increase arising on the revaluation of furniture and equipments is credited to equity.

Upon disposal of a revalued property and equipments, any corresponding revaluation surplus remaining is transferred to retained earnings.

Land given by the Government of Sri Lanka has not been valued and taken to the financial statements.

Building is stated at historical cost and ground floor has been rented to earn rental income. However this floor has not been accounted for as investment property since the fair value of such floor cannot be measured reliably without undue cost or effort.

Freehold land and building is not depreciated. For all other assets depreciation is charged so as to allocate the cost of assets less their residual values over their estimated useful lives, using the straight-line method at 15% per annum.

**2.4 Financial instruments****2.4.1 Trade and other receivables**

Trade and other receivables are initially recognized at the transaction price. All income are made on the basis of normal credit terms, and the receivables do not bear interest. At the end of each reporting period, the carrying amounts of trade and other receivables are reviewed to determine whether there is any objective evidence that the amounts are not recoverable. If so, an impairment loss is recognized immediately in profit or loss.

Financial liabilities are initially recognized at the transaction price (including transaction costs). Trade payables are obligations on the basis of normal credit terms and do not bear interest.

**2.4.2 Inventories**

Inventories are stated at cost or net realizable value whichever is lower. Net realizable value is the price at which inventories can be sold in the ordinary course of business less estimated costs of sales.

**2.5 Defined benefit plan - Gratuity**

Gratuity is a defined benefit plan. In order to meet this liability, a provision is carried forward in the statement of financial position. The provision is calculated considering half month salary in to number of completed years.

However, as per the Payment of Gratuity Act No. 12 of 1983, the liability arises only upon the completion of five years of continuous service.

**2.6 Defined contribution plan - EPF & ETF**

A defined contribution plan is a post-employment benefit plan under which an entity pays fixed contributions into a separate entity and will have no legal or constructive obligation to pay further amounts. Obligations for contributions to defined contribution plans are recognized as an employee benefit expense in the income statement as in the periods during which services are rendered by employees.

**Employees' Provident Fund**

The association and employees contribute 12% and 8% respectively on the salary of each employee to the approved Provident Fund.

**Employees' Trust Fund**

The association contributes 3% of the salary of each employee to the Employees' Trust Fund.

**3. Significant accounting judgments estimates and assumptions**

The preparation of the financial statements of the Association require management to make judgments, estimates and assumptions that effect the reported amounts of revenue, expenses, assets and liabilities and the disclosure of contingent liabilities at the reporting date. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

**4. Commitments and contingencies**

There were no material commitments and contingencies as at the date of the statement of financial position.

**5. Events after the end of the reporting period**

There were no significant events after the reporting date that require adjustments to or disclosure in the interim financial statements.



**BAR ASSOCIATION OF SRI LANKA**  
**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31<sup>ST</sup> DECEMBER 2017**

	2017 Rs.	2016 Rs.
<b>6. Income</b>		
Ordinary membership fees	1,250,500	1,590,000
Life time membership fees	7,725,000	12,720,000
Delegate fees	949,000	792,000
	<u>9,924,500</u>	<u>15,102,000</u>
<b>6a.</b> Revenue received from life members are recognised in the income statement and thereafter transferred to capital reserve through the changes in equity statement.		
<b>7. Other income</b>		
Net income from activities (Note 7.1)	6,561,525	27,375,432
Investment income (Note 7.2)	12,200,528	5,567,667
Other income (Note 7.3)	16,640,263	19,343,944
Auditorium grant	2,206,535	1,959,400
	<u>37,611,051</u>	<u>54,246,443</u>
<b>7.1 Net income from other activities</b>		
Junior National Lawyer's Conference	-	944,124
National Law Conference 2016	381,073	214,211
Annual lawyers tour - Jaffna and koggala	54,806	-
Seminar CPC	437,800	177,950
Seminar - NPC	458,200	-
Seminar on forensic science	835,100	-
Profit from ICT course	1,183,108	605,610
Legal English Course	-	215,004
Partition Law Seminar	-	119,665
EIA Course (effective instructive attorney)	757,910	732,134
"Neethi Vimasa"	-	99,980
Other Activates - Colombo welfare	-	123,325
Law Asia conference	95,000	24,103,554
POLA Conference	1,397,788.55	-
Felicitatation Dinner (CJ)	328,074	-
Criminal Defence Course	576,459	-
Neethi Ranga 2017	21,045	-
Seminar inner temple	35,163	-
	<u>6,561,525</u>	<u>27,375,432</u>





BAR ASSOCIATION OF SRI LANKA  
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31<sup>ST</sup> DECEMBER 2017

	2017 Rs.	2016 Rs.
<b>7.2 Investment income</b>		
Interest on fixed deposits	12,043,933	5,234,081
Interest on savings deposits	156,596	333,586
	<u>12,200,528</u>	<u>5,567,667</u>
<b>7.3 Other income / (additional income over expenses)</b>		
Rent income from HNB	670,000	2,010,000
Profit on sale of ties	50,150	108,200
Loss on sale of Lawyers directories	(4,928)	(17,480)
Profit on sale of Law Journals	401,937	1,077,633
Profit on unreported judgment and BASL publication	1,065,569	848,476
Profit on sale of lapel pins and tie pins	28,850	52,525
Income from sale of identity cards	4,279,267	5,618,976
Income from sale of cufflinks	-	6,800
Income from sale of car passes	2,084,612	2,840,763
Income from Duplo Bureau	215,274	242,652
Profit/ (loss) from sale of stationary - APO	2,120	14,861
Income from telephone calls - APO	980	1,730
Profit on sale of diaries 2018/2017	3,036,524	2,792,659
Auditorium hall hiring charges	779,000	120,000
Sampath Bank - credit card commissions	932,103	823,110
SHE premium - Processing charges	58,745	22,000
NITF processing charges	8,259	1,944
Advertisement - Bar reports Vol I & II	370,000	-
Miscellaneous income	1,039,054	708,964
Reimbursement . Rent, Water & Electricity (BASL Programme)	-	560,000
Law asia file sale	9,500	-
Membership Subs . Law & Society	720	1,760
Photography Charges (ID Cards)	-	117,800
Address List & Electro!	-	41,000
Sales - L.J. - Law Asia First Day (305)	-	2,500
Processing fee Union Assurance	119,439	-
PAP - Janashakthi	500	-
Income from bookshop	650,150	813,505
Commission on agency post office	361,558	427,663
Balance carried forward	<u>16,159,382</u>	<u>19,238,040</u>



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	2017 Rs.	2016 Rs.
<b>7.3 Other income / (additional income over expenses) - (Contd.)</b>		
Balance brought forward	16,159,382	19,238,040
Profit on sale of calender	4,120	-
Address list and electrol	50,000	-
Profit from hand book	14,596	52,804
Sale of NLC Bags	16,800	-
JBC Law journal (310)	112,000	-
Profit/ loss from Supreme court rules 311 / 394	283,365	53,100
	16,640,263	19,343,944



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**8. Property and equipment**

	Cost/Revaluation		
	Opening Balance	Additions	Closing Balance
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
Land	-	-	-
Building	40,655,229	1,235,675	41,890,904
Furniture and fittings	4,397,925	965,388	5,363,313
Electrical equipment	1,532,350	240,755	1,773,105
Air conditioners	251,500	-	251,500
Computer equipment	525,450	827,900	1,353,350
Software	122,429	-	122,429
Other fixed assets	121,075	296,391	417,466
Lighting, equipment & fittings	28,425	-	28,425
Duplo machine	13,500	-	13,500
	<u>47,647,883</u>	<u>3,566,109</u>	<u>51,213,991</u>

	Accumulated Depreciation		
	Opening Balance	Depreciation for the year	Closing Balance
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
Furniture and fittings	54,974	707,123	762,097
Electrical equipment	19,154	247,841	266,996
Air conditioners	3,144	37,725	40,869
Computer equipment	6,568	171,055	177,623
Software	-	18,364	18,364
Other fixed assets	1,513	42,474	43,987
Lighting, equipment & fittings	355	4,264	4,619
Duplo machine	169	2,025	2,194
	<u>85,878</u>	<u>1,230,871</u>	<u>1,316,749</u>
Net book value	<u>47,562,005</u>		<u>49,897,243</u>

- All assets have been revalued except for land and building on 30<sup>th</sup> November 2016 by B R De Silva & Co, Chartered Accountants.

- Building has been constructed on land owned by the Government of Sri Lanka.

**9. Investments**

	31.12.2017	31.12.2016
<i>Investment fixed deposits</i>		
Standard Chartered Bank Ltd - (UNDP)		
Hatton National Bank	20,712,760	5,475,000
National Savings Bank - Hultsdrof branch	23,703,000	23,703,000
People's Merchant Bank PLC	1,500,000	1,500,000
Bank of Ceylon	26,850,000	21,850,000
State Mortgage Bank	6,100,000	6,100,000
Nation Trust Bank	1,900,000	1,900,000
Commercial Bank	26,452,990	34,990,750
Peoples Bank	6,312,000	6,312,000
	<u>113,530,750</u>	<u>101,830,750</u>



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	2017 Rs.	2016 Rs.
	31.12.2017 Rs.	31.12.2016 Rs.
<b>10. Receivables</b>		
Accounts receivables	9,069,983	6,346,384
Staff loans	3,079,562	2,968,525
Returned cheques	22,650	21,550
	<u>12,172,195</u>	<u>9,336,458</u>
<b>11. Deposits and advances</b>		
Deposits	66,650	-
Agency post office	-	50,000
American water deposit	-	6,000
	<u>66,650.00</u>	<u>56,000</u>
<i>Advances</i>		
Advance payment for Cash register - Metropolitan	-	49,950
Advance payment for car passes 2017	57,750	72,500
Printing unreported Law Journals (306)	-	100,000
Advance payment - Neethi Ranga 2016	-	130,000
Advance payment - stamps - (APO)	200,000	200,000
Advance payment -Printing directory 2017	400,000	-
Neethi Kekulu 2018 - Advance	7,500	-
Sports Gala 2017	125,000	-
20% EPF Payable	2,460	-
Foot Ball Tournament 2016	742,866	-
	<u>1,535,576</u>	<u>552,450</u>
	<u>1,602,226</u>	<u>608,450</u>
<b>12. Cash in hand and at bank</b>		
Cash in hand	364,171	287,073
Cash at bank	16,877,147	23,981,099
	<u>17,241,318</u>	<u>24,268,172</u>



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	2017	2016
	Rs.	Rs.
	2017	2016
	Rs.	Rs.
<b>13. Specific funds</b>		
Flood relief - Meethotamulla	60,908	245,005
National Defence Fund	10,074	10,074
NED Grant	449,502	949,860
Auditorium grant (Note 13.1)	4,417,490	6,593,289
Transfer of Funds	(180,400)	-
	<u>4,757,574</u>	<u>6,593,289</u>
<b>13.1 Auditorium grant</b>		
Balance at the beginning of the year	5,388,350	7,347,750
Additions during the year	1,235,675	
Amortised during the year	(2,206,535)	(1,959,400)
Balance at the end of the year	<u>4,417,490</u>	<u>5,388,350</u>
<b>14. Post employment benefit</b>		
Balance at the beginning of the year	5,803,802	4,650,458
Payments during the year	(350,089)	-
Provision for the year	676,763	1,153,344
Balance at the end of the year	<u>6,130,476</u>	<u>5,803,802</u>
<b>15. Payables</b>		
Accounts payables	8,425,390	1,893,630
Advances received	2,693,766	1,976,101
Accruals	782,222	957,506
	<u>11,901,378</u>	<u>4,827,237</u>
<b>16. WHT tax paid</b>		
Balance at the beginning of the year	172,296	708,174
WHT deduction for the year	(1,202,860)	(535,878)
Balance at the end of the year	<u>(1,030,564)</u>	<u>172,296</u>

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	31.12.2017 Rs.	31.12.2016 Rs.
<b>1. Income from activities</b>		
<b>Income from bookshop</b>		
Income - sales commission	-	795,430
Sales - Stationery and SLR publications	42,392	52,483
	<u>42,392</u>	<u>847,913</u>
<i>Cost of sales</i>		
Stock as at the beginning of the year	1,385	965
Purchases	36,010	46,258
Stock as at the end of the year	(2,692)	(1,386)
	<u>34,703</u>	<u>45,836</u>
Net income	<u>7,689</u>	<u>802,076</u>
<b>Profit from sale of ties</b>		
Sales	190,750	412,500
<i>Cost of sales</i>		
Stock as at the beginning of the year	448,600	754,200
Purchases	385,000	-
Stocks written off	(7,400)	(1,300)
Stock as at the end of the year	(685,600)	(448,600)
	<u>140,600</u>	<u>304,300</u>
Net income	<u>50,150</u>	<u>108,200</u>
<b>Profit on sale of lawyers' Directories - 2015</b>		
Sales	3,400	9,500
<i>Cost of sales</i>		
Stock as at the beginning of the year	12,212	42,316
Stocks written off	(1,612)	(3,124)
Stock as at the end of the year	(2,272)	(12,212)
	<u>8,328</u>	<u>26,980</u>
Net loss	<u>(4,928)</u>	<u>(17,480)</u>
<b>LJ Volume (378)</b>		
Sales	5,000	21,000
<i>Cost of sales</i>		
Stock as at the beginning of the year	6,791	31,045
Stocks written off	-	(970)
Stock as at the end of the year	(1,940)	(6,791)
	<u>4,851</u>	<u>23,284</u>
Net income / (loss)	<u>149</u>	<u>(2,284)</u>



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	31.12.2017 Rs.	31.12.2016 Rs.
<b>LJ Volume (2013)-384</b>		
Sales	12,000	28,500
<i>Cost of sales</i>		
Stock as at the beginning of the year	134,382	153,940
Stock as at the end of the year	<u>(126,811)</u>	<u>(134,382)</u>
	7,571	19,558
Net income	<u>4,429</u>	<u>8,942</u>
<b>L.J. - Law Journal 2016 (390)</b>		
Sales	<u>379,800</u>	<u>1,000,800</u>
<b>Law Journal 2015 (388)</b>		
Sales	33,600	147,400
Advertisements	-	-
	<u>33,600</u>	<u>147,400</u>
<i>Cost of sales</i>		
Stock as at the beginning of the year	64,964	147,572
Purchases	-	-
Stocks written off	-	(4,812)
Stock as at the end of the year	<u>(48,923)</u>	<u>(64,964)</u>
	16,040.78	77,796
Net income	<u>17,559</u>	<u>69,604</u>
<b>Total income from sale of law journals</b>	<u>401,937</u>	<u>1,077,062</u>
<b>Profit on unreported judgment and BASL publications 2007-2013</b>		
<b>Sales - L.J. Vol Vi &amp; Vii</b>		
Sales	960,950	1,234,250
<i>Cost of sales</i>		
Stock as at the beginning of the year	348,875	318,571
Purchase	497,000	416,500
Stocks written off	(8,440)	(422)
Stock as at the end of the year	<u>(484,724)</u>	<u>(348,875)</u>
	352,711	385,774
Net income	<u>608,239</u>	<u>848,476</u>

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	31.12.2017	31.12.2016
	Rs.	Rs.
<b>Profit on sale of Lapel Pins and Tie Pins</b>		
Sales	75,600	133,700
Cost of sales		
Stock as at the beginning of the year	206,550	287,725
Stocks written off	(1,275)	-
Stock as at the end of the year	<u>(158,525)</u>	<u>(206,550)</u>
	46,750	81,175
Net income	<u>28,850</u>	<u>52,525</u>
<b>Profit from identity cards</b>		
Sales	4,631,800	3,064,150
Cost of photographs	110,400	
PVC cords and ribbon	462,933	250,127
	<u>462,933</u>	<u>250,127</u>
Net income	<u>4,279,267</u>	<u>2,814,023</u>
<b>Profit from car passes</b>		
Sales	2,146,600	2,974,750
Cost of sales		
Opening stock	1,013	2,990
Stocks written off	(42,555)	(2,990)
Purchases	145,000	135,000
Stock as at the end of the year	<u>(41,470)</u>	<u>(1,013)</u>
	61,988	133,988
Net income	<u>2,084,612</u>	<u>2,840,763</u>
<b>Profit from Duplo bureau</b>		
Sales	963,081	152,615
Cost of sales		
Purchases	747,808	432,113
	<u>747,808</u>	<u>432,113</u>
Net income	<u>215,274</u>	<u>(279,498)</u>
<b>Profit from sale of stationary (APO)</b>		
Sales	18,198	16,060
Cost of sales		
Opening stock	1,291	91
Purchases	22,608	2,400
Stock as at the end of the year	<u>(7,821)</u>	<u>(1,291)</u>
	16,078	1,200
Net income/ (loss)	<u>2,120</u>	<u>14,861</u>





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	31.12.2017 Rs.	31.12.2016 Rs.
<b>Profit from hand book</b>		
Sales	20,500	75,700
Opening stock	47,088	70,272
Stocks written off	-	(288)
Stock as at the end of the year	<u>(41,184)</u>	<u>(47,088)</u>
	5,904	22,896
Net income	<u>14,596</u>	<u>52,804</u>
<b>Profit from supreme court rules</b>		
Sales	395,700	76,500
Opening stock	3,960	27,720
Purchase	425,000	0
Stock write off	(3,825)	(360)
Stock as at the end of the year	<u>(312,800)</u>	<u>(3,960)</u>
	112,335	23,400
Net income/Loss	<u>283,365</u>	<u>53,100</u>
<b>Profit on sale of cufflink</b>		
Sales	-	44,200
Cost of sales		
Stock as at the beginning of the year	-	37,400
Stock as at the end of the year	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
	-	37,400
Net income	<u>-</u>	<u>6,800</u>
<b>Profit on sale of diaries</b>		
Sales	4,293,700	4,503,150
Advertisements	<u>750,000</u>	<u>350,000</u>
	5,043,700	4,853,150
Stock as at the beginning of the year	210,276	113,830
Purchase	-	2,172,000
Printing of Diaries	1,859,735	-
Stocks written off	<u>(22,890)</u>	<u>(15,063)</u>
Stock as at the end of the year	<u>(39,945)</u>	<u>(210,276)</u>
	2,007,176	2,060,491
Net income	<u>3,036,524</u>	<u>2,792,659</u>

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	31.12.2017 Rs.	31.12.2016 Rs.
<b>Profit on sale of stamps</b>		
Sales	7,080,425	7,928,603
Commission	360,000	427,663
	<u>7,440,425</u>	<u>8,356,265.50</u>
Opening stock	82,091	158,924
Purchase	7,100,000	7,856,388
Closing Stocks	(103,224)	82,091
	<u>7,078,867</u>	<u>8,097,402.50</u>
Net profit from sale of stamp	<u>361,558</u>	<u>258,863.00</u>
<b>Profit on sale of calenders</b>		
Sales	30,900	-
Cost of sales	-	-
Opening stocks	-	-
Purchase	260,000	-
Closing stocks	(233,220)	-
	<u>26,780</u>	<u>-</u>
Net profit or loss on sale of calendar	<u>4,120</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>Profit on sale of Appellate court 2017 Voll I (393)</b>		
Sales	172,200	-
Cost of sales	-	-
Purchase	172,500	-
Stock write off	(7,245)	-
Closing stocks	(80,385)	-
	<u>84,870</u>	<u>-</u>
Net profit from sale of Appellate court 2017 Voll I (393)	<u>87,330</u>	<u>-</u>



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	31.12.2017	31.12.2016
	Rs.	Rs.
<b>2. Expenses</b>		
Staff salaries (BASL)	9,970,959	7,670,533
EPF	1,189,852	1,051,804
ETF	296,053	264,218
Allowances and overtime	1,483,932	1,037,398
Staff bonus	1,206,483	586,237
Staff entertainment	29,000	125,000
Stationery and printing	882,776	530,473
Printing -Bar report Vol I & II	247,500	-
Postage and franking machine charges	709,330	328,666
Courier charges	16,966	5,443
Depreciation	1,230,871	1,677,509
Auditors remuneration	254,028	230,934
Telephone charges	572,699	501,839
Bank charges and debit tax	66,230	92,061
Electricity- BASL	1,987,377	1,749,494
Electricity- library	26,444	24,964
Advertisements	149,987	16,694
Fixed assets maintenance	863,951	104,667
Refreshments - BC & others	896,445	600,895
Travelling	151,260	94,085
Newspapers and periodicals	48,740	30,045
Water charges- BASL & HNB	183,835	92,553
OPA charges - rates, electricity & tax	125,969	79,092
OPA - Annual session- Sponsorship	25,000	25,000
OPA - Membership subscription	25,300	24,420
Service agreement charges	469,169	235,863
Computer maintenance	291,850	223,220
Building insurance - fire	30,308.28	29,254
Rates and taxes	354,800	568,731
Web site maintenance	-	-
Gratuity provision	676,763	1,153,344
BASL building maintenance	2,017,198	131,160
Labour charges	21,910	51,000
Miscellaneous expenses	411,430	244,578
Purchase of lawyers books	-	-
Domain name renewal	3,330	3,330
Law Asia membership (2016/2017)	56,156	52,796
Election charges	525,417	344,385
Bar council convocation expenses	1,465,391	715,959
Ex-gratia	97,534	172,500
Purchase library books	31,050	10,050
IBA membership (2016/2017)	57,681	64,876
Balance carried forward	29,150,975	20,945,068



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	31.12.2017	31.12.2016
	Rs.	Rs.
Balance brought forward	29,150,975	20,945,068
Computer software - membership subscription - service agreement	-	56,500
SMS charges - Mobitel	467,443	310,415
Members subscription - Postmaster General 2016	-	3,000
Web Hosting & Development	49,000	120,000
SMS - Gateway - E-arrow	96,000	96,000
Stocks written off (damaged & complements )	-	86,659
Law Medical encounter	120,000	-
ETF surcharge (BASL)	-	150
Legal Aid Client - Aranayake	-	50,000
Professional fees	-	230,000
Rule of Law - Higurakgoda	-	35,000
Sentence seminar (Judge)	-	113,620
Rule of Law - Hambantota	-	35,000
Rule of Law - Kurunegala	-	35,000
CLE Seminar	100,415	128,343
Revaluation loss	-	2,077,928
Sports Gala 2014- write off stock - T shirt	-	60,300
Seminar Anti Doping	43,500	-
Sponsorship - Seminars	230,000	-
Seminar Neethiya Foundation	24,700	-
Mobile book shop	51,091	766,289
Provincial NLC 2017	30,403	-
Photographs	3,000	-
Security charges	68,000	-
Oath ceremony	21,500	-
Mail box	2,813	-
Development - SMS Alert System	15,000	-
Sponsorship - Law Asia Moot Compitiion, Tokyo	60,000	-
Data base system - sorting records	49,000	-
Membership subscription - Law College(Foot Ball Team)	14,000	-
Legal educational seminar	324,501	-
Sponsorsip - Women Lawyer	15,000	-
Purchases Act - CPC Code 2017 ( For Panadura prov. )	2,650	-
Fund transfer - Contingency	600,458	-
Stock write-off	95,242	-
Loss from Neethi Ranga 2016	77,310	39,875
Loss from National Law Week 2016	1,069,873	-
Loss from Sports Gala 2017	280,227	-
	<u>33,062,100</u>	<u>25,149,272</u>



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	31.12.2017	31.12.2016
	Rs.	Rs.
<b>3. Inventories</b>		
Law Journals	177,674	206,136
Directory 2010	2,272	12,212
Cufflinks	-	-
Hand books	41,184	47,088
Tie pins	158,525	206,550
Ties	685,600	448,600
Car passes 2016	-	1,013
Diaries 2018	37,625	207,151
Stamps APO	103,224	82,091
Stationary - Bookshop	2,692	1,385
Diaries 2016	-	-
Diaries 2017	2,320	3,125
Publication	484,724	348,875
Stationary APO	7,821	1,291
Supreme Court Rules	312,800	3,960
Car passes 2017	41,470	-
BASL Calender 2018	233,220	-
Appellace Court 2017	80,385	-
	<u>2,371,536</u>	<u>1,569,476</u>



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	31.12.2017	31.12.2016
	Rs.	Rs.
<b>4. Trade and other receivables</b>		
Junior National lawyer's conference-2014 - JBCLJ (324)	81,000	87,000
Annual Tour 2013- Members contribution	25,000	25,000
MBF Claim- Mr. H.S.A.M.Perera	50,000	50,000
National Law Week-2015	140,000	140,000
Diary - advertisements-2016	100,000	100,000
JNLC Sponsor	250,000	250,000
Auditorium hire	22,500	22,500
Law medical cricket	-	35
Colombo welfare	25,000	25,000
J N L C 2016	125,000	1,730,689
N L C 2016	-	700,000
Law Asia 2016	1,000,000	2,000,000
Credit card comm (Sampath Bank)	-	130,000
Commision on stamp	-	80,000
HNB - Electricity - reimbursement	-	300,000
HNB - Water - reimbursement	-	9,600
Advertisement diary - 2017	-	350,000
F D interest receivable	-	91,942
Diary - Sales - 2017 (People's Bank)	-	250,000
Debtor - APO	-	4,618
Diarie Advertisement 2018 2018	100,000	-
JNLC 2017	2,500,000	-
Neethi Ranga 2017	60,000	-
Interest (SMIB)	54,561	-
Commission on agency post office	90,000	-
Credit card commission	130,000	-
Processing - Union Assurance	20,000	-
ICT Course	326,000	-
Sponsorship Ticket Sale (NLC)	3,937,000	-
Annual Tour - Koggala	12,000	-
Members contribution - Koggala	9,500	-
Ticket Sale	5,000	-
Receivable EPF/ETF	7,422	-
	<u>9,069,983</u>	<u>6,346,384</u>



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	31.12.2017	31.12.2016
	Rs.	Rs.
<b>5. Cash in hand and at bank</b>		
<b>5.1 Cash in hand</b>		
Main cash	357,672	276,208
Petty cash	6,499	10,865
	<u>364,171</u>	<u>287,073</u>
<b>5.2 Cash at banks</b>		
<b>Current Accounts</b>		
Bank of Ceylon, Mihindu Mawatha, Colombo 12		
A/c No. 9762	14,081	17,763
A/c No. 9765	331,951	672,801
A/c No. 9753	2,776,191	1,402,440
A/c No. 9763	3,314,398	1,393,204
A/c No. 0180	10,074	10,074
A/c No. 9768	1,625,791	732,106
A/c No. 4979	36,306	567,443
Hatton National Bank - Hulfsdorf Street, Colombo 12		
A/c No. 1188	976,135	2,417,484
A/c No. 3227	1,431,858	660,782
A/c No. 3667	860,899	1,294,728
A/c No. 4105	146,720	6,000,774
A/c No. 4962	36,306	1,791,855
Peoples' Bank		
A/c No. 297-1003-7-001293	1,641,536	761,391
A/c No. 297-1001-9-001293	397,840	356,686
A/c No. 297-1-002-8-0001293	56,310	56,310
Nation Trust Bank		
A/c No. 1336	27,619	27,619
	<u>13,684,016</u>	<u>18,163,461</u>
<b>Savings Accounts</b>		
Hatton National Bank-Hulfsdorf branch		
A/c No. 83040	3,344	890,831
A/c No. 37489	34,507	33,394
A/c No. 30226	740,553	1,501,823
A/c No. 28625	773,462.24	1,604,842
A/c No. 06604	1,351,749	1,308,168
Commercial Bank Savings		
A/c No. 823200001	1,927	196,686
Nation Trust Bank		
A/c No. 006212104152	135,269	135,269
Savings A/C 10069	152,320	146,625
	<u>3,193,131</u>	<u>5,817,638</u>
	<u>17,241,318</u>	<u>23,981,099</u>



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	31.12.2017 Rs.	31.12.2016 Rs.
<b>6. Payables</b>		
<b>6.1 Account payables</b>		
Benevolent Trust Fund - interest	624,030	539,431
Thiwanka Wickramasinghe Fund - interest	125,527	125,928
Printec	5,700	-
Neethiya Foundation - College of Criminal	-	100,000
EPF payable - Dec 2016	-	152,215
Printec - Printing diaries 2017	-	64,760
J N L C 2016 - Blue oceanic	-	452,779
Sri Lanka Insurance - SHE Premium 2017	-	85,904
Cinnamon Hotel - Law Asia 2016	-	178,450
Avindra Rodrigo - JNLC 2016	-	194,162
JNLC 2017 - HOTEL	2,597,500	-
WIJAYA PRINT( Calender 2018)	260,000	-
Shangrila Hotel	4,812,632	-
	<u>8,425,390</u>	<u>1,893,630</u>
<b>6.2 Advances received</b>		
Advance received for SHE Claim	150,000	150,000
Advance received for law journals (2007) (306)	-	60,000
Advance received for lawyers books	1,489,666	1,576,101
Advance received for directory advertisements (2015)	-	190,000
Advance received-sales SLR set(1978-13)	1,015,000	-
Advance received-Advertisement Directory(2017)	30,000	-
Advance received-Ticket sale 2017	1,000	-
Advance received-sale calender	8,100	-
	<u>2,693,766</u>	<u>1,976,101</u>



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	31.12.2017 Rs.	31.12.2016 Rs.
<b>6.3 Accruals</b>		
Telephone charges	50,000	40,000
Telephone charges - CDMA	-	8,600
Auditors remuneration	254,028	230,934
OPA accrued charges	20,000	10,000
Electricity charges- BASL	149,844	250,000
Electricity charges- Library	4,000	2,500
Water charges	12,984	9,500
Newspaper	4,010	5,000
Overtime payable	100,000	80,000
ETF payable	-	24,241
E. Arrow	-	8,000
Web hosting	-	30,000
Mobitel SMS	38,772	95,000
CMC rates	138,584	163,731
Security charges	10,000	-
	<u>782,222</u>	<u>957,506</u>
<b>7. Rent advance</b>		
Hatton National Bank	-	67,000
	<u>-</u>	<u>67,000</u>



## **THANK YOU**

*I wish to convey my heartfelt gratitude to all who have helped me in publishing the Annual Report 2017-2018. Due to extensive amount of activities we have done throughout the year, the Report is voluminous and consists of large number of Articles, Write-ups and Photographs.*

*I would like to thank President Mr. U. R. de Silva PC, Deputy President Mr. M. U. M. Ali Sabry PC, Treasurer Mr. Sujeewa Lal Dahanayake for helping in finalizing the Report. I am extremely grateful to Mr. Rajitha Hathurusinghe, my Assistant Secretary for the commitment and dedication showed in releasing the Annual Report on time.*

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