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Message from the President



The sense of relief can only be derived from the pride of success.

It is with humble pride of success that I am penning this message on this occasion which simultaneously marks my two - decade long administrative journey at the BASL coming to an end. The pride of success can only be realized through hard work, perseverance, dedication and determination. It is not ordinary effort that suffices but an extraordinary endeavor that is required. Time is golden, but it is the products of time which are treasured. Not every plan is fool-proof; the success depends on as to how the unforeseen is coped with.

During my Induction Speeches as the President of the BASL in the last two years, 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 and our Colleagues. To this end, the BASL offered various certificate courses such as Criminal Defense, Effective Instructing Attorneys, Advanced Training on ICT, Legal English and so forth. Not to mention a plethora of one day CLE programs targeting every dimension of the law which were organized across the country. Two

batches of Apprentices, in the eve of their Big day of being called to the Bar, after being reminded of the certain fundamental core values which were to be adhered to and preserved in the legal profession were distributed their BASL ID cards, enabling them to engage in their professional duties from the first day of stepping into the legal arena.

BASL pioneered in enhancing not only the knowledge of the young lawyers, but also their vocal and presentation skills, which is a *sine qua non* for legal professionals discharging duties at any forum. Accordingly for the first time in the history, BASL partnered with HNB Toastmaster International to offer 'Speech Craft program' which afforded an amiable avenue for the young lawyers to brush aside their stage phobia and brace their confidence to fearlessly to present their views in the presence of an audience.

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, a Committee headed by Mr. Ali Sabry, PC was appointed, 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. Before the end of my tenure we were able to further shove it through the hierarchy that it has already received the nod of

approval from all stake holders thus it will be only a matter of time before the suggestions included therein are implemented.

Once the propositions presented through the said report are schemed out, not only uncontrollable amount of entry into the profession will be curtailed to filter the cream of intellect out into the profession but also those who have been called to the Bar will be constantly monitored and guided along the righteous course.

One of my long standing dreams of decentralizing the National Law Conference to bring it closer to the membership has been manifested. I took pride in affirming the fulfillment of the said desire which saw 05 Provincial Law Conferences being organized across Sri Lanka during my first year. The overwhelming positive response which arose from the members of the Bar who had benefited out of the novel initiative, only hardened my determination into making it a steady practice. As a result 05 more Provincial Law Conferences saw the light of the day during the outgoing year in 2018 with the Assistance of the USAID. The presence of his Lordship Justice Padman Soorasena and Mr. Jayantha Jayasooriya PC, Hon. Attorney General of Sri Lanka drew a tremendous turn out at every such conference. It is my duty to thank Mr. Mitch Gruner, Ms. Shirani Narayana, Ms. Kushangika and Mr. Yasith Samarakoon and also to Mrs. Nayomi Wickramarathne Attorney-At-Law, Mr. Prakalathan Thuraisingam, Mr. Kalinga De Silva for their service to ensure success of this project. We entrusted the Bars of the particular province with the organizing their own Provincial Law Conference with a particular heed to focus on the peculiar issues they faced with. The success of the Provincial Law

Conferences is amply demonstrated by the Bars calling out for opportunity to organize it in their respective provinces, more than once.

A mesmerizing highlight of the past year was the 'National Law Week' whose main event, for the first time in the BASL history, was orchestrated in a premise outside Hulftsdorp. Accordingly at the invitation of BASL, Mr. Madura Withanage Attorney-At-Law, Hon. Mayor of Sri Jayawardenapura Municipal Council joined force with the BASL to take the 'National Law Week' to Sri Jayawardenapura Municipal ground where a massive Legal Aid Clinic was organized on 30th June and 1st of July 2018 which was well responded by a unprecedented volume of people gushing, in seeking quality legal advice. The most senior President's Counsel down the way to all other legal practitioners were benevolent enough to dedicate some of their time off their busy schedule so as to quench the thirst of people by offering their expert opinion free of charge. A number of Government Institutions also flocked together at the same premise to advance the idea of 'Access to Justice' promoted by the BASL. In parallel to the main event, Legal Aid Clinics were held across the country under the patronage of respective Bars. The 'National Law Week' was further featured by Awareness Programs aimed at alerting the minds of the school children of the risk they have been exposed with the growing technology in the country and the precautions to be taken to avoid the booby traps laid on the less-regulated cyber space.

The practice of publishing the latest Unreported Judgments in view of the delay it takes to release the official version of Sri Lanka Law Reports continued uninterrupted during the past years as well. Accordingly the General Publication Committee

headed by Mr. Kasun Liyanage Attorney-At-Law compiled Appellate Court Judgments in 2018 (unreported) for Criminal Law in two volumes. We also offered the whole set of Sri Lanka Law Reports at an affordable price which we had allowed to settle in easy monthly installments. Most importantly for the first time in the history we were able to print National Law Report (NLR) in collaboration with Government Printer and Sri Lanka Law Reports for our membership. In this regard the role played by Mr. Vijitha Manamperi Attorney-At-Law in coordinating the relevant authorities must be Particularly acknowledged.

The re-launch of the BASL website was a remarkable achievement which merits a quick flashback. The earlier BASL official Website had become virtually 'handicapped' due to a myriad of issues therefore it became an exigency to draw up a new website which could cater our requirements. Accordingly with the help of a permanent IT Executive of the BASL a new and user-friendly website with the full administrative capacity vested in BASL was developed, which was commissioned on the cyber space. Though the BASL website is still in the process of being upgraded to function to its fully capacity, I am positive that the foundation stone laid down during my tenure will point to an impregnable pathway for it to flourish to a fully-fledged website which can bring many services to the finger tips of the membership, including voting at future BASL elections.

I vehemently spoke of improvements to the infrastructure facilities of the Court houses. I turned my word into action when I was the first President to participate in the Infrastructure Trust Fund Committee. By my intervention I was able to provide equipment needed to outstation Bars. Further we selected 25 Bars with the approval of the EXCO and help them to improve

their infrastructure facilities.

BASL as a responsible professional body intervened in issues which assumed 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. The BASL took a firm stand against whomsoever regardless of the stature seeking to insult the legal profession in furtherance of their clumsy political agenda. As a result we have already instituted actions against the individuals who had made remarks in public in derogation of our noble legal profession, motivated by conjecture and surmises.

Yet another concept I could introduce to the legal community was a grand-scale discourse with the participation of every stake holder in the administration of justice, titled 'Colombo Dialogue' under the theme 'We shall converse fearlessly'. Accordingly 'Colombo Dialogue' glamorously unfolded for two days, 23rd and 24th of March 2019, being dedicated for Civil and Criminal Law respectively. On the invitation of BASL and under the blessing of the Judicial Services Commission, Judges of Supreme Court namely his Lordship Justice Padman Soorasena, His Lordship Justice S. Thurairaja PC, Judges of Court of Appeal, namely his Lordship Justice Arjun Obeysekera PC, Judges of High Court, namely Mr. Manjula Thilakarathne, Judges of District Court and Magistrates namely Ms. Lanka Jayarathne, the Chief Magistrate of Colombo, Mr. Ranga Dissanayake, the Magistrate of Fort Magistrate Court. Most Senior President's Counsel, including the President elected Mr. Kalinga Indatissa, PC Senior Lawyers and

Junior Lawyers very enthusiastically took part in the event and bravely voiced their sentiments on the lapses manifested in the system and how it could be mended. As a result of the discourse, numerous innovative propositions were boosted, which the BASL is in the process of informing in to the writing to the relevant authorities for implementation. All who attended the event vowed to continue with this new concept which was unanimously perceived to have embodied a colossal potential to bring about tangible changes to the law and system.

The outgoing year thus went by, marked by number of initiatives taken by BASL, some of which were shared above, and at the end of its calendar year hosted the 'Appreciation Night' on 15th March 2019, where Twenty Seventh senior lawyers who had completed 50 years in active service were felicitated while members who had contributed in various dimensions to raise the BASL up to the expectations of the membership were recognized by awarding them a very valuable 'Token of Appreciation'. The BASL which has never dispensed with the entertainment aspect of the members, during this year too, offered very attractive holiday package to 'Danauwva Resort' accompanied by a few outdoor expeditions at a fraction of the actual price.

Finally with my tenure drawing to an end, an election was called for and I made it my bounden duty to ensure a free and fair election, without fear and favour. Accordingly the election to elect the next President and the Secretary of BASL was held on 20th February 2019 which was acclaimed as one of the most well-organized and configured elections in the recent past which was marked by the excellence of unbiased and integrity. The BASL Election was headed to a new era when a successful initiative

was put into motion whereby the election results were displayed on a large screen then and there in front of the voting center at Colombo Court Complex. While the impartial and efficient role played by Mr. Dappula de Livera PC, Hon. Solicitor General of Sri Lanka as the Chief Returning Officer and his team must be specially commended, I would like to take this opportunity to convey my sincere regard and profound congratulation to my successor.

It is only a few initiatives taken by the BASL which were shared with you above and I must emphasize but for the commitment, dedication and perseverance of 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 all of them, particularly to the outgoing Deputy President, Mr. Ali Sabry PC, outgoing Treasurer, Mr. Sujeewa Lal Dahanayake Attorney-At-Law incumbent Secretary Mr. Kaushalya Nawarathne, Attorney-At-Law, incumbent Assistant Secretary Mr. Chamath Fernando Attorney-At-Law and Ms. Ruchira Gunasekara Attorney-At-Law in steering the BASL in an innovative and unprecedented way, by coordinating all relevant stakeholders and motivating the members of Bar.

It is my duty to extend my profound compliment to Mr. G.G Arulpragasam, Senior Attorney-At-Law and my junior Mr. Kasun Liyanage, Attorney-At-Law and an executive member of BASL representing the junior members of the Bar for their unwavering corporation which undoubtedly always fuelled my determination to go higher than expected.

Before the end, I would like to take this opportunity to glance a quick hindsight at the way I travelled through during past two decades as an active member of BASL. My maiden Administrative post at the BASL was marked by my being elected to officiate in the Executive Committee in the year 2000 where I was tasked with rejuvenating the 'Welfare Committee' which eventually wrote history when I managed to bring the welfare facilities to the door step of Bars across the country. Then I was chosen to serve as Hon. Treasurer of BASL during 2002 - 2004 before I was voted to the office of Secretary in which capacity I served two years from 2008 to 2010. Finally in 2017 March I was elected to steer the BASL as its 24th President. Life at the BASL never proved to be a Bed of Roses for me and I had to encounter numerous hardships which I embraced as 'blessings in disguise' in order to fortify my determination and resolution to continue to fight the battle which I started way back in 2000. As I always remind, whatever I have done is not for myself but for the future generation. I first stepped into the BASL with a dream of steering it towards a **New Era**. Changing the direction of BASL alone did not satisfy me, so I wanted to glide on a voyage discovering **New Horizons**. Whenever I found a new horizon, my inner mind propelled me **Beyond Horizons**. Beyond Horizons where I found was the success. During first year I went, **towards the Pinnacle**. Today I am stepping down leaving the entire benefits of the said **Pinnacle of Success** to my Younger Generation.



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

Overview by the Secretary



I consider it to be a great honour and a privilege to serve you as the Secretary of the Bar Association of Sri Lanka for the year 2018/2019 and take an immense pride in presenting its annual report. The Annual Report consists of many activities carried out by the BASL during the year under review which has been commended by members and non members alike.

I shall endeavor to briefly appraise the membership with regard to the said activities of the BASL during the past year.

It is indeed a matter of concern over the years the overcrowding of the legal profession. The last year was not an exception to the said issue. Hence, the membership of the BASL was increased from by a significant number especially due to the new entrants to the legal profession.

During the past year many programmes such as, certificate courses, Seminars, Symposiums, Provincial Law Conferences, Junior National Law Conferences were conducted throughout the country with the participation of many members. The funds generated out of the said programmes clearly strengthened the financial stability of the BASL. Accordingly, the BASL was able to improve the facilities at the secretariat wherein, many renovations were effected to the building. Further, the purchase of a generator and the installation of a Solar Power System

at the secretariat would undoubtedly minimize the expenditure of the BASL in future.

It was concern of the management committee the defects in the BASL website. Hence, various attempts were made to rectify such defects in consultation with the website developer. However, as there was no acceptable solution for the issues, steps were taken to launch a new website which is fully functional at present. In the meantime, steps have been initiated to institute legal proceedings to recover the monies paid to the website developer. Further, action plan has been initiated to set up a fully functional IT Department with the aid of USAID which work is currently in progress simultaneous to obtain wi-fi facility to the Secretariat.

I take great pride in placing on record, perhaps for the first time in the history, the BASL was able to reach the outstation Bars around the country and to provide immediate needs out of the funds so generated by the management committee. In the said context the BASL was able to provide computers, printers, furniture including chairs, tables, cupboards etc., Sri Lanka New Law Reports, financial assistance for immediate renovations of libraries, donation of books etc. which have been highly appreciated by members. The details are set out in the Report.

The knowledge is the key for the legal profession. Accordingly, many programmes were organized such as, day seminars, provincial law conferences, labour symposium, junior national law conference, junior forum etc. with the participation of respected legal luminaries and experts in the respective areas of interest as recourse personnel to educate and to enhance the knowledge of our members. I am confident that the said

programmes were of immense of importance to all participants.

The BASL is well possessed of its obligations towards the society. Therefore, whilst rendering much assistance to citizens through the legal aid committee of the BASL throughout the year, an island wide legal assistance week under the name of 'law week 2019' was organized in the last year. During the said week, the legal aid clinics to general public, awareness programmes to school children, advice to general public from state and private sector organizations, legal education programmes, competitions among school children, prison visits, cleaning of court houses, free legal advice, assistance to general public from government offices including the Attorney General's Department and Sri Lanka Police and prison department, were carried out. I am happy to place on record that the said programme was highly acclaimed by all segments in the society. I shall appreciate with gratitude the immense support extended by the members of the Bar including the President's Counsels, officers of the official Bar, Sri Lanka Police, Prison Department, Ministry of Justice and the Government Departments who were the success behind the said programme.

One of the key issues that were discussed during the past year was the ever increasing new entrants which have deteriorated the standards of the legal professional. Further, much attention was drawn to the lack of supervision of the institutions involved in the legal education, such as private universities and institutions etc. Accordingly, the Committee appointed to study and make suitable recommendations to address the said matter, after deliberations with many stake holders submitted a detailed report. I am happy to place on record

that the recommendations of the said committee were accepted by the Council of Legal education vis-a-vis the entry qualifications to Sri Lanka Law College, which is due to be implemented soon. The hard work of the members of the said committee is much appreciated.

We continue to educate the general public with regard to legal issues encountered in day today life through both print and electronic media. The success of the said programmes is amply demonstrated from the frequent responses received by the secretariat. We extend our sincere thanks to the members of the media committee for the efforts and especially obtaining sufficient air times from the respective media institutions without burdening the finances of the BASL.

It is important to educate the membership with regard to the latest developments of the law especially regarding the principals enunciated by the appellate courts in the respective judgments. We are happy to place on record that the BASL was able to commence the publication of the news letter with new features. The credit shall go to the editorial committee for the job well done. The BASL was able to publish many publications during the past year including the unreported judgments of the Supreme Court in the areas of both Civil and Criminal Law. The said publications have not only brought revenue to the BASL but have been a valuable legal literature for the legal practitioners. Further, steps have already been initiated to provide the complete set of Sri Lanka Law Reports and New Law Reports at a concessionary rate to the members.

Our juniors are the future of our legal profession. Hence, it is imperative for the BASL to provide required assistance and to create opportunity for the juniors to enhance knowledge

and develop the skills simultaneous to maintain highest standards of professional ethics and to maintain professionalism throughout the career. In this regard, the special programmes which were designed and held during the last year such as, Speech Craft Programme, Legal English Course, Effective Instructing Attorneys' Course, Junior National Law Conference and Junior Bar Forum, were of immense importance. The unreserved thanks are extended the junior bar committee for the successful steps taken in organising the junior bar conference and the forum in the last year.

We were mindful of our obligations towards the legal profession and to the nation at large. Hence, whilst raising the voice of the Bar against the proposed amendments to the constitution of the Country and amendments to the existing laws, the BASL resorted to many courses of action including the filing of the application in Appellate Courts where we felt that the intervention of court was needed.. Further, an Application was filed in the Supreme Court against the Sri Lanka – Singapore free trade agreement in order to protect the best interest of the legal profession. We had mixed success in such attempts wherein some applications were determined in favour and some were against.

Relationships of the BASL must be well managed. They must be established, maintained, strengthened and extended to ensure that the profession continues to benefit from a divers insights, shared capacity and innovation. We believe mutual benefit is essential. With the said intention BASL, during the past year maintained high rapport with the Judiciary, Ministry of Justice, Attorney General's Depart, Government Institutions, Private Sector Institutions and individuals wherein we were able

to resolve issues of mutual interest amicably as and when it were needed. Further, the horizons of the BASL were extended beyond the shores of the island. Accordingly, many delegations from other countries such as, Singapore, China, India and Australia were entertained at the Secretariat wherein full discussions were held to work harmoniously in the areas of mutual interest. The membership of Law Asia, International Bar Association continued whilst obtaining the membership of BRILA.

It is common knowledge that the BASL was criticized for the alleged lack of transparency in financial activities. Having considered the seriousness of the said matter, immediate steps were taken to recruit a qualified Accountant to manage the financial affairs of the secretariat.

There is no doubt that the ambiance of the secretariat is of importance. Accordingly, several steps were taken to renovate and upgrade the secretariat as aforesaid which could be witnessed by anyone at present.

I am firmly of the view the Secretariat of the BASL belongs to the membership. Thus, at all times the professionalism and discipline among the staff of the Secretariat and the services provided shall be of the highest standards. In this regard, steps were taken to introduce a dress code/uniform to the staff. Further, regular training programmes are conducted to the staff in order to meet ever increasing demands of the members and to be competitive. It is regrettable to note the non-availability of a proper system of recruitment to the staff, a proper code of ethics or list of duties which I consider as an impediment to provide a professional service to members. However, steps are being taken to remedy the said deficiencies.

I find that the detachment of senior members of the legal profession

from the affairs of the BASL has been an ever increasing concern of the management committee. This has undoubtedly impacted the affairs of the BASL as I am of the view, that the guidance of the seniors is imperative. Hence, necessary steps should be taken to create a conducive environment for the senior members to participate proactively in the affairs of the BASL in all capacities whilst, creating sufficient opportunities for the junior members of the Bar.

Upon a consideration of the increasing complaints against the attorneys-at-law, which warrant merits, it has become necessary to revisit the existing rules and regulations relating to professional ethics and the mechanism in place to counter such incidents/complaints. Hence, it is imperative to introduce a proactive system to solve such complaints without delay in order to win the confidence of the general public. Simultaneous to the same, steps shall be taken to appraise the members with regard to professional ethics.

It has been a concern during the past year, the failure of the attorneys-at-law to wear the proper attire to courts in compliance with the Supreme Court Rules. Hence, the BASL is in the process of taking meaningful steps to appraise the members regarding same.

There are many projects designed for the welfare of the members of the Bar, which are presently in the pipe line. Discussions are ongoing to provide health insurance schemes, retirement plans and loan schemes for juniors etc.

We noted the regular absence of several members of the executive committee, the Bar Council and Zonal representatives of the outstation bars from regular meetings. This would be an impediment for the affairs of the BASL. Thus, it is important to maintain

the enthusiasm throughout the year whilst appreciating the importance of the burden vested with the office of the representatives of the bar.

I wish to place on record my sincere appreciation for the unreserved support extended to me by the President Mr. U.R. De Silva, PC, the Deputy President, Mr. Ali Sabri, PC, Treasurer Mr. Sujeeva Lal Dahanayake and the Assistance secretary, Mr. Chamath Fernando during the past year. The President Mr. U.R. De Silva, PC undoubtedly receives special appreciation in view of the ability displayed during the past year without whom many programmes could not have been materialized.

Further, I wish to extend my sincere appreciation to His Lordship the Chief Justice, retired Chief Justice Hon. Priyasath Dep PC, the members of the Executive committee and the Bar Council, Senior and junior members of the Bar, Hon. Attorney General Mr. Jayantha Jayasooriya, PC, Hon. Solicitor General Dappula De Livera PC and the members of the Official Bar, Hon. Minister of Justice and the Secretary to the Ministry of Justice, Members of the Judiciary, for the support extended.

I also acknowledge with gratitude the support extended by the members of the BASL Secretariat led by Ms. Surani Samarasekera, the Administrative Secretary and the members of the Special Project Committee during the last year.

My sincere appreciations are extended to all the Chairman/Chairperson and the conveners of the sub committees for the year 2018/2019. The BASL would not have been able to carry out the respective programmes effectively and successfully if not for the support extended by them.

It is appreciated with gratitude the

support extended by the donor agencies of the BASL throughout the past year. In the said context the support extended by the USAID and its representatives undoubtedly are entitled for a special mention without whose support many programmes would not have been successful or materialized.

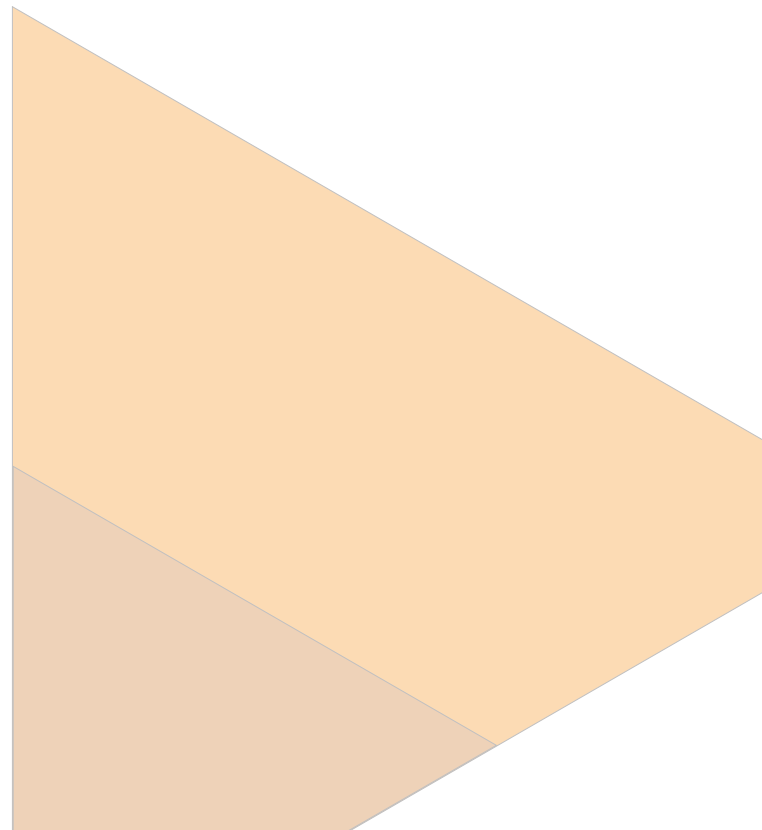
Finally, I extend my heartfelt gratitude to my senior Mr. Kushan D'Alwis PC who made me who I am today and releasing me from his chamber whilst willingly under taking to discharge professional work, encouraging and guiding me to serve as your Secretary.



**Kaushalya Nawaratne AAL,
Secretary,
Bar Association of Sri Lanka**

CHAPTER 01

1st BAR COUNCIL MEETING AND CONVOCATION 2018 - 2019





BAR ASSOCIATION OF SRI LANKA

BAR COUNCIL 2018/2019



Delegates of the Bar Council for the Year 2018-2019

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PRESIDED BY : HON. ATTORNEY GENERAL, MR JAYANTHA JAYASURIYA PC

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Akkaraipathu: Mr. S L Abdul Raseed, Mr. S M A Gaffoor, Mr. Abdul Hameed Sameem, **Anpara:** Mr. U S Gallage, Ms. H M Gunaratne, R H S Sanjeevani Hewage; **Anuradhapura :** Mr. R M Bandara, Mr. N C Bulathsinghala, Mr. K Herath PC, Mr. M M B S Kotuwelle, Mr. P S R Premalal, Mr. R C K Rajakaruna, Mr. W M C B Weerakoon, Mr. R P A Wickramaarachchi, Mr. M M Wijesiri, **Attanagalla :** Mr. Y G P Dayananda, Mr. R A Jayasekare, Ms. V V C Premachandra, Mr. S G A Senadheera, Ms. B M P K Senaratna, Mr. A P S P Wijayasri, **Avissawella:** Ms. K G C C Chandradasa, Ms. H D P K Chandrasena, Ms. H O C De Jacolyn Senevirane, Mr. W G N H Dias, Ms. D H S Mallawaarachchi, Ms. I D Rangoda Arachchi, Mr. H U Senanayake, Mr. W A S K Weragoda, Ms. K G T S Wickremasinghe, **Balangoda:** Ms. A C Fernando, Mr. M N Goonewardena, Mr. I K S Jayasena, **Badulla :** Mr. S C R A U N Gunasekera, Mr. J K S Jayawardhena, **Bandarawela:** Mr. B M B R K Basnayake, Mr. R M A P Ranathunga, Mr. W M P M Weerasinghe, Mr. S N Wijesekara, **Batticaloa:** Mr. A A Mohamed Rooby, Mr. K Narayapillai, Mr. P Premnath, Mr. V Thiyaheshwaran, Mr. A Uwais, Mr. V Vinoba Indran, **Balapitiya:** Ms. K J A de Silva, Mr. P A W de Silva, Ms. C P de Silva, Mr. N T Somiratne, Ms. D D G K Wijewardhana, **Bibile:** Mr. H M Kumara, Mr. H K Piyathilaka, **Chilaw:** Mr. S. M. P. Fernando, Mr. L. M. S. S. Landekumbura, Mr. M. W. A. C. Sweeny Perera, Mr. W C P Rodrigo, **Colombo :** Mr. S D B Abeyaratne, Mr. A G J Abeynayaka, Mr. N A Abeyratne, PC, Ms. B S Abhayawickreme, Mr. M U M Ali Sabry, PC, Mr. A H W Ambawatta, Mr. L Ameresinghe, Mr. L M K Arulanandam, PC, Ms. S Arulingam, Mr. S Bagirathan, Mr. H I Balapatabendi, Ms. S Chandiradevi, Mr. D C R Collure, Mr. N L S R Cooray, Mr. D L A S L K Dahanayake, Mr. S D A S Dasanayake, Mr. L N Dayananda, Ms. K U S Dalpatadu, Mr. S M K de Alwis, PC, Mr. W H W de Mel, Mr. D P J de Livera, PC, Mr. E A G de Silva, Mr. J R de Silva, PC, Mr. U R de Silva, Mr. M P A P de Silva, Mr. H K C de Silva, Mr. P R de Silva, Mr. H M N de Silva, Mr. E Kuvera I. de Zoysa, PC, Mr. J C Dehiaththage, Ms. B H J S Dhanapala, Ms. H G I S Dharmabandhu, Mr. D S Dharmaratne, Mr. A G Dharmatilleke, Mr. R M P G R Dharmawardena, Mr. G S L J S Dias, Ms. M M C Doss, Mr., M J Edirisinghe, Mr. S M T Ekaratne, Mr. S P Ekaratne, Ms. C Ellawala, Mr. P Epa, Mr. J S Fernando, Mr. K D Fernando, , Mr. M D S S Fernando, Mr. K M C Fernando, Ms. W D C Fernando, Mr. C A N Galhena, Mr. P D M S Gamage, Mr. V S V Gamage, Mr. D S P Gamage, Mr. K Gnanasegaram, Mr. U A Gooneratne, PC., Mr. C Goonesekera, Mr. K R Goonesinghe, Mr. B A Gunasekera, Mr. J de Z. Gunasekera, PC, Mr. D A A Gunawardana, Ms. C Ruchira Sugathy A Gunasekera, Mr. E V P R Harischandra, Mr. H M R L Hathurusinghe, Mr. S S Herath, Mr. D A Hewavithana, Mr. K N Indatissa, PC., Ms. S S Jayalath Pathiranage, Ms. M D Jayamanne, Mr. M C Jayaratne, Ms. B I Jayasena, Mr. S H Jayasinghe, Mr. U G C I Jayasinghe, Ms. K R Jayasinghe, Mr. V K S de Silva Jayasuriya, Mr. Upul Jayasuriya, PC, Ms. E A Jayasuriya, Mr. Jayantha Jayasuriya, Ms. H P M P K Jayatilleke, Ms. H J M K S Jayathilake, .

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Mr. H J M K S Jayathilake, Mr. W M C Jayatissa, Ms. S A M T Jayatilake, Mr. S G P Jayatilake, Ms. A M K R Jayatilleke, Mr. M Jayawardena, Ms. C T Jesuthasan, Mr. D W Johnthasan, Ms. N S Kalansooriya, Mr. U E Kalidasa, Ms. R R M Kaluhendiwela, Mr. K Kaneshayogan, Mr. M Katulanda, Mr. L I Keerthisinghe, Ms. D K Keerthiwardena, Mr. S P Kelaart, Mr. C A A Kiriwaththuduwege D., Mr. G K A C K Kularatne, Mr. Lal Kularatne, Mr. G G D D Kumara, PC, Mr. K K A Kumarasinghe, Mr. K A D I U Kuruppuarachchi, Mr. S Karunaratne, Ms. H K R Lasanthie, Mr. P Liyanaarachchige, Mr. K Liyanagamage, Mr. C Liyanapatabendy, PC, Ms. H L R Liyanarachchi, Mr. C Liyanarachchi, Ms. N P K Lokuge, Mr. Mahinda B K Lokuge, Ms. L K Maddumage, Mr. B Manawadu, Mr. C S Mathew, Mr. V S Mahalingam, Mr. D D N Manamperi, Mr. M W A J B Moragolla, Mr. M C M Muneer, Mr. S Nagahawatta, Mr. I T M Nandasiri, Ms. P Narendran, Mr. N M P P K K Nawaratna, Mr. K U S Nishendra, Mr. Y H M H Omar, Ms. M W Padmaraji, Mr. G P I Perera, Mr. T R Perera, Ms. P C Perera, Mr. P A Perera, Mr. N Perera, Mr. M A Perera, Ms. S Perera, Mr. L A S Phillips, Mr. Nihal Peiris, Ms. P A D Premasiri, Mr. N S T Premathiratne, Mr. K A G Prematilaka, Mr. V Puvitharan, PC, Mr. R M S Rajakaruna, Ms. S H Ranawaka, Mr. D Amal A. Randeniya, Ms. A U Ranjith, Mr. D R S Ratnayake, Mr. P Raveendiran, Mr. W O Rodrigo, Dr. W D Rodrigo, PC, Mr. S C Samarasinghe, Ms. P I Samarasinghe, PC, Mr. U Samaraweera, Mr. C C Senanayake, Mr. A H P Senanayake, Ms. V C Senanayake, Ms. G H R Senanayake Jayaweera, Ms. A Sendupperuma, Ms. W M I U Senevirathne, Mr. S D D M G Seneviratne, Mr. G G G D S M Siriwardhena, PC., Mr. J Sundramoorthy, Mr. T.J.P.K. Thalagaswattage, Ms. S U Tennekoon Mudiyansele, Mr. T G N W D Thalduwa, Ms. H S Urugodawatte, Mr. D Vidanapathirana, Mr. U K A Vipulanayake, Ms. S.Y. Vithanage, Mr. A C S Wamasuriya, Mr. W D Weeraratne, Mr. H M Weerasinghe, Mr. D S Welengodage, Mr. W A T D Weragoda, Mr. W V A S Weragoda, Mr. Daya Wettasinghe, Ms. R M C N D Wettasinghe, Mr. Jagath S Wickramanayake, Mr. A.D. Wickramasekara, Mr. D R Wijesinghe, Mr. W M N Wijesinghe, Ms. L.S.C. Wijesinghe, Mr. M A T D Wimalaratne, Mr. C G Witharana, Mr. J Wijayalath Arachchi Ms. A M Yamuna Gunasekera, **Embilipitiya**: Mr. K P Abeysuriya, Mr. S G L D Arawinda, Mr. S S. K Gama Ethige, **Elpitiya**: Mr. H. H. Muniadasa, **Gampaha**: Mr. Prasantha Lal de Alwis, PC, Ms. H M S R Gunethileke, Mr. H D T Gunawardana, Mr. R M A N W Rajakaruna, Ms. D D P Weerasuriya, **Gampola**: Mr. N Pilapitiya, Mr. K D B S Udugama, **Galle** : Mr. S W L Bandara, PC, Mr. K M G L Dias, Mr. M H M Farooq, Mr. J S Kahawandala, Ms. P P Kooru Godage, Ms. D Kumara, Mr. G Maitipe, Ms. N K Manatunga, Mr. E R H Nanayakkara, Ms. D D K Piyasiri, Mr. A P G Sarathchandra, Mr. P R W Seneviratne, Mr. P Thiranagama, Mr. N A R Udugampola, Mr. S U P duwella, Mr. S Vidanapathirana, Mr. A. Wickramasekara, PC. **Galgamuwa**: Mr. N B A P Balalle, Mr. R M K S Rajapaksha, **Homagama**: Mr. W A V Eranga, Mr. C S Gamage, Mr. C R Kuruppuarachchige, Mr. A P Matara Arachchi, Ms. S Wanigasuriya, Mr. D S Wickremaratne, **Horana**: Ms. S R Albert, Mr. B G T L Gunarathne, Ms. K M Gunathilake, Ms. K Kannangara, Ms. O P A Perera, Mr. R S Rupasingha, Mr. M A S Weerasiri, Mr. H P G J C Wijesooriya, **Hingurakgoda**: Mr. A A N M Bandara, Ms. K Chandrika, Ms. D M I C M D Weerasooriya, **Hettipola**: Mr. W A D L S Kumara, Ms. H M K P Kumari Herath, Mr. K A Sumanaratne, **Jaffna**: Mrs. S Abimanasingham, PC, Mr. A Arulanntham, Mr. J Jeyaruban, Mr. J S A Mathuranayagam, Mr. S Paramarajah, Mr. B Parththipan, Mr. N Thambimuthan, Mr. B Thavapalan, **Kalutara**: Mr. V L Asurappuli, Mr. Q A R Cooray, Mr. P G U A Dayaratthna, Mr. G Ekanayake, Mr. T N Jayakody, Mr. L D H C Liyanarachchi, Mr. U L R S Perera, Mr. W W Y N Perera, Mr. D A Punchihewa, Mr. E S Soysa, Ms. K S Yapa, **Kandy**: Mr. H L G Bastiansz, Mr.

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S A D Buddika, Mr. R de Rafayal, Mr. D M N B Dissanayake, Mr. M I Hadi, Mr. M S M Hussain, Mr. A J Karalliyadde, Mr. P U B Karunanayake, Mr. M R Karunarathna Banda, Mr. A V P Nanayakkara, Ms. K I W Premachandra, Mr. S. N Rathnayake, Mr. S C Ratnayake, Mr. S Ratwatte PC, Mr. W D W Senarathne, Mr. M K B Seneviratne, Mr. TR Thalapathawadana, Mr. T M S J Tennakoon, Mr. C B Udagedara, Mr. K P K Wickramasinghe, Mr. L Wijenayake, Mr. S G D M Abeynayake, **Kalmunai**: Mr. M A Samsudeen, Mr. A M Badurudeen, Mr. I L Mohamed Ramees, Mr. M K Perinparaja, Mr. M U Thaha Zainudeen, **Kaduwela**: Ms. M P M Abeyratne, Ms. M A D S R Dias Thalduwa, Mr. J S C V Heenkenda, Mr. P S S Senevirathne Pandithasundara, **Kegalle**: Mr. S P K W Gamage, Mr. R Senadhira, Mr. H R P Senanayake, Mr. S K C Seneviratne, Ms. S D Udalgama, **Kuliyaipitiya** : Mr. H M S Chandarasekera, Mr. H K Dharamakeerthi, Mr. I P C A Fernando, Mr. J M Gunatileke, Mr. J K C Jayasinghe, Mr. F P Perera, Mr. W M P L Wadugedera, Mr. W H M B H Wijesinghe, **Kurunegala**: Ms. D M Dissanayake, G D B Herath Mudiyanselage, Mr. C M S Jayasekera, Mr. A P C M Jayasekera, PC, Ms. D M A K Jayawardana, Mr. H M Kiringe, Mr. G A Kulawansha, Mr. K P Lionel, Mr. G K W Nissanka, **Kekirawa**: Mr. J K Ambagahawatte, Ms. J M Coswatte, Mr. T M Tennakoon, **Matara** : Mr. R Abeyesundara, Mr. P Ariyasena, Ms. R M Lakshma Priyani, Ms. Y P Mahagamage (Kodikara), Mr. M P C M Muthukumarana, Ms. I S Nagaratne Koththagoda, Mr. C Perumpuli Arachchige, Mr. U G S Rangajeewa, Ms. Y M D Warnasuriya, **Maho**: Ms. C M Balalle, Mr. T R Balalle Ms. W M G S Karunarathne, **Mawanella**: Mr. P D A Jayaweera, Mr. U W Rupasingha, Mr. G A Samarasekera, **Matugama** Ms. N Gunathilake, Ms. J K Jayawickrama, Mr. W T D Pathmendra, Mr. J Rajage Don, **Mt. Lavinia**: Mr. U.S. Chandrasiri, Ms. R C de Zoysa, Mr. G.K.V.R. Gajanayake, Mr. R C P Gamage, Mr. K A L Kanuwanaarachchi, Mr. S L Kumarasinghe, Mr. S R Matugama, Mr. A Ranagala, Mr. D.S.A. Wanniarachchi, Mr. L R Welihinda, Mr. P T Wijayaweera, **Marawila**: Mr. I A Arthanayake, Ms. W W R P Fernando, Mr. H J M D Jayasinghe, Ms. T.D.D. Navaratne, Mr. R A F Randeniya, Mr. T L M Sarathchandra, , **Mannar**: Mr. M S Mohammed Saburudeen, **Moneragala**: Mr. T U S K Bandara, Mr. E M C S Ekanayake, Mr. V N Perera, PC, Mr. R M S Rathnayaka, **Maligakanda**: Ms. P S Dias Rahubadda, Ms. J M Jayasundera, **Moratuwa**: Mr. K C J de Silva, Mr. N J Fernando, Mr. A.V. de Silva Gunasekara, Mr. D G R Manoj Kumara, Mr. H C Pilana Withanage, **Morawaka**: Mr. D D Abeywickrema, Mr. H R Priyantha, **Mahara**: Ms. L.B. Alwis, Mr. A A P de Zoysa, Mr. T G S Kumara, Mr. G K Pathirana, Ms. N V U Perera Kanangege, Ms. D G V R Senevirathne, **Negombo**: Mr. A L D D P Amarasinghe, Mr. D D Batagoda Nayakalage, Mr. I L N de Britto, Mr. N K Fernando, Ms. S N M D Fernando, Mr. K G Gunadasa, Mr. M A Gunaratne, Mr. D A P W Moderagamage, Mr. J D J Nicholas, Ms. S A Perera, Mr. S A J G Samarasinghe, Mr. G A G I Silva, Mr. M D N W William, **Nugegoda**: 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, **Nikaweratiya**: Mr. R M N I Bandara, Mr. W F B Fernando, Mr. J H M R B Herat, **Panadura** : Mr. P H Alankarage, Ms. B H M Bandara, Ms. R D de Saram, Ms. K S M de Silva, Ms. W.M.N. Danusekara, Ms. B.D.T. Fernando, Ms. P A S Kamaladiwela A D, Mr. M.H.L.D. Mataraarachchi, Mr. T M P Jayasinghe, Mr. W D Tissera, **Polonnaruwa**: Mr. M K D C Thilakarathne, Mr. T.B. Udagedara, **Pugoda**: Ms. T.W.N.G.C.W. Bandara, Mr. U.L.N. Uswatta, Mr. D A P Weeratna, **Ratnapura**: Mr. Y L P Karunatilaka, Mr. M L A Peiris, Mr. H I Rupasinghe, Mr. W Tennakoon, Mr. P B Wanniarachchi, Mr. V K Weerasinghe, **Ruwanwella**: Ms. G L K Gunasekera, ,Mr. H R A Jayasiri, Ms. C N Samarawickrame, Ms. S P Vedasinghe, **Sammanthurai**: Mr. Y M Anver Siyath, **Tangalle**: Mr. A G Vidanapathirana, Mr. V B R Weerakoon, **Vavuniya**: Mr. K Thayaparan,

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Wattala: Mr. W L W Silva, Mr. P Wijeratne, **Warakapola:** Mr. W M A P B Herath, Ms. K S I K Perera, Mr. C.R. Weerasekara.

1. **NOTICE CONVENING THE MEETING**

The meeting was called to Order by Honourable Attorney General, Mr. Jayantha Jayasuriya PC at 10.15 A.M. As the Notice convening the meeting had been duly circulated, The same was taken as read.

2. **CONDOLENCES**

3. **EXCUSES**

Mr. Nihal Serasinghe, Mr. Upula Fernando, Mr. G J T Alagaratnam, PC, Ms. Nilanthi Pieris, Mr. I E Rambukpotha, Mr. Bandula Weerasinghe,

4. **TABLING AND ADOPTING THE ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR 2017/2018**

The said Annual Report for the year 2016/2017 was tabled by the Honourable Jayantha Jayasuriya PC. Thereafter, the Honourable Attorney General invited Mr. Amal Randeniya, the outgoing Secretary, to appraise the members regarding the contents of the said Annual Report. The Hon. Attorney General appreciated the manner in which the duties were discharged by the outgoing Secretary during the tenure of his Office.

Mr. Amal Randeniya whilst referring to the salient matters contained in the said report, duly appraised the delegates of the activities performed and conducted during the past year which were highly acknowledged and appreciated by the delegates. Mr. Randeniya whilst explaining responsibilities entrusted with the office of Secretary of the BASL, congratulated the incoming Secretary Mr. Kaushalya Nawaratne.

Further, Mr. Randeniya whilst expressing his gratitude for the members for the support extended during his tenure of Office to discharge his duties, specifically expressed his sincere thanks to the staff of the Bar Association of Sri Lanka.

Thereafter, the Annual report was duly proposed and adopted by the House whilst Mr. K. Kaneshyogen and Mr. Jayanatha De Z Gunasekera PC being the proposer and the seconder respectively.

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5. **CONSIDERATION AND ADOPTION OF THE TREASURER'S REPORT; THE INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT AND THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDING 31 DECEMBER 2017.**

The aforesaid Reports were tabled by the Honourable Attorney General , Mr.Jayantha Jayasuriya PC wherein, on his invitation, Mr. Sujeewa Lal Dahanayake, the Treasurer of the Bar Association appraised the House with regard to the contents of the said Reports. It was pointed out by the Treasurer with regard to the several measures adopted during the past financial year to maintain and supervise the funds of the association which enabled the Association inter alia in order to carry out many projects for the benefit of the membership. It was highlighted that the salaries of the staff of the Secretariat of the BASL was increased and several refurbishment activities too were effected to maintain the standards of the Secretariat.

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, 2017 were adopted, Mrs. Ramani De Seram and Mr. Athula Perera being the proposer and seconder respectively.

6. **ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE RESULTS OF THE ELECTION FOR THE POST OF PRESIDENT OF THE BAR ASSOCIATION OF SRI LANKA FOR THE YEAR 2018/2019 BY THE HON. SOLICITOR GENERAL**

Upon an invitation by the Presiding Officer, The Hon. Attorney General, Mr. Jayantha Jayasuriya PC, the returning officer, **Hon. Solicitor General Mr. Dappula De Livera PC**, announced the results of the election of the President of the Bar Association of Sri Lanka for the year 2018/2019 as follows:

“Being the only candidate nominated for the Post of President of the Bar Association of Sri Lanka, I announce that **Mr. Bambarende Gammacharige Udaya Rohan de Silva PC**, was duly elected uncontested for the **Post of President** of the Bar Association of Sri Lanka for the year 2018/2019”.

Accordingly, Hon. Solicitor General expressed his best wishes to Mr. U.R De Silva PC, the President elect.

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7. **ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE RESULTS OF THE ELECTION FOR THE POST OF SECRETARY OF THE BAR ASSOCIATION OF SRI LANKA FOR THE YEAR 2018/2019 BY THE HON. SOLICITOR GENERAL**

Upon an invitation by the Presiding Officer, **The Hon. Attorney General, Mr. Jayantha Jayasuriya PC**, the returning officer, **Hon. Solicitor General Mr. Dappula De Livera PC**, announced the results of the election of the Secretary of the Bar Association of Sri Lanka for the year 2018/2019 as follows:

“Being the only candidate nominated for the Post of Secretary of the Bar Association of Sri Lanka, I declare that **Mr. N. M. Pushpa Prabash Kaushalya Kumara Nawaratne**, was duly elected for the **Post of Secretary** of the Bar Association of Sri Lanka for the year 2018/2019”.

Accordingly, the Honourable Attorney General expressed his best wishes to the incoming Secretary.

8. **HANDING OVER OF NEW ADMINISTRATION MANUAL OF BASL, BASL STAFF HR MANUAL, AND IT PASSWORDS TO THE SECRETARY BASL BY OUTGOING SECRETARY OF BASL.**

The Hon. Attorney General, Mr. Jayantha Jayasuriya PC invited the **Outgoing Secretary Mr. Amal Randeniya** to hand over the new Administration Manual of BASL, BASL Staff HR Manual, IT Passwords to Mr. Kaushalya Nawaratne which were duly handed over ceremonially to the incoming Secretary.

9. **ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS OF THE BAR ASSOCIATION OF SRI LANKA**

9.A. The nomination for the post of Deputy President was called for by the Presiding Officer, the Honourable Attorney General wherein Mr. U.R De Silva PC the President elect, with the permission of the Attorney General, proposed the name of Mr. M.U.M Ali Sabry PC to the said Post from the chair.

The said proposal was seconded by Mr. Halpandeniya and as there was no other name proposed, Mr. M.U.M Ali Sabry, PC was elected to the Post of Deputy President of the BASL for the year 2018/2019 unanimously.

9.B ELECTION FOR THE 20 POSTS OF ZONAL VICE PRESIDENTS FOR THE ZONES OF ANURADHAPURA, AMPARA, AVISSAWELLA, BADULLA, BATTICALOA, COLOMBO CENTRAL, COLOMBO SOUTH, CHILAW, GALLE, GAMPAHA, JAFFNA, KALUTARA, KANDY, KEGALLE, KURUNEGALA, MATARA, NEGOMBO, NUWARA ELIYA, RATNAPURA AND VAVUNIYA AS MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE 2018/2019.

The Presiding Officer, the Honourable Attorney General called for the nominations for the election of the Zonal Vice Presidents in respect of the following zones.

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A. **ANURADHAPURA**

The name of Mr. Karunaratna Herath PC was Proposed and Seconded respectively by Mrs. J M Coswatta and Mr. Ranjith Rajakaruna.

As there were no other nominees the **Mr. Karunaratna Herath PC** was declared as the Zonal Vice President for the **Anuradhapura Zone** by the Presiding Officer.

B. **AMPARA**

The name of Mr. R M Samsudeen was Proposed and Seconded respectively by Mr. Perimpanyagam and Mr. Badurdeen.

As there were no other names nominated the Hon. Attorney General declared **Mr. R M Samsudeen** as the Zonal Vice President for the **Ampara Zone**.

C. **AVISSAWELLA**

(i) The name of Ms. Sandya Wickramasinghe was Proposed and Seconded respectively by Ms. Champa Chandradasa and Mr. Weragoda.

(ii) The name of Mr. Sudath Wickramaratna was Proposed and Seconded respectively by Mr. Ajith Mataraarachchi and Mr. Samith Manisundara

Hence, there were more than one names proposed the election of the zonal Vice President for the said Zone was deferred. However, thereafter consequent to discussion among the delegates of the said Zone, a mutual consensus had been reached and thus the nomination of Ms. Sandya Wickramasinghe was not proceeded with. Accordingly, **Mr. Sudath Wickramaratne** was declared as elected the zonal Vice President for the said zone by the Honourable Attorney General, Presiding Officer.

D. **BADULLA**

The name of Mr. Ruwan Basnayake was Proposed and Seconded respectively by Mr. V N Perera PC and Mr. Sudath Jayawardena.

As there were no other names nominated the Hon Attorney General declared **Mr. Ruwan Basnayake** as the Zonal Vice President, Badulla

E. **BATTICALOA**

The name of Mr. K Narayanapillai was Proposed and Seconded respectively by Mr. Premanath and Mr. Uwais

As there were no other names nominated the Hon Attorney General **declared Mr. K. Narayanapillai** as the Zonal Vice President, **Batticaloa**.

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F. **COLOMBO CENTRAL**

The name of Mr. Jagath Wickramanayake was Proposed and Seconded respectively by Mr. Binara Gunasekera and Mr. Athula Perera.

As there were no other names nominated the Hon. Attorney General declared **Mr. Jagath Wickramanayake** as the Zonal Vice President, Colombo Central.

G. **COLOMBO SOUTH**

The name of Mr. Wasantha Gajanayake was Proposed and Seconded respectively by Mr. Athula Ranagala and by Mr. Lakshman Welihinna.

As there were no other names nominated the Hon Attorney General Declared **Mr. Wasantha Gajanayake** and the Zonal Vice President **Colombo South**.

H. **CHILAW**

The name of Mr. Sweeney Perera was Proposed and Seconded respectively by Mr. K R Jayasinghe and Mr. R A F Randeniya.

As there were no other names nominated the Hon. Attorney General d Xeclared **Mr. Sweeney Perera** and the Zonal Vice President Chilaw.

I. **GALLE**

I. The name of Mr. Priyantha Seneviratna was Proposed and Seconded respectively by Mr. Premaratna Tiranagama and by Mr. Uduwella

II. The name of Ms. Nalini Manatunge was Proposed and Seconded respectively by Mr. Sarath Leukebandara and Mr. Ananda Wickramasekera

Mr. Sarath Leukebandara PC objected to the nomination of Mr. Priyantha Seneviratne on the basis that he has failed to attend a single meeting of the Executive Committee during the last Year, hence he is not entitled to be elected as per the Constitution.

Mrs. Nalini Manatunge whilst addressing the chair requested for a ruling whether Mr. Priyantha Seneviratne is eligible to be appointed for the said post in view of the matters pointed out by Mr. Bandara PC.

The Hon Attorney General after deferring the said election made a ruling that Mr. Priyantha Seneviratne is not eligible to be elected as the zonal Vice President for the year 2018/2019 in view of the Constitutional provisions of the BASL and thereafter declared Ms. Nalini Manatunga elected as the Zonal Vice President in respect of the said Zone, Galle.

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J. **GAMPAHA**

The name of Mr. Y G P Dayananda was Proposed and Seconded respectively by Mr. A.J.S.T. Wijeya Sri and Mrs. Chithrangani Premachandra

As there were no other names nominated, the Hon Attorney General Declared **Mr. Y G P Dayananda** as the Zonal Vice President, Gampaha.

K. **JAFFNA**

The name of Mrs. Shantha Abimanasingham PC was Proposed and Seconded respectively by Mr. Thavabalan and Mr. Thangalingam.

As there were no other names nominated the Hon. Attorney General declared **Mrs. Shantha Abimanasingham PC** as the Zonal Vice President, Jaffna.

L. **KALUTARA**

The name of Mr. Vajira Asarappuli was Proposed and Seconded respectively by Mrs. Malika Danasekera and Mr. Hewalankara

As there were no other names nominated, the Hon Attorney General declared **Mr. Vajira Asarappuli** as the Zonal Vice President, Kalutara.

M. **KANDY**

The name of Mr. Lal Wijenayaka name was Proposed and Seconded respectively by Mr. M. S. M. Hussain and Mr. Samantha Ratwatta PC

Mr. Bandara said he intended to propose Mr. Samantha Ratwatta PC as the Zonal Vice President but in view of the fact that Mr. Ratwatta PC has already seconded Mr. Lal Wijenayake's name as the Zonal Vice President, he will refrain from proposing the name of Mr. Ratwatta PC.

As there were no other names nominated, the Hon Attorney General declared **Mr. Lal Wijenayaka** as the Zonal Vice President, Kandy.

N. **KEGALLE**

The name of Mr. Priyantha Gamage was Proposed and Seconded respectively by Mr. Anura Jayasiri and Mr. G.A.Samarasekera.

As there were no other names nominated, the Hon Attorney General Declared **Mr. Priyantha Gamage** as the Zonal Vice President, Kegalle.

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O. **KURUNEGALA**

The name of Mr. Anil Ballale was Proposed and Seconded respectively by Mr. Felecian Perera and Mr. J M Gunatilleka

As there were no other names nominated, the Hon Attorney General Declared **Mr. Anil Ballale** as the Zonal Vice President, Kurunegala.

P. **MATARA**

The name of Mr. Ariyasena Panangala was Proposed and Seconded respectively by Mr. Chandima Muthukumarana and Mrs. Indika Nagaratna

As there were no other names nominated the Hon Attorney General Declared **Mr. Ariyasena Panangala** as the Zonal Vice President, Matara

Q. **NEGOMBO**

The name of Mr. Rohan Modaragamage was Proposed and Seconded respectively by Mr. Nimal Brito and Ms. Swarna Perera

As there were no other names nominated, the Hon Attorney General Declared **Mr. Rohan Modaragamage** as the Zonal Vice President, Negombo

R. **NUWARA ELIYA**

No Nominees were proposed. Accordingly, appointment of the Zonal Vice President was deferred.

S. **RATNAPURA**

The name of Mr. Aravinda Samarasinghe was Proposed and Seconded respectively by Mr. P. Abesuriya and Mr. Priyantha Karunathilake

As there were no other names nominated, the Hon Attorney General Declared **Mr. Aravinda Samarasinghe** as the Zonal Vice President, Ratnapura.

T. **VAVUNIYA**

The name of Mr. M. Saburudeen was Proposed and Seconded respectively by Mr. K. Dayabaran and Mr. Mahalingam

As there were no other names nominated, the Hon Attorney General Declared **Mr. M. Saburudeen** as the Zonal Vice President, Vavuniya

9.B. ELECTION OF THE TREASURER FOR THE YEAR 2018/2019

The nomination for the Post of Treasurer was called for by the Presiding Officer, the Honourable Attorney General wherein Mr.U.R De Silva PC the President elect, with the permission of the Hon. Attorney General proposed the name of Mr. Sujeewa Lal Dahanayake to the said Post of from the Chair.

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The said proposal was seconded by Mr. Wasantha Gajanayake and as there was no other name proposed, Mr. Wasantha Gajanayake was elected to the Post of Treasurer of the BASL for the year 2018/2019 unanimously.

10. **ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE RESULTS OF THE ELECTION OF OTHER MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE BAR ASSOCIATION OF SRI LANKA FOR THE YEAR 2018/2019.**

The nomination for the members to the Executive Committee had been called for earlier in compliance with the provisions of the constitution of the Bar Association of Sri Lanka. Accordingly, 8 nominations had been tendered by the following members. Thus, the Hon. Attorney General, Mr. Jayantha Jayasuriya PC, declared that the following members have been elected as members of the Executive Committee of the BASL for the relevant year.

10.1. **8 MEMBERS TO THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

1. Mr. Sunil Abeyaratne
2. Mr. Dinoo Dharmaratne
3. Mr. Kamal Goonesinghe
4. Mr. Binara Gunasekera
5. Mr. Pradeep Gamage
6. Mr. Chathura Galhena
7. Mr. Anura Jayasiri
8. Mr. Mahesh Katulanda

10.2. **TWO MEMBERS TO THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE UNDER 10 YEARS OF PRACTICE TO REPRESENT THE JUNIOR MEMBERS;**

Since the following members have tendered the nominations for the said Post, the Hon. Attorney General declared the said candidates elected to the Executive Committee representing the Junior Bar.

1. Mr. Nishan Sydney Premathiratne
2. Mr. Pandula Wanniarachchi

11. **APPOINTMENT OF AUDITORS 2018/2019**

When the said matter was taken up Mr. Athula Perera expressed his displeasure with regard to the conduct of the Auditor's wherein, it was pointed out that the Auditors have delayed the release of the Report demanding the payment of the respective fees. It was also pointed out by Mr. Perera the said Auditors have functioned as the Auditors of BASL for ten years and thus such conduct cannot be condoned.

After deliberations of the said matters by the members, it was proposed to appoint a suitable Auditor. As there are procedure's to be followed to appoint an Auditor, the Presiding Officer proposed the incoming Committee to take necessary steps accordingly. Hence, the steps are to be taken accordingly.

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12. **APPOINTMENT OF TRUSTEES OF THE BASL FOR THE YEAR 2018/2019**

Upon nominations being called for to appoint TRUSTEES of the BASL with regard to the relevant year, the names of the following members were unanimously Proposed and Seconded by the House as trustees. Accordingly, the **Hon Attorney General** declared that the following members are appointed as the Trustees of the BASL. The said Trustees are:

1. **Mr. Jayantha De Z Gunasekera PC**
2. **Mr. Upali Gooneratne PC**
3. **Mr. Ajantha Atukorala**

13. **VOTE OF THANKS BY SECRETARY, BASL**

The Presiding Officer Mr. Hon. Attorney General invited Mr. Kaushalya Nawaratne the Secretary elect to propose the vote of Thanks.

Mr. Kaushalya Nawaratna, whilst appreciating unreserved corporation extended by the members of the official Bar in particular the Hon. Attorney General, Hon. Solicitor General, expressed the sincere thanks of the BASL and requested the Corporation of the Official Bar in respect of the activities of the BASL in future.

The Secretary further expressed his gratitude to the members of the BASL for electing him to the Post of Secretary. Further, whilst acknowledging the services rendered by the outgoing Secretary and the Assistant Secretary of the BASL, wished them success in their future endeavours.

He further thanked the Management Committee, the staff of the BASL Secretariat, all delegates, for attending the first Bar Council Meeting.

On a personal note Mr. Nawaratne expressed his heartfelt gratitude to his Senior Counsel Mr. Kushan De Alwis PC for his unreserved support extended to the development of his professional career.

Finally, whilst thanking the staff of the Grand Monarch Hotel for the services provided, Mr. Nawaratne invited the delegates for lunch which was hosted by the Colombo Law Society.

14. **ANY OTHER BUSINESS OF WHICH DUE NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN**

None.

15. **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business the Meeting was adjourned at 12.40 pm.



KAUSHALYA NAWARATNE

SECRETARY

BAR ASSOCIATION OF SRI LANKA

At the conclusion of the proceedings of the 1st Bar Council meeting, perhaps for the first time in the history of the Bar Association, the outgoing Secretary Mr. Amal Randeniya officially handed over the mantle of the Post of Secretary to

the incoming Secretary Mr. Kaushalya Nawaratne which was highly commended by the members as such gestures undoubtedly contribute to maintain the highest standards and the well respected traditions of the legal profession.

Thereafter, the meeting was adjourned until the resumption of the Annual convocation which was fixed for the evening of the same day.



44th CONVOCATION

Held on 24th March, 2018 at Miloda Academy, Colombo

**Cheif Guest : Mr. Ranil Wickramasinghe, Honourable Prime Minister of
the Republic of Sri Lanka**

Guest of Honour : His Lordship the Chief Justice Priyasath Dep PC



BAR ASSOCIATION OF SRI LANKA
44th - ANNUAL CONVOCATION
SATURDAY, 24 MARCH 2018 – MILODA ACADEMY OF FINANCIAL STUDIES
6 30 pm

PROGRAMME

6 25 pm - Arrival of Hon. Ranil Wickremesinghe, Prime Minister of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka, His Lordship Priyasath Dep PC - Chief Justice, Hon. Justice P. Padman Surasena – President of the Court of Appeal, Hon. Mr. Jayantha Jayasuriya PC - Attorney General, Hon. Dappula De Livera PC - Solicitor General, and other distinguished members

6. 30 pm - Lighting of the Traditional oil lamp

- National Anthem
- Announcement of the results of the election of the President of the Bar Association of Sri Lanka by the Honourable Solicitor General Mr Dappula De Livera PC
- Induction of the President elect of the Bar Association of Sri Lanka by the Hon. Attorney General
- Announcement of the results of the election for Secretary, BASL for the year 2017/18 by Hon. Solicitor General Mr. Dappula De Livera PC
- Announcement of the results of the election for Deputy President, Zonal Vice Presidents, Treasurer and Members of the Executive Committee by the Secretary, Mr. Kaushalya Nawaratne.

6 40 pm - Address by Honourable Justice Padman Surasena President of the Court of Appeal

6 50 pm - Address by Honourable Jayantha Jayasuriya PC , Attorney General

7 00 pm - Address by His Lordship Priyasath Dep P.C Chief Justice of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka

7 10 pm - Address by President, Bar Association of Sri Lanka, Mr. U R De Silva PC

7 20 pm - Address by Hon. Ranil Wickremesinghe, Prime Minister of Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka,

7 30 pm - Vote of Thanks by Deputy President Mr. Ali Sabry PC



The 44th Annual convocation of the BASL was held on the 24th of March 2018 at Miloda Academy Colombo 1. The Chief Guest of the said event was Honorable Ranil Wickramasinghe, Prime Minister of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka. The Guest of Honour was his Lordship the Chief Justice Priyasath Dep PC. The said meeting was presided over by the Honorable Attorney General Mr. Jayantha Jayasuriya PC. Accordingly, Mr. U.R. De Silva PC was inducted as the 24th President of the Bar Association of Sri Lanka by the Honorable Attorney General after the announcement of the results of the election of the President and the Secretary for the Year 2018/2019 by the Honorable Solicitor General Dappula De Livera PC.

The Honorable Prime Minister whilst addressing the gathering inter alia highlighted the necessity to control and regulate the Social media to maintain the good relationship among the communities in the country in wake of several disturbing incidents prevailing in the country at that point. Further, His Lordship the Chief Justice whilst commending the affairs of the Bar Association highlighted the importance of cooperation between the Bench and the Bar to maintain the Rule of Law in the country whilst his Lordship Padman Surasena pointed out the importance of the transition into digitalization of Court records to avoid the Laws delays .

The 1st copy of the BASL Law Journal to Mrs. Neelakandan, the widow of late Mr. Kandiah Neelakandan who rendered a yeoman service to the legal fraternity and to the legal literature in particular for several decades. It is noted with great gratitude the services rendered by Mr. Kandiah Neelakandan who was instrumental in publishing the BASL Law Journal as the Chief Editor for several years.

Thereafter, Mr. U.R. De Silva PC addressed the gathering wherein the President whilst reiterating the progressive steps taken by the Bar Association during his first term of office, explained the activities/ programmes scheduled for the Year 2018/2019 for the benefit of the members.

One of the highlighted events at the said Convocation was the presentation of

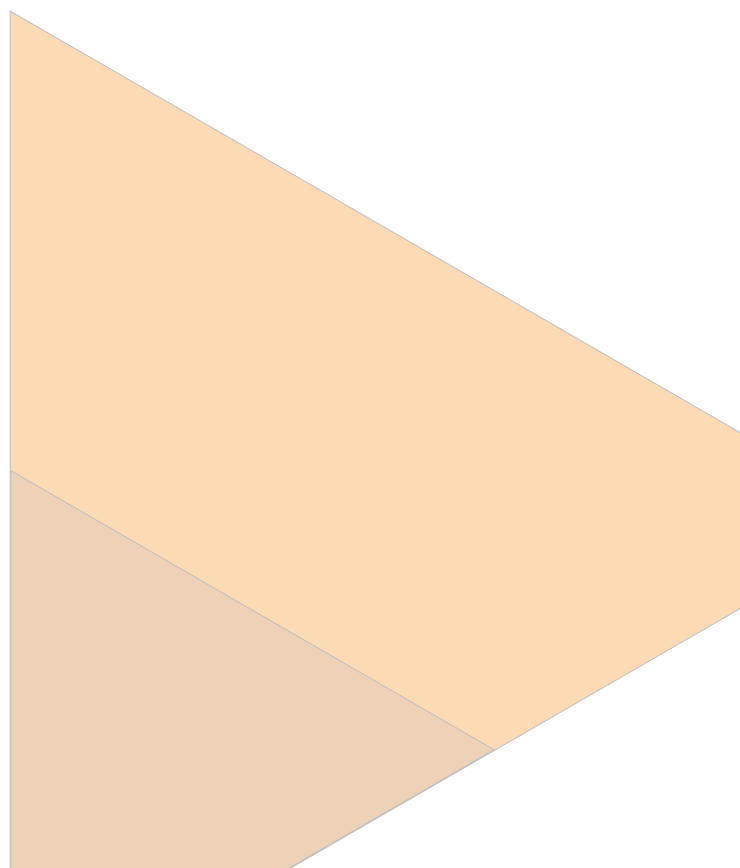


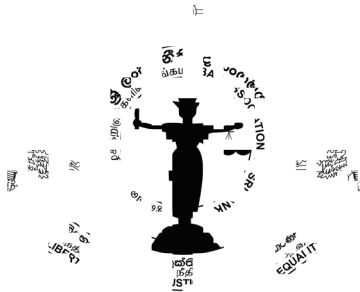


CHAPTER 02

THE MANAGEMENT AND MEMBERSHIP OF BASL - 2018 / 2019

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 - >> **New Entrants**





Office Bearers for the Year 2018-2019

President :

Mr. U.R. De Silva PC

Deputy President :

Mr. M.U.M. Ali Sabry PC

Secretary :

Mr. Kaushalya Nawaratne

Treasurer :

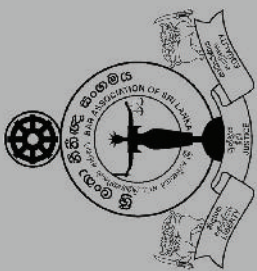
Mr. Sujeewa Lal Dahanayake

Asst. Secretary :

Mr. Chamath Fernando

OFFICE BEARERS FOR THE YEAR 2018-2019

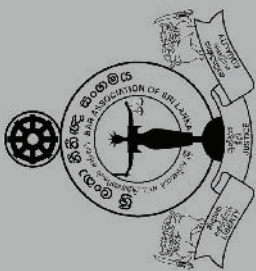




BAR ASSOCIATION OF SRI LANKA

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE 2018/2019





BAR ASSOCIATION OF SRI LANKA

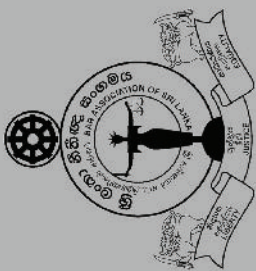
PRESIDENTS AND SECRETARIES OF BRANCH ASSOCIATIONS 2018/2019



PRESIDENTS AND SECRETARIES OF BRANCH ASSOCIATIONS

	BRANCH NAME	PRESIDENTS	SECRETARIES
1	AKKARAIPATTU	Mr. S.L.A. Rasheed	Mr. M.M. Baheej
2	AMPARA	Mr. U.S.Gallage	Mrs. R.H.S.Sanjeewani Hewage
3	ANURADHAPURA	Mr. Chandana Weerakoon	Mr. Naleen Dimuthu Bandara
4	ASSOCIATION OF CORPORATE LAWYERS	Ms. Renuka Jayatilleke	Ms. Rangika Kondaramage
5	ATTANAGALLA	Mr. Sajith Senadira	Mr. Y.G.P.Dayanadha
6	AVISSAWELLA	Ms. Sandya Wickramasinghe	Ms. H.D.P.K. Chandrasena
7	ANAMADUWA	Mr. P. Sunil Jayawardena	Ms. M.Wanninayake
8	BADULLA	Mr. Sujeewa Jayasinghe	Mr. Upali Gunasekera
9	BALANGODA	Mr. D. Sooriyapatabendi	Mr. M.M. Rafeek
10	BALAPITIYA	Mr. Nuwan Somirathna	Ms. Ganga Wijewardane
11	BANDARAWELA	Mr. Ruwan Basnayake	Mr. Amila P. Ranathunge
12	BATTICALOA	Mr. K. Narayanapillai	Mr. A. Uwais
13	BIBILE	Mr. H.M. Sarath Kumara	Mr. Prasanna Sanjeewa Piyathilake
14	BADDEGAMA	Mr. Ananda J. Abeywickrama	Mr. Priyankara Liyanage
15	CHILAW	Mr. Chaminda Pradeep Rodrigo	Mr. L.M.S.S. Landekumbura
16	COLOMBO LAW SOCIETY	Mr. Jagath Wickramanayake	Mr. Tivanka Ekaratne
17	COLOMBO M.C	Mr. R.A.P. Ranawaka	Mr. Dinesh Godagama
18	ELPITIYA	Mr. Muidasa Halpandeniya	Ms D.K. Sumudhitha Piyumali
19	EMBILIPITIYA	Mr. K.P. Abeysooriya	Mrs. K.K.Inoka Nayomi
20	GALLE	Mr. Priyantha R.W. Senevirathna	Mr. Eranga Nanayakkara
21	GAMPAHA	Mr. H. D. S Gunawardena	Ms. D.W. Padma Amarathunga
22	GALGAMUWA	Mr. A. P. Balalle	Mrs. Kalpana Sujeewani Rajapaksha
23	GAMPOLA	Mr. Nilantha Pilapitiya, AAL	Mr. B.S.Udugama
24	HAMBANTOTA	Mr. Sunil R de Silva	Mr. Chaminda Sooriyapatabendi
25	HATTON	Mr. A. Rajendra,	Mr. R.C. Karunakaran
26	HETTIPOLA	Ms. Pushpa Kumari Herath	Mr. Lakmal Wicramaarachchi
27	HINGURANKGODA	Mr. Chandrika Kumaraperuma	Mr. Nalaka Mihira Bandara
28	HOMAGAMA	Mr. Sudath Wickramaratne	Mr. Sumith Parakrama
29	HORANA	Mr. Ranjith S.Rupasinghe	Mrs. Seetha Rohini Albert
30	JAFFNA	Ms. S. Abimanasingham, PC	Mr. S. Paramarajah
31	KADUWELA	Mr. Kamal Prasanna Wijesiri	Mr. Samitha Pandithasundara
32	KANTALE	Ms. G.G.M. Damayanthi Kumari	Mr. Sampath Weerasinghe
33	KALMUNAI	Mr. Ariff Samsudeen	Mr. I.L.M. Ramees
34	KALUTARA	Mr. Vajira Laxman Asurappuli	Mr. H.C. Liyanaarachchi
35	KANDY	Mr. Shantha Ratnayake	Mr. Priyantha Bandara karunanayake
36	KEGALLE	Mr. Priyantha Gamage	Mr. Chaminda Seneviratne
37	KESBEWA	Mr. A. H. Gunasena	Mr. T.M. Wellalage
38	KEKIRAWA	Ms. J.M. Coswatte	Mr. J.K.Ambagahawatte
39	KULIYAPITIYA	Mr. Percy Wadugedara	Mr. H.M.S.Chandrasekera
40	KURUNEGALA	Ms. Anoma Jayawardane	Mr. S. Jayasekera
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41	MAHIYANGANA	Mr. Gamini P Rabakenpura	Ms. Shyamali Rathnayake
42	MAHO	Mr. Sarath K. Herath	Ms. Geethika Karunarathna
43	MAHARA	Mr. G. K. Pathirana	Ms. Ramani Senavirathna
44	MALIGAKANDA	Mrs. Suneetha Dias	Mrs. Dammika Kumari Jayasundara
45	MALLAKKAM	Mr. S. Thevarajah	Mrs. A. Gayathri Akilan
46	MANNAR	Mr. E. C. Feldano	Mr. M.M. Saburudeen
47	MARAWILA	Mr. Lalantha Sarathchandra	Ms. A.A.Roashanthi Fernando
48	MATALE	Mr. Champika S.Wijerathna	Mr. Darshani Gunasekera
49	MATARA	Mr. Ariyasena Panangala	Mr. Dulip Gunarathna
50	MATHUGAMA	Mr. Sumanadasa Hapuhetti	Ms. Subashini Jayawickrama
51	MAWANELLA	Mr. Asoka Jayaweera	Mr. U. B. Rupasinghe
52	MINNUWANGODA	Mr. Nadhith Sanjeewa Hettiarachchi	Ms. Lalani Madhuwanthi Bulathsinhale
53	MONARAGALA	Mr. T.U.S.K. Bandara	Ms. Jeevani Vimal Wijesooriya
54	MORATUWA	Mr. Ravindra Manoj Gamage	Mr. Chandana Withanage

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55	MORAWAKA	Mr. Ajith P. Abeysekera	Mr. Hewa Ratthagalage Priyantha
56	MT. LAVINIA	Mr. Wasantha Gajanayake	Mr. Reshan Gamage
57	MULLAITIVU	Mr. T. Paramasothy	
58	MUTHUR	Mr. Mohamed Shariff Nayam	Mr. Abdul Azeez Mohamed Sakideen
59	NAWALAPITIYA	Mr. Nayananda Aluthgamage	Mr. D.M.S.B.Delpitiya
60	NEGOMBO	Mr. Rohan Modaragamage	Mr. Indika Silva
61	NIKAWERATIYA	Mr. W.F.B.Fernando	Mr. R. B. Herath
62	NUGEGODA	Mr. G.B.Indika Jayarathna	Mr. W.Osmand Jayarathne
63	N' ELIYA	Mrs. N.T.Herath	Mr. H.M.G.Senanayake
64	PANADURA	Ms. Malika N. Danusekara	Mr. Premarathna Jayasinghe
65	PELMADULLA	Mr. S.D. Wijayagunawardana	Mr. M.G.A.D.Manipura
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67	POLONNARUWA	Mr. T. B. Udagedara	Mr. Chandika Thilakarathna
68	PUGODA	Mr. Romesh Samarakkody	Mr. U.L. Newton Uswatta
69	RATNAPURA	Mr. Sanath Abeyratna	Mr. Lalith A. Pieris
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76	WATTALA	Mr. Hilarin Gunawardane	Mr. Premanath Kalehewatta
77	WELIMADA	Mr. Champika Dissanayake	Ms. Thusharika Fernnado
78	WELLAWAYA	Ms. T.M.M. Tennakoon	Mr. L.A.K. Ajith Kumara
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BAR ASSOCIATION OF SRI LANKA

CHAIRPERSONS AND CONVENERS OF STANDING COMMITTEES 2018/2019



STANDING COMMITTEES 2018-2019

	COMMITTEES	CHAIRMAN / CHAIRPERSON	CONVENER/S
1	PROFESSIONAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE	MR. G.G. ARULPRAGASAM	MRS. SURANEE SAMARASEKERA
2	ETHICS COMMITTEE	MR. SHAMMIL PERERA PC	MR. BINARA GUNASEKARA
3	FINANCE COMMITTEE	MR. NEOMAL GOONWARDENA	MR. SENAKA DE SARAM
4	OUTSTATION BAR COMMITTEE	MR. MAHINDA B.K. LOKUGE	MR. ASELA MORAGOLLA
5	APPRENTICES TRAINING COMMITTEE	MR. G.G. ARULPRAGASAM	MR. MADUKA PERERA
6	JUNIOR BAR COMMITTEE	MR. KUVERA DE ZOYSA PC	MR. NISHAN PREMATHIRATHNE
7	NATIONAL LAW CONFERENCE COMMITTEE	CHAIRMAN : MR. SANJEEWA JAYAWARDENA PC (He resigned due to busy professional Commitments) DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: MR. JAGATH WICKRAMANAYAKE	MR. ISURU BALAPATABENDI MS. SANDAMALI CHANDRASEKERA
8	INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE	MR. SUDATH PERERA	MR. DESHAN HEWAVITHANA
9	LAW, LAW DEVELOPMENT AND SEMINAR COMMITTEE	MR. KALINGA INDIATISSA PC	MR. NIROSHAN SIRIWARDENA MR. SAMPATH HEWAPATHIRANA
10	CONTINUING LEGAL EDUCATION (CLE) TASK FORCE ON DIGITISATION OF COURT SYSTEM	MR. SUNIL D.B. ABEYARATNE	CO-CONVENER - MS. NAYOMI WICKREMARATNE CO-CONVENER - MS. MANDURI FERNANDO
11	FUTURE OF THE LEGAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE	CO-CHAIRMAN - MR. M.U.M. ALI SABRY PC CO-CHAIRMAN - MR. AMAL RANDENIYA	MR. LASITHA KANUWANARACHCHI MR. SANJEEWA DASANAYAKE
12	LAW WEEK COMMITTEE	MR. CHETHIYA GUNASEKERA	CO-CONVENER - MR. HARITH DE MEL CO-CONVENER - MR. SANJEEWA RUWANPATHIRANA
13	RULE OF LAW COMMITTEE	MR. M.U.M. ALI SABRY PC	MR. NIWAN BOPAGE
14	HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE	MR. SUJEEWA LAL DAHANAYAKE	MR. CHAMITH SENANAYAKE MR. JAGATH THALGASWATTA
15	LEGAL AID AND PUBLIC INTEREST LITIGATION COMMITTEE	DR. W. RODRIGO PC	MR. OSHADA RODRIGO
16	LAW MEDICAL INTERACTION	MR. KAMAL R. GOONESINGHE	MS. MELANI KUDALIYANAGE
17	SOCIAL WELFARE COMMITTEE	MR. MAHESH KATULANDA	MR. SEPALA RATNAYAKE MR. JANAKA RANATUNGA
18	BASL LAW JOURNAL COMMITTEE	CO-CHAIRMAN - MR. ERAJ DE SILVA CO-CHAIRMAN - MR. SARAVANAN NEELAKANDAN	MR. AYENDRA WICKRAMASEKARA MS. LAILA NASRY
19	BASL DIARY COMMITTEE	MR. FELICIAN FERNANDOPULLE	MS. NADEE SARATHCHANDRA
20	NEWSLETTER COMMITTEE	MR. JAGATH WICKREMANAYAKE	MR. PRIYANTHA ALAGIYAWANNA MS. GIMHANI JAYAWEERA
21	GENERAL PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE	MR. DILEEPA PIERIS	MR. KASUN LIYANAGE
22	IT & COMMUNICATION COMMITTEE	MR. CHATHURA GALHENA	MR. CHARITHA JAYAWICKRAMA
23	OPA COMMITTEE	MR. KAMAL GOONESINGHE	MR. SUJEEWA LAL DAHANAYAKA
24	NOTARIAL PRACTICE COMMITTEE AND REGISTRATION OF TITLE ACT COMMITTEE	MR. NITHITHI MURUGESU	MS. NIRODHA KALANSODRIYA
25	TAX COMMITTEE	MR. SURESH PERERA	MS. PRASHANSA WEERASINGHE
26	POLICE RELATIONS COMMITTEE	MR. U.R. DE SILVA PC	MR. KAUSHALYA NAWARATNE MR. CHAMATH FERNANDO
27	COMMITTEE ON WOMEN AND CHILD RIGHTS	MRS. SAJMYA AMARASEKERA MRS. DILRUKSHI DE ALWIS	MS. MOKSHINI JAYAMANNE
28	BENCH-BAR COMMITTEE	MR. U. R. DE SILVA PC	MR. KAUSHALYA NAWARATHNE
29	SPECIAL PROJECTS/ COMMITTEE	MR. U.R. DE SILVA PC	MS. RUCHIRA GUNASEKERA
30	PROFESSIONAL & CAREER DEVELOPMENT OF WOMEN LAWYERS COMMITTEE	MS. RUCHIRA GUNASEKERA	MS. RANUSHA WIJESINGHE
31	MEDIA COMMITTEE	MS. PRIYANI RATHNAYAKE	MR. AJITH ROHANA
32	SPORTS COMMITTEE	MR. PRADEEP GAMAGE	MR. PANDULA WANNIARACHCHI MR. SUMITH KELAART
33	COMMITTEE ON PRE AND POST ENACTMENTS LEGISLATION PROCEDURES	MR. HARSHA FERNANDO	MR. ANURA JAYASIRI

It is with great honour I place on record that the BASL was able to carry out many activities during the past year (2018/2019) for the benefit of the members as well as the general public with the unreserved support extended to the Management Committee by the members. It is noteworthy to mention the untiring efforts of the Chairmen and Conveners of the respective committees in conducting many programmes in all parts of the Island which are elaborated hereinafter.

However, I regret to note the regular absence of few members of the Bar Council and the Executive Committee from the respective meetings was perhaps an obstacle for the BASL to clearly identify the needs of the members of the Outstation Bars as the voice of the respective bars are not heard at the meetings. Hence, it is important for the members of the BASL to pay due attention to the said important matter in future.

Membership of the BASL

In terms of the Constitution of the Bar Association of Sri Lanka all Attorney-at-Law of the Supreme Court of Sri Lanka are members of the BASL, however it is only "Life 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, 2018**

- Life Members - 15,509
- Ordinary Members - 4,970
- **Total Membership** - 20,479

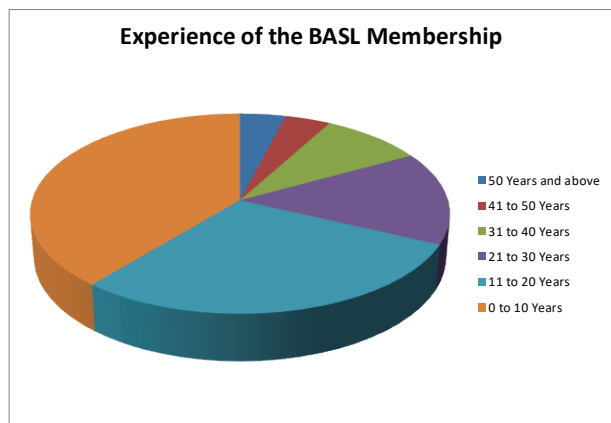
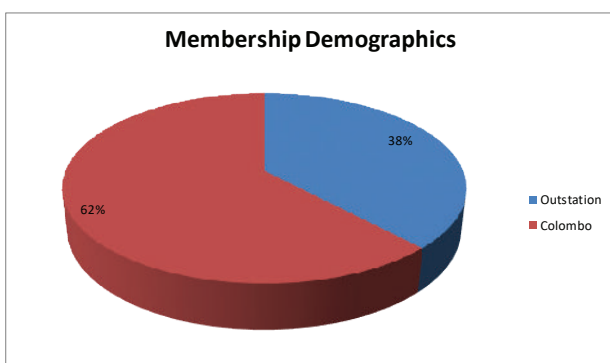
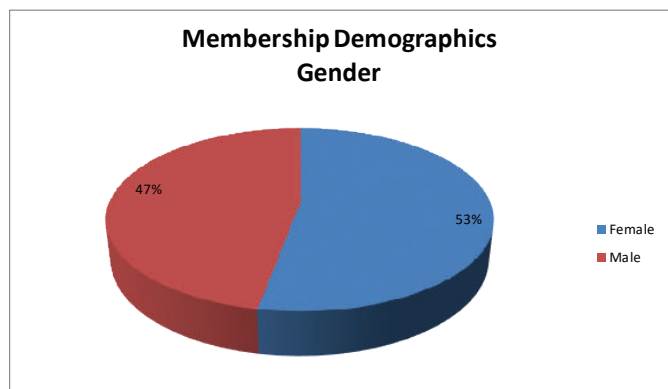
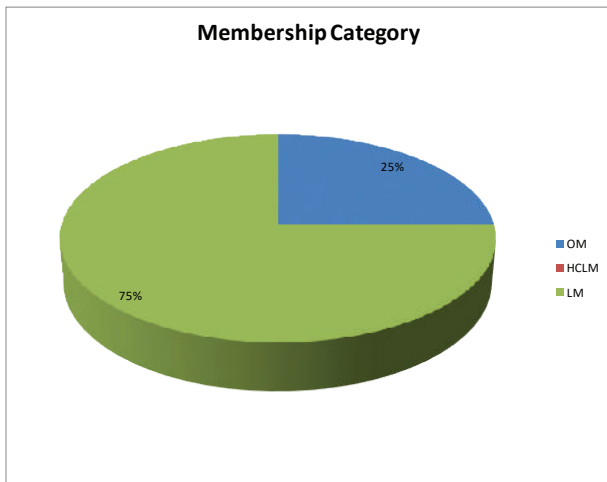
The total number of New Members from **01st January, 2018 to 31st December, 2018**

- Life Members - 727
- Ordinary Members - 1,294 (Junior Category - 644) (Senior Category - 650)
- **Total Membership** - 2,021

New Life members and Ordinary Members from **1st January, 2019 to 25th March, 2019**

- Life Members - 275
- Ordinary Members - 368
- **Total Membership** - 643

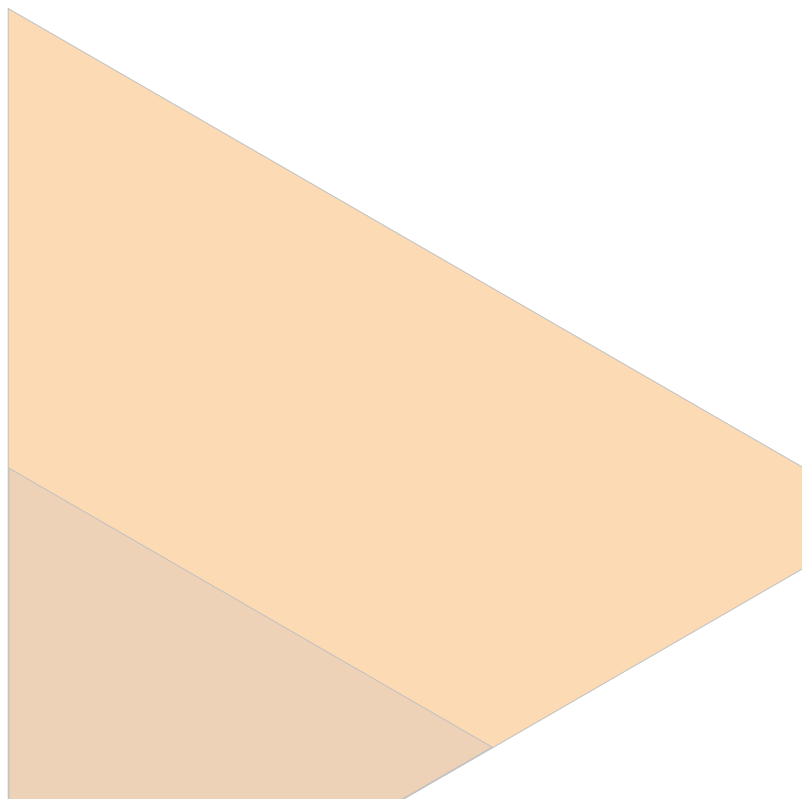
Category	Summery of BASL Membership Report			
	As at 31st March			
	2015	2016	2017	2018
Life Membership	12,306	13,683	14,893	15,509
Ordinary Membership	5,202	4,240	4,729	4,970
Total Membership	17,508	17,923	19,622	20,479
Increase		415	1,699	857



CHAPTER 03

BENCH AND BAR

- ▶ **Bench and Bar Meetings**
- ▶ **Ceremonial Sittings**
- ▶ **Farewell to His Lordship the 45th Chief Justice and Welcome Dinner for the 46th Chief Justice**



During the last year several meetings were convened with the participation of the members of the Judiciary and Bar in order to identify and to find solutions for the issues faced by the members in the day today practice. It is worthy to note the outstation bench and bar meetings conducted at the respective Provincial Law conferences during the last year with the participation of his Lordship

Padman Suransena and the Honorable Attorney General undoubtedly was a success wherein the members of the outstation bars were able to find solutions for longstanding issues. The Management Committee of the BASL made use of the said meetings in order to identify the needs of the members of the outstation bars and accordingly we are happy to note that the BASL was able to provide much

assistance to the outstation bars which are mentioned in this report. Hence we consider that it is a necessity to continue the said bench and bar meetings in future which is of mutual benefit for both bench and the bar in administering justice.

Bench and Bar meeting held on 04TH September, 2018 at the District Court of Colombo.

A Bench and Bar meeting was held on 4th September 2018 at District Court Room No. 08 with a view to discuss the practical issues confronted by the legal practitioners, broadly categorized into three main areas namely Administration of the Judicial system, use of Technology in court procedures and Infrastructure in the District Courts, the Magistrates Courts, the Commercial High Courts. His Lordship the Chief Justice, Hon Attorney General, Secretary of the Ministry of Justice, Honorable Judges of the Commercial High Court, District Court and Magistrate Court took part in the deliberations on the invitation extended by the BASL.

His Lordship the Chief Justice spoke of several steps taken by the Judicial Service Commission towards automation of the Court System.

Some of the key concerns raised by the members at the solution-finding deliberation were

- I. Taking long time for recording the cases filed under Debt Recovery Law.
- II. The long interval between two successive dates of cases
- III. The Pre-Trial Procedure not achieving its purpose.
- IV. Delays incurred in obtaining certified copies of the proceedings

V. The defects in the infrastructure such as seepage of rain water, poor safety condition of the court complex and lack of access for disabled to the Court Houses and accessory offices.

VI. Failure to resort to advanced technology as a measure of countering the law delays.

Hon. District Judges of Colombo replied that the part of the law delays was attributable to the lack of infrastructure facilities. They further pointed out that having to handle vast number of cases by 10 judges had compelled the cases to be fixed between long intervals. Hence District Judges put forward following suggestions.

- I. Establishment of another District Court Room
- II. One Court house to be presided over by two judges separately in the morning and evening sessions.
- III. Establishment of separate Court Houses to take up Pre-Trial hearings.
- IV. Shortage of staff such as stenographers and clerks.

Secretary to the Ministry of Justice explained that plans are afoot to implement necessary renovation and refurbishments to the Court House and they were awaiting the funds requested for. He further commented that the

renovation of the Commercial High Courts would be completed within this year with the support of Sri Lanka Navy.

Mr. U.R de Silva, the President of the BASL emphasized the acceleration of the moves to facilitate E- Filing, Case Management and audio and video recording

Adverting to Colombo Law Library which is the largest law library in the country having nearly 15,000 books it was pointed out that though water and electricity were provided by the Ministry all other facilities were maintained by themselves. Law library uses 6,400 sq.ft area and other 5,000 sq. ft feature a consulting room, ladies room and the canteen. It was further bemoaned that the 5,600 sq.ft which was believed to have been allocated for the Law Library on the proposed new building to house entire court complex was not adequate therefore urged the Secretary of MOJ to re-visit the space earmarked for that purpose.

All the stake holders who attended the event made their candid observations on the steps to be taken to upgrade the Court System.

CEREMONIAL SITTINGS

During the last year, several Ceremonial sittings were held in the Supreme Court as well as in the Court of Appeal. There were representation at the said Ceremonial sittings by the BASL wherein inter alia the President of the BASL, from time to time

highlighted the need of speedy action to be taken to address the allegation of Laws' delays. Further, the President expressed his concerns regarding the lack of discipline among the legal practitioners in the recent years and called upon the

intervention of the members of both the bench and the bar to take steps to maintain the Professional standards especially in the eyes of the general public.

09.03.2018	To enable the Bar to welcome Hon. Justice A A U Wengappuli as a Judge of the Court of Appeal
08.05.2018	To enable the Bar to welcome Hon. Justice Mahinda Samayawardhena as a Judge of the Court of Appeal
	To enable the Bar to welcome Hon. Justice Arjuna Obeysekere as a Judge of the Court of Appeal
17.07.2018	Swearing of 03 Attorneys-at-Law as President's Counsels
31.08.2018	For the Admission of 210 Attorneys-at-Law
22.10.2018	To enable the Bar to welcome Chief Justice of the Republic, His Lordship the Chief Justice Nalin Jayalath Perera
18.01.2019	Swearing of 25 Attorneys-at-Law as President's Counsels
23.01.2019	To enable the Bar to welcome Hon. Justice Priyantha Fernando as a Judge of the Court of Appeal
28.01.2019	To enable the Bar to welcome Hon. Justice Preethi Padman Surasena as a Judge of the Supreme Court
	To enable the Bar to welcome Hon. Justice Sithambarampillai Thurairaja, PC as a Judge of the Supreme Court
	To enable the Bar to welcome Hon. Justice Ethauda Arachchige Gamini Rohan Amarasekara as a Judge of the Supreme Court
15.03.2019	To enable the Bar to welcome Hon. Justice Nishshanka Bandula Karunaratne as a Judge of the Court of Appeal

Farewell dinner to His Lordship the Chief Justice Honorable Priyasath Dep PC and Welcome dinner to His Lordship the 46th Chief Justice Honorable Nalin Perera.

The members of the Bar organized a farewell dinner to his Lordship the 45th Chief Justice of Sri Lanka Honorable Priyasath Dep PC on his retirement, at the Galadari Hotel simultaneous to ceremonially welcome the incoming 46th

Chief Justice of the Republic Honorable Justice Nalin Perera. The said ceremony was attended by large number of members representing many parts of the Island. Whilst addressing the occasion, his Lordship Justice Dep and Justice Nalin

Perera commended the affairs of the Bar Association of Sri Lanka and agreed to extend the fullest cooperation of the bench to the bar in dispensing justice.



CHAPTER 04

CONTINUOUS LEGAL EDUCATION

▶ Outstation Bars

>> Provincial Law Conferences

- >> 6th PLC - Central Province
- >> 7th PLC - Sabaragamuwa Province
- >> 8th PLC - Southern Province
- >> 9th PLC - Eastern Province
- >> 10th PLC - North Western

▶ CLE One Day Programmes

▶ National Law Conferences

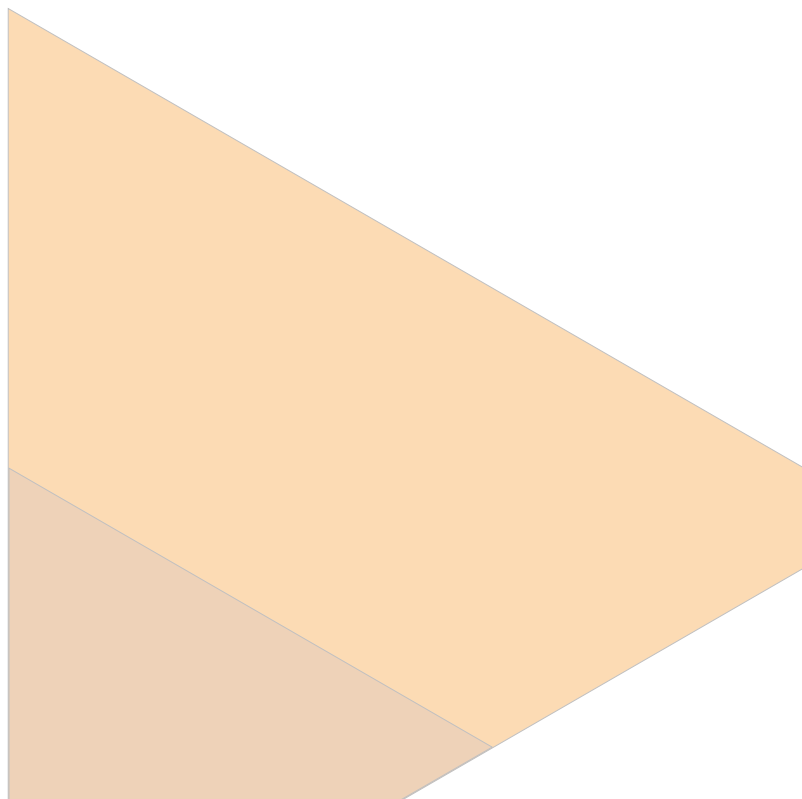
- >> Junior National Law Conference
- >> Junior Bar Forum
- >> Labour Law Symposium

▶ Certificate Courses

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▶ Donor Funded Programmes

▶ Colombo Dialogue



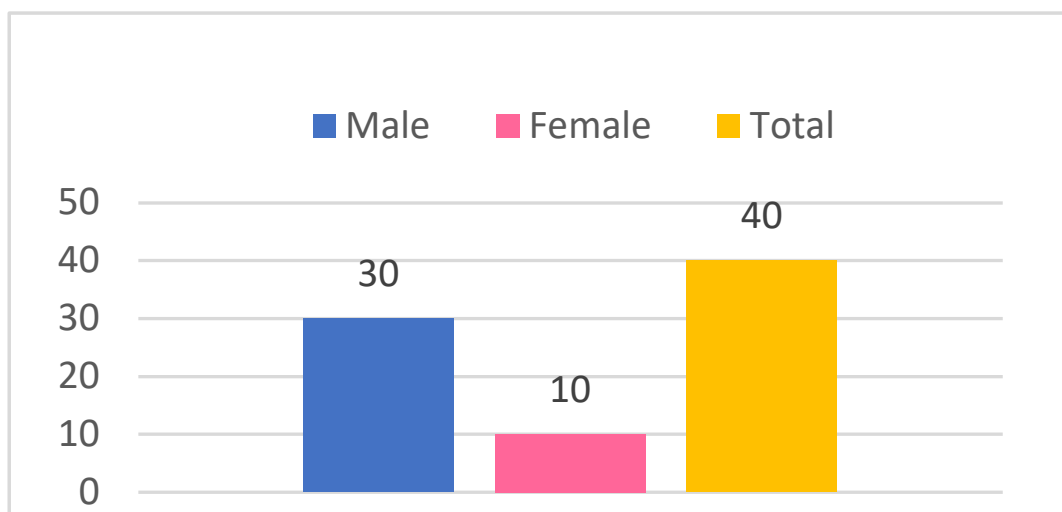
OUTSTATION BARS

Provincial Law Conferences

In the year of 2018/2019, the BASL has organized 05 Provincial Law Conferences focusing Central Province, Sabaragamuwa Province, Southern Province, Eastern Province and North Western Province to provide greater opportunities for the Legal Practitioners in outstation Bars to enhance their capacities on recent developments of Law and to facilitate networking with the senior members of the Bar.

Event	Dates	Venue	Total Participants
PLC – Central Province	June 8,9,10	Tree of Life, Kandy	124
PLC – Sabaragamuwa Province	August 10,11,12	Grand Udawalwe Safari Resort	124
PLC- Southern Province	October 19,20,21	Amari, Galle	158
PLC- Eastern Province	December 7,8,9	Amaya Beach, Pasikudah	92
PLC- North Western Province	February 2,3,4	Ananthaya, Chilaw	92
Total			590

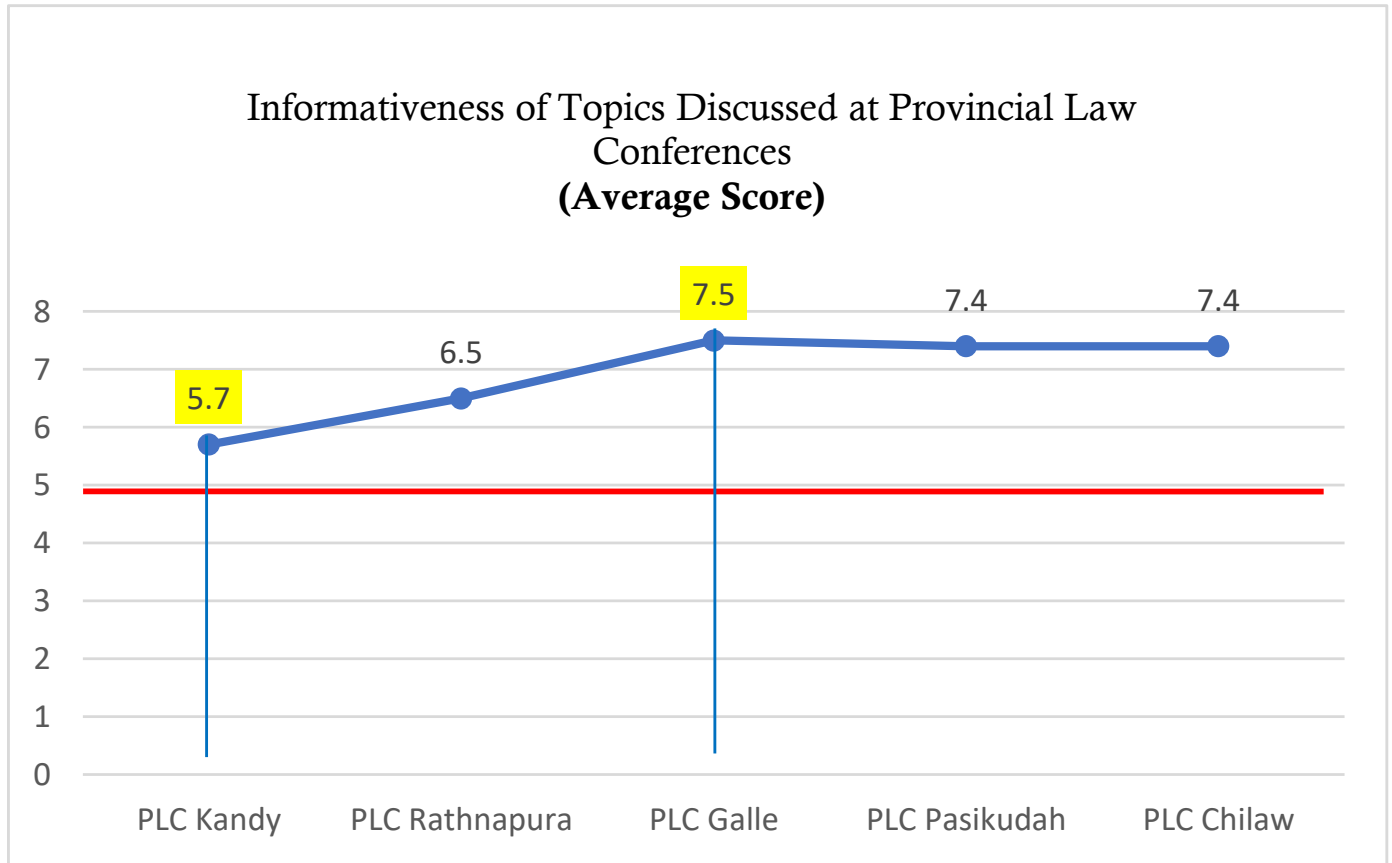
Accordingly, 590 lawyers were benefited from this series of Provincial Law Conference highlighting its significance to continue in coming years too. In total, forty (40) resource persons (30 Male Resource Persons + 10 Female Resource Persons) were invited and 03 Resource Persons namely, Hon. Justice P.P. Padman Surasena, Judge of the Supreme Court, Mr. U. R De Silva, PC President of BASL and Mr. Sunil Abeyaratne, Chairman of CLE Committee of the BASL attended all 5 provincial law conferences while Hon. Jayantha Jayasuriya, the Attorney General was attending 4 provincial law conferences. Additionally, Mr. M.U.M. Ali Sabry, President's Counsel, Deputy President BASL, Mr. Kaushalya Nawaratne, Secretary BASL, Mr. Kalinga Indatissa, President's Counsel, Mr. Samanthe Ratwatte, President's Counsel, Mr. Prasantha Lal de Alwis, President's Counsel, Mr. Nihal Fernando, President's Counsel, Mr. Kuvera De Zoysa, President's Counsel, Mr. Neville Abeyratne, President's Counsel, Mr. G. G. Arulpragasam, Attorney-at-Law, Mr. Jagath Gunawardene, Attorney-at-Law, Mr. Felician Fernandopulle, Attorney-at-Law, Mrs. Shiranthi Gunawardena Attorney-at-Law, Mr. Ajith Rohana, DIG Sri Lanka Police and Attorney-at-Law, Mr. Kamal Gunasinghe, Attorney-at-Law, Mr. Chandima Muthukumarana, Attorney-at-Law, Mr. Jagath Wickramanayake, Attorney-at-Law, Mr. Mahesh Katulanda, Attorney-at-Law, Mr. Senaka De Seram, Attorney-at-Law, Mr. Mahinda Lokuge, Chairman, Outstation Bar Committee, Mr. Lasitha Kanuwanaarachchi, Attorney-at-Law, Mr. Sanjaya Kodithuwakku, Attorney-at-Law, Mr. Madhawa Tennakoon, Senior State Counsel, Mr. Nishan Premathirathne, Attorney-at-Law, Mrs. Priyani Rathnayake, Attorney-at-Law, Ms. Mokshini Jayamanne, Attorney-at-Law, Dr. Rose Wijeyesekera Senior Lecturer, Faculty of Law, University of Colombo, Ms. Ruchira Gunasekera, Chairperson Professional and Career Development of Women Lawyers Committee, Ms. Prashana Weerasinghe, Attorney-at-Law, Professor Sarathchandra Kodikara, Ms. Senela Jayasuriya, Dr. Asela Mendis, Head, Department of Forensic Medicine, University of Colombo, Dr. Sathish Gunasinghe, Consultant Neurologist and Attorney-at-Law, Mrs. Melanie Kudaliyanage, Attorney-at-Law, Ms. Lakshanthi Fernando, Attorney-at-Law Singapore, Managing Director C M S Holborn Asia, Ms. Kaushani Pathirana, Lecturer, Faculty of Law, University of Colombo joined with this series of Provincial Law Conference as the resource persons of the conference.



To measure the informativeness of these Provincial Law Conferences, the feedbacks were collected from participants of each Provincial Law Conference in responsive to the provided scale ranging from 1- 10 (10 is most informative). Accordingly, participants were asked to evaluate the topics of each conference and based on these collected feedbacks, the figure below mentioned that average score received by each Provincial Law Conference is above 5.0.

- Out of five (05) Provincial Law Conferences held in the year 2018/2019, **Provincial Law Conference in Southern Province** scored as the most informative Provincial Law Conference.

See the Figure 1 below



Overall it is seen that the sessions discussed at these provincial law conferences were very informative in disseminating expected knowledge and skills effectively. The figures indeed made this idea of provincial law conference a success and in this context, a word of appreciation should be gone to CORE Justice program of USAID for their join hands with this worthy cause and, for provincial leadership of BASL to the support extended in organizing these events successfully.

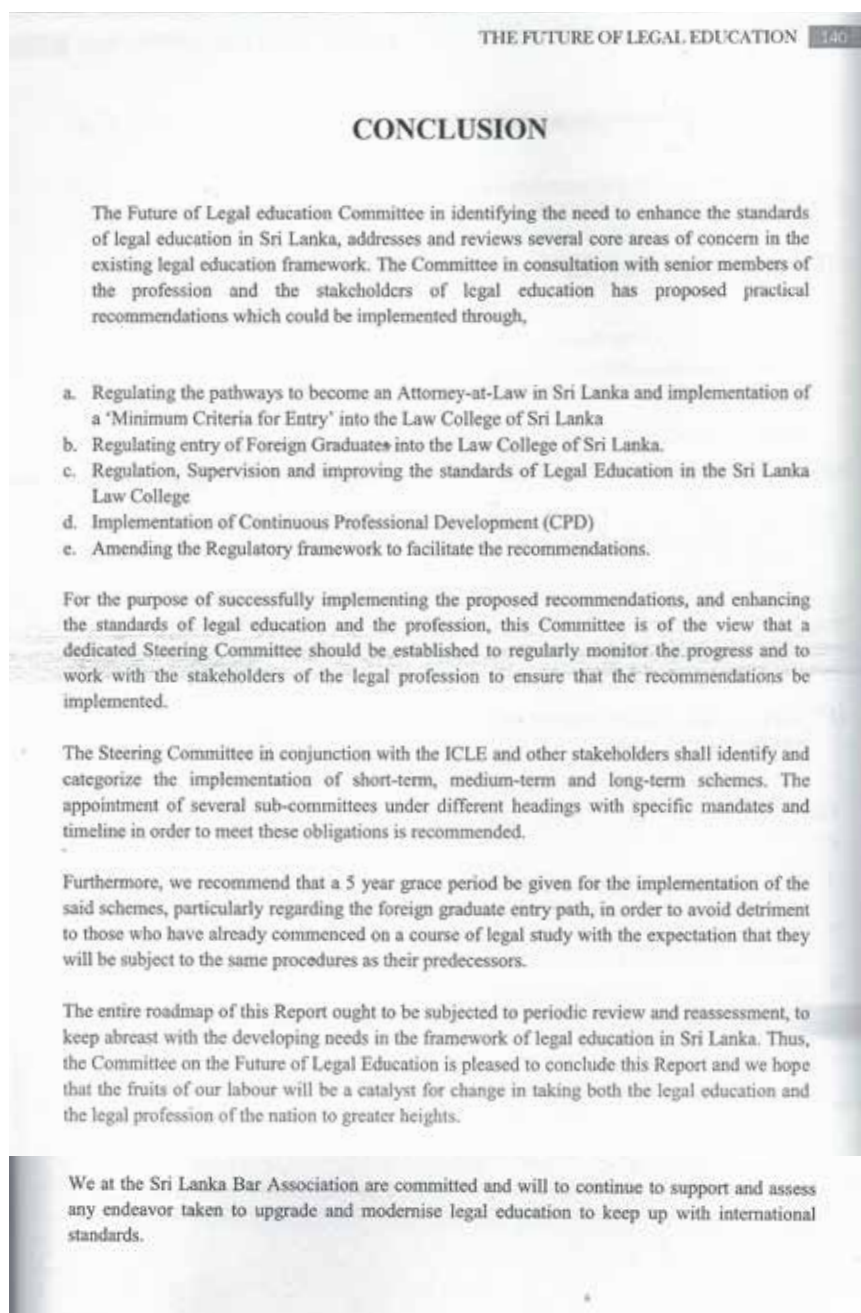
THE FUTURE OF LEGAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE

The influxion of high number of entrants to the legal profession has drawn serious concerns of all stakeholders in the legal profession. Thereof, a special committee was appointed by the BASL to propose suitable recommendations to address the said concerns specially due to the reasons of high number of entrants on yearly basis has really contribute, inter alia, to lower the standers of the legal profession. The comprehensive report compiled by aforesaid committee after much deliberation over a period of one year, made several recommendations, specially based on the proposals made by members of the judiciary, members of the official and unofficial Bar, both senior and junior members. Having considered the said recommendation during the past year, several discussions were held by BASL and the members of the said committee with his Lordship the Chief Justice and members of the Council of Legal Education. I am happy to note that the efforts of the BASL, specially said committee Mr. Ali Sabry PC, our deputy President the recommendation vis vis the entrants to the law collage was approved by the Council of Legal Education.

Therefore, several progressive proposals made by the BASL were accepted by the Council of Legal Education in that minimum qualification to seek entrance to Sri Lanka Law Collage, acceptance of foreign law degrees, the recognition of the law education universities/ institutions, and medium of instructions and curriculum at the law collage will be regulated and implemented.

Our sincere gratitude is extended to Mr. Ali Sabry PC and the abled members of the committee who worked tirelessly for a long period for the benefit of the future generation and the betterment of the legal profession. We unreservedly extend our thanks to all resource persons who contributed many ways to the committee in its endeavors.

The conclusion of the report is set out herein below



PROVINCIAL LAW CONFERENCES

Kandy

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BAR ASSOCIATION OF SRI LANKA
IN COLLABORATION WITH
KANDY BAR ASSOCIATION
ORGANISE 6TH
PROVINCIAL LAW CONFERENCE
08th - 10th of June 2018
@ **Tree of Life Nature Resort Kandy**
from 5.30pm onwards
(on Friday, 8th June)

INVESTMENT
Rs. 10,000/= (Inclusive of Accommodation, Conference Materials)
Day Participants - Rs. 5,000/= (No Lunch / No 8 Conference Materials for Two Days)

Kaushalya Nawaratne - Secretary
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No. 153, Mihindu Mawatha Colombo - 12
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E-mail : basil.lawnet@gmail.com



The 6th Provincial Law Conference was held in Kandy from 8th to 10th June 2018. An eminent Panel of lecturers made their presentations on various aspects of law during the two-day residential conference. More than 100 participant benefited. By the conference and the participants had the opportunity to discuss matters relating to law with the recourse persons who are mostly senior members practicing in Colombo.



Ratnapura

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FROM THE AMERICAN PEOPLE

THE 7TH PROVINCIAL LAW CONFERENCE
(Sabaragamuwa Province)
Organised by
THE BAR ASSOCIATION OF SRI LANKA
in collaboration with
Ratnapura Bar Association
10th -12th August 2018
at
Grand Udawalawe Safari Resort

INVESTMENT
Rs. 10,000/= (Inclusive of Accommodation, Conference Materials)
Day Participants - Rs. 5,000/= (No Lunch / No 8 Conference Materials)

KAUSHALYA NAWARATNE
SECRETARY
BAR ASSOCIATION OF SRI LANKA
For reservation of tickets
1. BASL Secretariat - 11 3090030
2. Ratnapura Bar - Mr.Pandula Wanniarachchi. 077 3721121

As a result of request eagerly made by the members of the Sabaragamuwa Province, the BASL in partnership with Ratnapura Bar Association organized the 7th Provincial Law Conference at Grand Udawalawa Safari Resort, Udawalawa from 10th to 12th August 2018. The members from Ratnapura, Pellmadulla, Balangoda and Embilipitiya Bars actively participated at the said Conference whilst enjoying the fellowship dinner held in the evening of 11th August 2018. The Conference concluded with a great success leaving wonderful memories with both the resource persons and the participants.



Matara



THE 8TH PROVINCIAL LAW CONFERENCE
(Southern Province)

Organised by
BAR ASSOCIATION OF SRI LANKA

in collaboration with
Matara Bar Association
19th - 21st October 2018
at
Amari Galle

INVESTMENT
Rs. 10,000/= (Inclusive of Accommodation, Conference Materials)
Day Participants - Rs. 5,000/= (Refinement, Lunch and Conference Materials)

KAUSHALYA NAWARATNE
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BAR ASSOCIATION OF SRI LANKA

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1. BASL Secretariat - 011 3090030 / 011 2447134
2. Matara Bar - Mr. Ariyasena Panangala 072 7029795



Spreading its wings further towards the regional Bars, the BASL decided to conduct the 8th Provincial Law Conference in collaboration with Matara Bar targeting the Southern Province at Amari Galle Hotel & Resort from 19th to 21st October 2018. The participants had the benefit of discussing various legal matters and obstacles they face with while they discharge their professional duties. The contribution of the Hon. Attorney General, His Lordship, Justice Padman Surasena, Judge of the Supreme Court and other eminent Panelists towards the success of the said Conference was in measurable.

Ampara



THE 9TH PROVINCIAL LAW CONFERENCE
(Eastern Province)

Organised by
BAR ASSOCIATION OF SRI LANKA

in collaboration with
Batticaloa Bar Association
07th - 09th December 2018
at
Amaya Beach Pasikudah

INVESTMENT
Rs. 10,000/= (Inclusive of Accommodation, Conference Materials)
Day Participants - Rs. 5,000/= (Refinement, Lunch and Conference Materials)
Junior Lawyers - Rs. 5,000/= (Inclusive of Accommodation, Lunch and Conference Materials)

KAUSHALYA NAWARATNE
SECRETARY
BAR ASSOCIATION OF SRI LANKA

For reservation of tickets
1. BASL Secretariat - 011 3090030 / 011 2447134
2. Batticaloa Bar - Mr. P. Premanath 0777 603456



Proving the fact that distance, warm weather or heavy rains will not hinder the determination of the BASL to serve its outstation Members, the BASL in collaboration with the Batticaloa Bar organized the 9th Provincial Law Conference for the benefit of the Members practicing in the Eastern Province at Amaya Beach, Pasikuda from 7th to 9th December 2018. The participants had the exposure to a distinguished Panel of experts travelled all the way from Colombo to advance and improve the legal knowledge of the participants. The Conference concluded marking yet another successful Event organized by the BASL.



Chilaw



10TH PROVINCIAL LAW CONFERENCE
(North Western Province)

Organised by
BAR ASSOCIATION OF SRI LANKA

in collaboration with
Marawila Bar Association

02nd - 04th February 2019
at
Anantaya Resort Chilaw

INVESTMENT
Day Participants - Rs. 5,000/= (Refreshments, Lunch and Libations only)
Rs. 10,000/= (For BASL Members with more than 5 years of practice)
Junior Lawyers - Rs. 5,000/= (For BASL Members with less than 5 years of practice)

KAUSHALYA NAWARATNE
SECRETARY
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For reservation of tickets
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2. Marawila Bar - Mr. L. Sarathchandra - 0773406725

The 10th Provincial Law Conference organized by the BASL in partnership with Marawila Bar from 2nd to 4th February 2018 at Anantaya Resort & Spa marked a land-mark in the history of such Conferences being the last Provincial Law Conference organised under the leadership of its creator, Mr. U. R. de Silva PC. Residential Conference held at a outstandingly comfortable location with an eminent Panel of Lecturers provided the Participants boundless opportunities to advance their legal knowledge while enjoying the stay.



CLE One Day Programmes [Badulla, Kurunegala, Anuradhapura, Nuwara Eliya and Ampara]

Badulla




BAR ASSOCIATION OF SRI LANKA

CLE SEMINAR BADULLA

12th January, 2019
The Heritage Grand Badulla
from 9.00 AM onwards

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0773230993
Mr. Kaushalya Nawaratne
0777879559

DEVELOPMENTS IN CRIMINAL LAW
★
LAW RELATING TO ICT AND ELECTRONIC TRANSACTIONS
★
INTRODUCTION TO PRE-TRIAL UNDER THE CIVIL PROCEDURE CODE
★
LAW RELATING TO DEBT RECOVERY



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In consideration of the request made by the members of the Provincial bars, the BASL conducted several day seminars in the following areas. The eminent members of the bar participated as Resource persons who shared the expertise in the respective fields for the benefit of the participants. The BASL place on record with gratitude all resource persons for extending unreservedly for the benefit of the members who are eager to update the knowledge.

Kurunegala and Ampara



CLE SEMINAR WAYAMBA

ORGANISED BY BAR ASSOCIATION OF SRI LANKA

IN COLLABORATION WITH

Galgamuwa, Mahawa
and Nikaweratiya
Bar Associations

DATE

10th November 2018

LOCATION

Hotel Paradise
Yapahuwa

TIME

8.30AM to 5.00PM

REGISTRATION FEE

Rs. 2,500/- per head

PARALLEL ACTIVITIES

- * BOOK DISTRIBUTION
- * BASL BOOK SHOP
- * MEMBERS DRIVE / ID & CAR PASSES

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TOPICS AND PRESENTERS

Criminal Justice

Art of Cross Examination / Bail
Mr. U R de Silva, PC

Technology & Law

Admissibility of Computer,
Electronic Evidence and its Forensic Issues
Mr. Sunil Abeyaratne, Attorney-at-Law

Civil Procedure

Recent Amendments to the Civil Procedure
Mr. Ali Sabry, PC

Notarial Practice

Condominium Law and Issues related to Notarial Practice
Mr. G. G. Arulpragasam, Attorney-at-Law

Interim Measures

Recent development of Law of Injunction,
Debt Recovery & Parate Execution
Mr. Kaushalya Nawaratne, Attorney-at-Law

Recent developments in
Land Development Law
Mr. Chandima Jayasinghe, Attorney-at-Law



BAR ASSOCIATION OF SRI LANKA

CLE SEMINAR AMPARA

09TH MARCH, 2019

MONTY HOTEL
AMPARA

FROM 9.00 AM
ONWARDS

CONTACT:

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Mr. Kaushalya Nawaratne
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INVESTMENT:

Rs. 500.00 (Per Head)

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Conferences

Junior National Law Conference



THE Junior Bar consists of approximately 8,000 lawyers who are yet in their first 10 years in practice in the legal profession. The Chairman of the Junior Bar Committee for 2018/2019 was Mr. Kuvera de Zoysa, President's Counsel and the Convener of the Junior Bar Committee was Mr. Nishan Premathiratne. During the year 2018/19, the Junior Bar Committee has managed to engage in various activities in order to disseminate knowledge and to uplift the standards of the Junior Lawyers across the country.

The Junior National Law Conference which is the most sought after annual event of the calendar of the Junior Lawyers, was held for the 18th consecutive year from the 14th to the 16th of September 2018 at the hotel 'Hikka Tranz by Cinnamon', Hikkaduwa under the theme of "futurum edificamus- we build the future". The Conference consisted of a delegation of 255 Junior Members representing all the branches of the Bar Association across the country. The inauguration ceremony of the Conference was held on the 14th of September evening with the participation of the Attorney General of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka Hon. Jayantha Jayasuriya, PC as the Chief Guest and with the participation of many distinguished legal professionals. The key note speaker for the evening was Dr.

Harsha Cabral, President's Counsel.

The Conference encompassed a series of academic sessions in the areas of Civil Law, Criminal Law and Commercial Law discussing important developing areas of law with the participation of eminent resource personnel as panelists, including Hon. Judge of the Commercial High Court Ruwan Fernando, Additional Solicitor General Mr. Yasantha Kodagoda President's Counsel, Dr. Harsha Cabral President's Counsel, Mr. M.U.M. Ali Sabry President's Counsel, Mr. Ikram Mohamed, President's Counsel, Mr. Kalinga Indatissa President's Counsel, Mr. Anil Silva President's Counsel, Mr. Saliya Peiris President's Counsel, Mr. Chandaka Jayasundera President's Counsel, Mr. Avindra Rodrigo, Mr. Senaka de Saram, Mr. Jagath Wickramanayake and Mr. Saravanan Neelakandan. A session on the recent amendment to the Inland Revenue Law and its' implications to the legal professionals was facilitated by the Senior Commissioner of the Inland Revenue Department Mr. Darmadasa Rangalla and Mr. Riad Ameen.

Further, through the Conference, Junior Lawyers appraised the importance of self-confidence and branding themselves in the legal profession through an interactive session conducted by Ms. Senela Jayasuriya, CEO of Women Empowered Global and the attire for a gentleman through a session conducted by Mr. Fouzul Hameed, the Owner and Managing Director of Hameedia.

The Junior Bar Forum 2018 was held on the 16th of September 2018 from 9.00 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. along with the Junior National Law Conference 2018. The main aim of the Forum was to address the issues and problems faced by the Junior Lawyers around the country and the issues raised were addressed by an eminent panel of stakeholders consisting of Additional Solicitor General Mr. Yasantha Kodagoda President's Counsel, the President of the Bar Association of Sri Lanka Mr. U. R. de Silva President's Counsel, the Secretary of the Bar Association of Sri Lanka Mr. Kaushalya Nawaratne, Chairman of the Junior Bar

Committee of the Bar Association of Sri Lanka Mr. Kuvera de Zoysa, President's Counsel, Convener of the Junior Bar Committee and the Executive Committee Member of the Bar Association of Sri Lanka Mr. Nishan Premathiratne, Mr. Harsha Fernando Senior Attorney at Law and Mr. Nuwan Bopege representing the Junior Lawyers. The Forum ended on a note of searching for more feasible and sustainable solutions for the issues raised at the Forum.

The Junior Bar Law Journal Volume IX was launched at the Junior National Law Conference 2018 inauguration ceremony on the 14th of September 2018 and the first copy of the Journal was presented to the Hon. Attorney General Mr. Jayantha Jayasuriya. The Journal consists of numerous articles catering to the modern-day lawyers knowledge, interests and requirements comprising of recent developments in law and recent case judgements.

The Journal has attracted many contributions from far corners of the Island and it included articles in all three languages being Sinhala, English and Tamil. This will enabled the inclusion of all the Junior Lawyers and no one was marginalized based on their language skills.

In addition to the articles from junior lawyers from all corners of Sri Lanka, on the invitation by the Editorial Committee, distinguished senior lawyers and special contributors have contributed to the Journal, to share their knowledge and expertise on a diverse range of topics. This includes the articles from three international legal practitioners, including a regional consultant to the World Intellectual Property Organisation and a special contribution by the Senior Assistant Director - Legal Compliance of the Department of Foreign Exchange.

The Conference theme "futurum edificamus- we build the future" was formulated after careful contemplation to instill with the junior lawyers, the importance of their role in upbringing the entire legal fraternity. The Conference concluded with immense success.



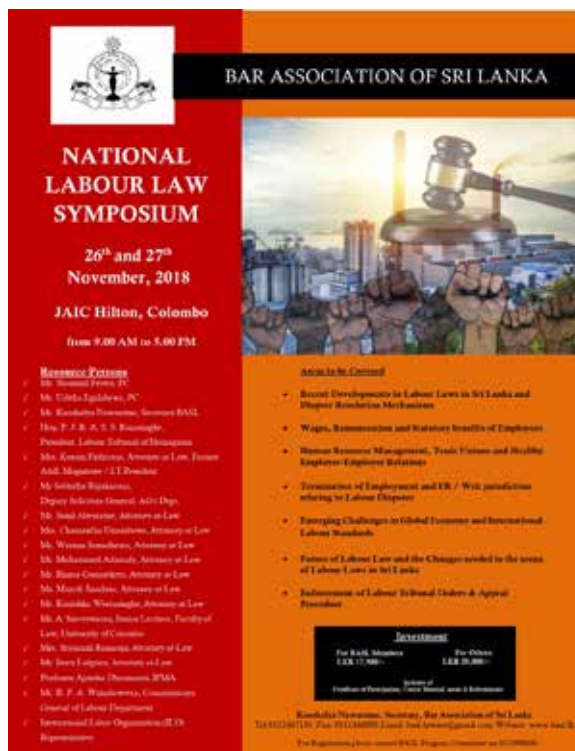
National Labour Law Symposium

Focusing on a meaningful dialogue to share views and information on recent developments in the field of labour Law and employment relations, the Bar Association of Sri Lanka organized the National Labour Law Symposium 2018 under the theme “Sustainable Labour Law Regime for the Future of Sri Lanka”. During the Symposium it was highlighted the need to re-visit the present legal system concerning labour and employment matters in order to embrace international labour law standards whilst achieving flexibility and equity, Participants representing legal practitioners, human resources professionals, academics,

stakeholders and interested groups had the opportunity to engage in informative and dynamic discussion on key issues and developing fields of labour laws. The symposium was successfully held at JAIC Hilton Colombo on 26 and 27 November 2018 with the participation of more than 120 participants.

The opening ceremony was witnessed by the Hon. Minister of Justice as the chief guest, Hon. Attorney General, His Lordship the President of Court of Appeal and other dignitaries.

The chart below highlights the aspects of informativeness of the sessions covered at the National Labour Law Symposium 2018. These figures are based on the collected feedback of the Participants of NLLS 2018 in responsive to the provided scale to measure the informativeness of each session at NLLS 2018 ranging from 1-10.



Debt Recovery Workshop



DEBT RECOVERY WORKSHOP
Organised by
BAR ASSOCIATION OF SRI LANKA

- ❑ MORTGAGES OVER MOVEABLE AND IMMOVABLE PROPERTY
BY MR. THEJAKA PERERA, VICE PRESIDENT DFCC BANK
- ❑ PARATE EXECUTION RIGHTS VESTED ON THE PRIVATE & STATE BANKS
BY MR. KUSHAN DE ALWIS, PC
- ❑ DEBT RECOVERY ACT NO 02 OF 1990 AND THE PRACTICAL DIFFICULTIES IN INITIATING ACTIONS UNDER THE SAID ACT AND THE WAY FORWARD
BY MR. PALITHA KUMARASINGHE, PC
- ❑ RECOVERY PROCEDURE UNDER THE FINANCE LEASING ACT, CONSUMER CREDIT ACT & RELATED ISSUES
BY MR. SHEHAN GUNAWARDENE, AAL
- ❑ EFFICACY OF ARBITRATION UNDER ACT NO 11 OF 1995 VIS A VIS LEASE AGREEMENTS AND HIRE PURCHASE AGREEMENTS
BY MR. THEJA SILVA, EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT, NATIONS TRUST BANK
- ❑ PANEL DISCUSSION
MODERATOR - MR. THEJA SILVA, EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT, NATIONS TRUST BANK

Thursday 4th of October 2018
From 1.45pm - 5.30pm
At the BASL Auditorium

Ticket
Rs. 2000/=

For reservation of tickets
BASL Secretariat - 011 3090030 / 011 2447134
Register before 2nd of October

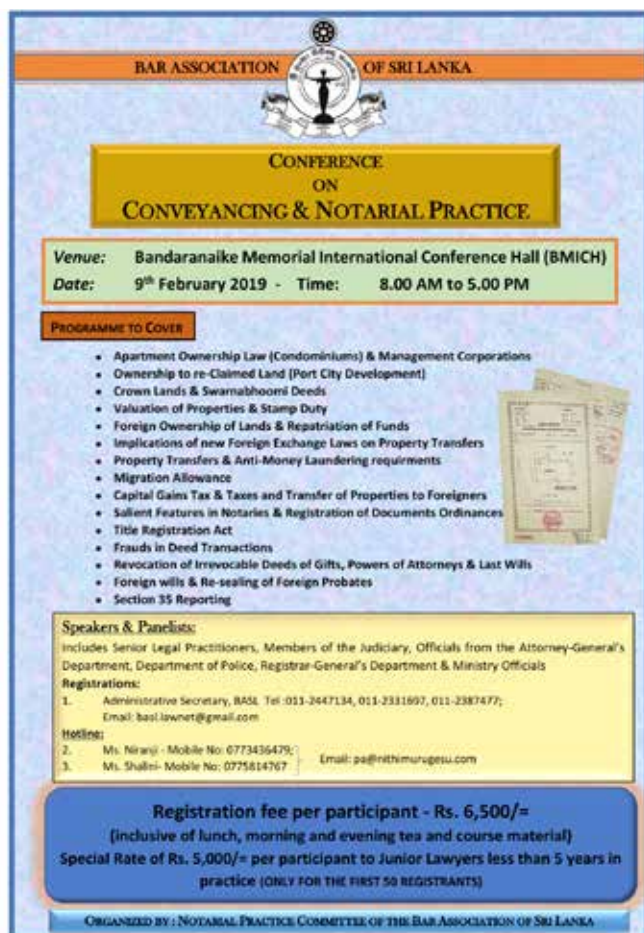
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The Debt Recovery Workshop was organized with the participation of Mr. Palitha Kumarasinghe PC, Mr. Kushan D'Alwis PC, Mr. Theja Silva, Executive Vice President of Nations Trust Bank, Mr. Thejaka Perera, Vice President of DFCC Bank and Mr. Shehan Gunawardene, AAL. It was successfully held on 04th October 2018 at the BASL Auditorium with an overwhelming participation of more than 269 participants.



Conveyancing and Notarial Practitioners Conference



BAR ASSOCIATION OF SRI LANKA

CONFERENCE ON CONVEYANCING & NOTARIAL PRACTICE

Venue: Bandaranaike Memorial International Conference Hall (BMICH)
Date: 9th February 2019 - **Time:** 8.00 AM to 5.00 PM

PROGRAMME TO COVER

- Apartment Ownership Law (Condominiums) & Management Corporations
- Ownership to re-Claimed Land (Port City Development)
- Crown Lands & Swarnabhoomi Deeds
- Valuation of Properties & Stamp Duty
- Foreign Ownership of Lands & Repatriation of Funds
- Implications of new Foreign Exchange Laws on Property Transfers
- Property Transfers & Anti-Money Laundering requirements
- Migration Allowance
- Capital Gains Tax & Taxes and Transfer of Properties to Foreigners
- Salient Features in Notaries & Registration of Documents Ordinances
- Title Registration Act
- Frauds in Deed Transactions
- Revocation of Irrevocable Deeds of Gifts, Powers of Attorneys & Last Wills
- Foreign Wills & Re-sealing of Foreign Probates
- Section 35 Reporting

Speakers & Panelists:
Includes Senior Legal Practitioners, Members of the Judiciary, Officials from the Attorney-General's Department, Department of Police, Registrar-General's Department & Ministry Officials

Registrations:
1. Administrative Secretary, BASL, Tel: 011-3047134, 011-2331697, 011-2387477; Email: basl.lawnet@gmail.com

Hotline:
2. Ms. Niranj - Mobile No: 0773436479; Email: pa@nithimurugesu.com
3. Ms. Shalini - Mobile No: 0775814767

Registration fee per participant - Rs. 6,500/=
(Inclusive of lunch, morning and evening tea and course material)
Special Rate of Rs. 5,000/= per participant to Junior Lawyers less than 5 years in practice (ONLY FOR THE FIRST 50 REGISTRANTS)

ORGANIZED BY: NOTARIAL PRACTICE COMMITTEE OF THE BAR ASSOCIATION OF SRI LANKA

Notarial Practices Committee of BASL headed by Mr. Nithi Murugesu, Senior Attorney-at-Law along with his abled committee members organized a conference on 'Conveyancing and Notarial Practice' at BMICH on 09th February 2019.

The conference was attended by an unprecedented number of participants and President's Counsel, Senior Attorney's at-Law, relevant Government Officials and other stake holders contributed towards the success of the conference as resource persons.

The distinguished panel of lecturers included, among others, Mr. Nihal Rajakaruna AAL, Mr. G.G. Arulpragasam Senior AAL, Dr. Dayanath C. Jayasuriya PC, Mr. Nevil Aberyrathne PC, Mr. Chandana Liyanapatabedi PC, Eng. (Ms) K.G. Samarasinghe, Acting Director [City Planning, Colombo Municipal Council], Mr. Rohantha Abeyasuriya, Senior DSG, Mr. Felician Fernadopulle AAL, Ms. A. Manisha N. Silva, Deputy Legal Officer, CMC, Mr. Ranjith Dayananda, Senior Deputy Registrar General (Notaries), Ms. Ajitha Edirimanna Senior AAL.

The conference was comprised with three sessions, each dedicated to deliberate on unique areas of Notarial Practice, which included salient features of Title Registration Act, current Apartment Ownership Laws, Ownership to re-claimed Land (Port City Development) and Foreign Ownership of Lands.

Due to the overwhelming demand demonstrated by the members of the Bar, the BASL has already taken steps to organize its 2nd phase on 6th April 2019 at Hilton Residencies (JAIC Hilton), Colombo.

The day Seminar conducted at Homagama

The said programme was conducted by the BASL on in consequent to an initiative taken by the members of the Homagama bar specially Mr. Sudath Wickramaratne the Zonal Vice - President. The said programme was attended by the members of the regional bars.

Certificate Courses

Certificate Course on Forensic Science

Due to the high demand, the Program Committee of BASL commenced the Certificate Course of Forensic Science as a 12 Weeks Programme. The Certificate Course commenced on 01st June 2018 and, there were 71 participants. 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. Chethiya Gunasekera, Senior Deputy Solicitor General, Attorney General Department Mr. Sunil D.B. Abeyaratne, Attorney-at-Law, Mr. Madhawa Thennakoon, SSC, Professor Muditha Vidanapathirana, Senior Lecturer, Department of Forensic Medicine, University of Sri Jayawardenepura, Mr. A. Welanga, Government Analyst, Mr. Shani Abeysekera SSP Crime Investigation Department, Mr. Chandana Perera, Registrar of Fingerprints, Criminal Records Division and Mrs. K.K.Apsara, Senior Assistant Government Examiner of Questioned Documents were serving as the Members of the Resource Persons panel.

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**CERTIFICATE COURSE
FORENSIC SCIENCE**

FROM 01st June, 2018
From 2.00pm - 4.00pm
At U.R. De Silva Auditorium, BASL

**12 WEEKS/28 HOURS
EVERY FRIDAY
MEDIUM - ENGLISH AND SINHALA**

**15,000
Rupees Only***
*Includes of Course Material

RESOURCE PANEL

- Professor Ravindra Fernando, Tenured Professor on Forensic Science and Toxicology, University of Colombo
- Mr. U.R. De Silva, PC, President, Bar Association of Sri Lanka
- Mr. A. Welanga, Government Analyst, Government Analyst Department
- Ms. E. E. Apanis, Senior Assistant Government Examiner of Questioned Documents
- Professor Muditha Vidanapathirana, Senior Lecturer, University of Sri Jayawardenepura
- Mr. Chethiya Gunasekera, Deputy Solicitor General, Attorney General's Department
- Mr. Madhawa Thennakoon, Senior State Counsel, Attorney General's Department
- Mr. Sunil Abeyaratne, Attorney-at-Law, Future Secretary, BASL
- Mr. Shani Abeysekera, SSP, Criminal Investigations Division
- Mr. Chandana Perera, Registrar Fingerprints

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For Registration Please Contact: BASL Advanced Study Course 0113090030

Certificate Course on Legal English

The Certificate Course on Legal English was commenced on 06th June 2018 as a Eight (08) weeks Course. It was coordinated by Mr. R. Shehan C. Perera, Attorney-at-Law, English Language Lecturer at Sri Lanka Law College and there were 37 participants to the program.

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LEGAL ENGLISH
How to understand and master the language of law

**Rs. 8,000
Only**
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**8 WEEKS/20 HOURS
EVERY WEDNESDAY**

Resource Person
Mr. R. Shehan C. Perera, AAL
PGD-IL, TKT (Criminal),
Lecturer - English Language, Sri Lanka Law College

Course Content

- ✓ 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 **30th May 2018** at the BASL Mini Auditorium from 3.00pm to 4.00pm.
- ✓ Those who will be eligible for the Certificate Course will be notified on 31st May 2018 through email.
- ✓ Each intake will be limited to 50 participants on first come first served basis.

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

FROM 06th JUNE, 2018
From 4.30pm - 6.30pm
At Mini Auditorium, BASL

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For Registration Please Contact: BASL Program Committee 0112447134

14th INTAKE

BAR ASSOCIATION OF SRI LANKA

CERTIFICATE COURSE ON EFFECTIVE INSTRUCTING ATTORNEYS (EIA) 2018

Resource Panel

- Inspections, Interim Orders and granting procedure in Original Courts
Mr. Kushan De Alwis, PC
- Writs and Fundamental Rights Actions in Appellate Courts
Mr. M. U. M. Ali Sabry, PC
- Professional Ethics and Responsibilities of Legal Practitioners
Mr. Shammil Perera, PC / Mr. Chamath Fernando, AAL
- Company Law, IP Law & Commercial Arbitration
Dr. Harsha Cabral, PC
- Procedure in the High Court with regard to documents & related matters
Mr. U. R. de Silva, PC
- Rel. Voluntarisation, Partition Law and Servitude
Mr. Brian Muhammed, PC
- Government Procurement Procedure- A/L's Department
- Methods of acquiring properties in Sri Lanka, Duties and obligations of Notaries
Mr. D. D. Arulpragasam, AAL
- Matrimonial Actions, Maintenance and Child Custody
Mr. Jagath Wickremnayake, AAL
- Civil Procedure Code
Mr. Wasantha Gunayake, AAL

12,500

11 WEEKS - 11 HOURS

FROM Thursday the 2nd of August 2018
From 3.00pm - 5.00pm

Kandah, Sri Lanka
Kandah, Sri Lanka

Certificate Course on Effective Instructing Attorneys

The 14th intake of the Certificate Course on Effective Instructing Attorneys [EIA] commenced on 02nd August 2018 as a 10 weeks course. There were 54 enrollments into this Certificate Course and Mr. Ikram Mohammed PC, Mr. U. R. de Silva PC, Dr. Harsha Cabral PC, Mr. Shammil Perera PC, Mr. Kushan De Alwis, PC, Mr. Viraj Dayaratne PC Additional Solicitor General, Mr. M. U. M. Ali Sabry PC, Mr. G. G. Arulpragasam AAL, Mr. Jagath Wickremnayake AAL and Mr. Vasantha Gajanayake AAL were the Resource Persons of this Certificate Course.

BAR ASSOCIATION OF SRI LANKA

BASL CERTIFICATE COURSE - CRIMINAL DEFENSE

From 08th February, 2019

At the Dr. B.W. Jayewardene QC Auditorium, BASL

Resource Panel

- Mr. U. R. de Silva, PC, President of BASL
- Mr. Anil Silva, PC, President's Counsel
- Mr. Prashantha Lal De Alwis, PC, President of BASL
- Mr. Sunil Abeyaratne, AAL
- Mr. Chamath Fernando, AAL
- Mr. Wasantha Gunayake, AAL
- Mr. M. U. M. Ali Sabry, PC
- Mr. Kushan De Alwis, PC
- Mr. Viraj Dayaratne, PC
- Mr. Shammil Perera, PC
- Mr. D. D. Arulpragasam, AAL
- Mr. G. G. Arulpragasam, AAL
- Mr. Jagath Wickremnayake, AAL
- Mr. Brian Muhammed, PC
- Mr. Harsha Cabral, PC
- Mr. M. U. M. Ali Sabry, PC
- Mr. Wasantha Gunayake, AAL
- Mr. Chamath Fernando, AAL
- Mr. Sunil Abeyaratne, AAL
- Mr. Prashantha Lal De Alwis, PC
- Mr. Anil Silva, PC
- Mr. U. R. de Silva, PC

12 WEEKS EVERY FRIDAY

From 3.00pm - 5.00pm

Kandah, Sri Lanka

Criminal Defense Course

The Certificate Course under the title “Criminal Defence” was commenced on 08th February 2019 as a Twelve Weeks Course. There were 77 registrations for the Certificate Course and it is still ongoing. Mr. U. R. de Silva President’s Counsel, President BASL he is the Course Coordinator while Mr. Anil Silva PC, Mr. Prashantha Lal De Alwis PC, Mr. Saliya Pieris PC, Mr. Nevil Abeyratne PC, Mr. Chethiya Gunasekera DSG, Mr. Madhawa Tennakoon SSC, Mr. D.A.P Weeratna AAL, Mr. Sunil Abeyaratne AAL, Mr. Upali Mohotti AAL and Ms. Sanjeevani Abeykoon AAL are serving as the Resource Persons.

BAR ASSOCIATION OF SRI LANKA

BASL Advanced Certificate Course on ICT Law

From 29th November, 2018

At the Dr. B.W. Jayewardene QC Auditorium, BASL

Resource Panel

- Mr. Sunil Abeyaratne, Attorney at Law
- Mr. Kalya Jayawardene, President of BASL
- Mr. Chandika Jayawardene, President of BASL
- Mr. Jayantha Fernando, Attorney at Law
- Mrs. Ayesha Jinasena, Additional Solicitor General
- Dr. Prashantha Lal De Alwis, Attorney at Law
- Dr. Anurath Perera, Attorney at Law
- Mr. N. Selvakumaran, Attorney at Law
- Mr. Chathura Galhena, Attorney at Law
- Mr. Chamath Fernando, Attorney at Law
- Mr. Anurath Perera, Director, Sky Alliance (Pvt) Ltd.
- Eng. Ranjith Chandraprasith, CIRT
- Mr. Ajith Rohana, DIG Sri Lanka Police and Attorney at Law

14 WEEKS EVERY THURSDAY MORNING

From 9.00am - 11.00am

Kandah, Sri Lanka

ICT Law Course

Advanced Certificate Course on ICT Law was commenced on 29th November 2018 as a Twelve Week Course. There were 44 enrollments to the Course and course is still ongoing. The primary instructor for this course was Mr. Sunil Abeyaratne, Attorney-at-Law while Mr. Jayantha Fernando, Legal Advisor for ICTA, Mr. Chandaka Jayasundara PC, Ms. Ayesha Jinasena PC, Additional Solicitor General, Mr. Chanakya Jayadeva AAL, Mr. Ajith Rohana, DIG Sri Lanka Police and AAL, Mr. Chathura Galhena AAL, Mr. N. Selvakumaran, Senior Lecturer of Faculty of Law University of Colombo, Dr. Sampath Punchihewa, Lecturer Faculty of Law University of Colombo Mr. Ravindu Meegasmulla, Information Security Analyst, CERT and Mr. Siddhartha Nanayakkara, Director, Sky Alliance (Pvt) Ltd were the lecturers for the program.



Introduction to Legal Practices – One day seminar for new entrants to the profession

The BASL Apprentice's Training Committee in collaboration with Professional and Career Development of Women Lawyer's Committee organized a day workshop on Fundamentals in Legal Practice at Grand Monarch, Thalawathugoda on 22nd August 2018 in furtherance of BASL ingrained ideology of imparting fundamental values in the legal professions in the minds of its future generation. Hence program was organized in the eve of the new batch of apprentices being called to the Bar.

The event was honored with the presence of His Lordship Justice S. Thurairajha and the senior official of the Attorney General Department who pointed out various avenues where young lawyers could embark on their legal career.

The program had been structured to present panel discussions by the experts in 04 main areas of law namely Criminal Law, Civil Law, Labour and Employment and Notarial Works. The workshop was aimed at deliberating over certain core spheres in the profession such as understanding profession, professional duties and ethics, communication with client, building key relationship, networking and fostering ongoing professional contacts, projecting and poising of confidence, how to take initiatives and effective management of time.

In each session the experts shared their infinite experience with the apprentices as to the obstacles they had encountered during their long journey and how they had managed to overcome those in order to emerge successful in the long run. A highlight of the event was the role-play enacted by a team lead by Mr. Chandaka Jayasundara PC and Mr. Jagath Wickramanayake, Senior AAL demonstrating as to how professional relationship with a client is built up by gradually winning over their faith.

Skill Developments Toastmaster Programme



The above novel programme was designed and implemented during the past year with the aim of extending support to the members of the bar to brush up the language skills, Presentation skills and confidence in discharging the Professional activities. The said programme was initiated in collaboration with the Toastmasters International and in particular Toastmasters club of the Hatton national Bank Plc.

The first intake has successfully completed the course and the certificates were ceremonially handed over to the respective participants. The grand finale of the said programme was held under the patronage of the Honorable Attorney General wherein Miss. Nadee Sarathchandra was adjudged as the best Speechcrafter and won the gold medal. Presently, the course for the second intake is in progress and the arrangements are being made to commence a course for the Third intake no sooner the completion of the ongoing course. It is the object of the BASL to set up a Toastmasters Club amongst the legal community once the criterion of the International Toastmasters are met in due course.



DISCOURSE BETWEEN SENIOR LAWYERS AND JUNIOR COLLEAGUES

Colombo Dialog on Civil and Criminal Law



The above programme was held on the 23rd and the 24th March 2019 at Grand Monarch Thalawathugoda and Jaic Hilton Colombo Q2 respectively. The topics that were discussed at the said dialogue were issues relating to Civil law and Criminal Law which dialogue was attended by a large number of participants from many parts of the country. The participants were able to directly interact with Judges of the Supreme Court, Court of Appeal, High Court and District Courts in relation to issues regarding the respective areas of practice.



DONOR FUNDED PROGRAMMES

Human Trafficking

The BASL with the assistance of its Programme Committee implemented a series of Round-Table Discussions aiming to raise awareness among legal practitioners, human rights activists, civil society groups and government authorities on the issue of Trafficking in Persons (TIP) and its prevention strategies. This programme was implemented (from May 2018-September 2018) under the BASL partnership with American Bar Association Rule of Law Initiative (ABA ROLI).

In these discussions, a common programme schedule was structured to provide the participants the maximum benefit by disseminating knowledge and skills in order to expand their potentials and capacities to continue their services in TIP combating process. Accordingly, three main areas discussed in these Round-Table Discussions were,

- What Constitutes Trafficking in Persons
- Victim Identification | Cross-Sectoral Strategies
- Interface Between Effective Victim Protection and Successful Prosecutions

In total, Four Round-Table Discussions were held in the districts of Kandy, Baticolooa, Kurunegala and Negombo with the Special Lawyer Training as the Fifth programme in Colombo. BASL and ABA ROLI worked in collaboration to design the programme structure and select the Resource Panel for each programme. 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 simply.


STOP! HUMAN TRAFFICKING

**FIRST ROUNDTABLE
DISCUSSION**


With lawyers representing and/or assisting victims, local authorities and civil society organizations

19th May 2018

At Hotel Swiss Residence, Kandy



A Program organized by the Bar Association of Sri Lanka in collaboration with the American Bar Association Rule of Law Initiative (ABA ROLI) and, with generous support from the United States Government



For More Information Please Contact BASL Program Committee 0113090030



WOMEN LAWYER'S DEVELOPMENT

COMMITTEE ON PROFESSIONAL AND CAREER DEVELOPMENT FOR WOMEN LAWYERS (PCDWL)

Chairperson : **Ms. Ruchira Gunasekera**
Convener : **Ms. Ranusha Wijesinghe**

The BASL Committee on Professional and Career Development for Women Lawyers (PCDWL) was established in May 2018 initiated by Mr. U. R. de Silva PC, President of BASL.

19 founding members served on the committee representing the following bars supporting promotion and advancement of Women Lawyers.

Ms. Anoma Jayawardana - Kurunegala Bar
 Ms. Sandhya Thaldewa - Kaduwela Bar
 Ms. Swarna Jayaweera - Colombo Bar
 Ms. Malika Dhanusekera - Panadura Bar
 Ms. Priyani Rathnayake - Matara Bar
 Ms. Hyacinth Mallawarachchi - Avisawella Bar
 Ms. Sithara Jayasekera - Bibile Bar
 Ms. Nadee Sarathchandra - Chilaw Bar
 Ms. Pradeepa Kaluarachchi - Colombo Bar
 Ms. Madhu Jayatilake - Colombo Bar
 Ms. Yashara Wijesinghe - Colombo Bar
 Ms. Kaushalya Wijesinghe - Nugegoda Bar
 Ms. Umeshika Dalpatadu - Colombo Bar
 Ms. Upeksha Weerasinghe - Colombo Bar
 Ms. Nayomi Wickremaratne - Colombo Bar
 Ms. Chathuri Sirisena - Colombo Bar
 Ms. Peshala Herath - Kurunegala Bar
 Ms. Piyumi Randima Hulugalle - Kurunegala Bar
 Ms. Nirosika Liyanaarachchi - Minuwangoda Bar

The PCDWL Committee's inaugural annual planning meeting took place from 13-15 July at Amari Hotel in Galle with the support of the USAID CORE Justice programme. Professor Maithree



Wickremasinghe graced the meeting as the Keynote Speaker and Ms. Shirani Narayana, Governance and Rule of Law Adviser of USAID participated the programme as the Guest of Honour.

A document was prepared at the inaugural planning meeting which provides an overview of the PCDWL's mandate, also it was intended to be a guiding document for current and future committee members which established the overall objectives for the committee, identified the roles and responsibilities for the committee members and designed activities for the future. The document also contained the mission of the PCDWL, which is to be a forum that provides networking and professional and personal development opportunities that unite and empower

women lawyers to uphold the integrity and professionalism of the legal profession; to advance and protect the interests of women lawyers; and to achieve justice for all.



The PCDWL Committee organised One - Day Workshop for Apprentices on "Advocacy Skills and Career Guidance" in the areas of Criminal Law, Civil Law, Fundamental Rights, Labour & Employment Law and Corporate Law on the 22nd of August 2018 at Grand Monarch Hotel in Thalawathogoda.

As a further step, the committee organised a Capacity Building Workshop for members on "Personal Effectiveness and Leadership Planning, Conducting Meetings and Budgeting" on the 07th October 2018 at Movenpick Hotel Colombo with the support of USAID CORE Justice programme.

At the invitation of PCDWL Chairperson- Ms. Ruchira Gunasekera, Ms. Lakshanthi Fernando - Attorney-at-Law, Singapore, Managing Director CMS Holborn Asia addressed the participants on the theme "Women Lawyers' Journey; Breaking the Glass Ceiling" at the Provincial Law Conference organised by the BASL at Hotel Amari on 21st of October 2018.

CORE JUSTICE also conducted a Programme on Mentoring for the PCDWL Committee members on 16th November 2018 at the BASL Auditorium. Ms. Liyanne and Mr. Roshanga Wickremasinghe were the Resource Persons.



The committee expressed its greatest appreciation for the support and cooperation extended by the President Mr. U. R. De Silva PC, Deputy President, Secretary, Treasurer, Assistant Secretary, Executive Committee, Members of the Bar Council and Administrative Staff of the BASL towards the activities of the PCDWL Committee. The members of the committee extend their special thanks to Ms. Shirani Narayana, Governance and Rule of Law Adviser of USAID, Mr. Mitch Gruner and Ms. Roma Ranasinghe of USAID CORE Justice programme for their support and USAID for sponsoring the programmes of PCDWL Committee.

REPORT OF THE HUMAN RIGHT COMMITTEE

Chairperson : Mr. Sujeewa Lal Dahanayake
Co-Conveners : Mr. Jagath Thalgaswatta
 Mr. Chamith Senanayake

The Human Rights Committee of the Bar Association of Sri Lanka together with the Welfare Division of Prison Department conducted a legal Counseling Programme for the male and female convicted/ remand prisoners in September 2018 at the Magazine Remand Prison and Welikada Prison.

Chairman of the Human Rights Committee of the BASL delivered the Introductory Remarks and the Prison Chief Welfare Officer also addressed the inmates.

A team of Ten Lawyers participated and conducted Counseling Sessions for the male and female inmates on a one on one basis to inquire into whether there were any violation of their rights during the police custody or at the Prison.



REPORT OF THE APPRENTICES TRAINING COMMITTEE

Chairperson : Mr. G. G. Arulpragasam
Co-Conveners : Mr. Maduka Perera

In most of the countries, Apprenticeship lasts for at least two years where Apprentices gain extensive legal practice experience prior to becoming a lawyer to competently represent one's clients upon being enrolled in the bar. During this period Apprentices are expected to learn how to put their knowledge into practice and are also expected to learn the court ethics and etiquettes, legal tactics, how to work under pressure, etc.

However, in Sri Lanka, the Apprenticeship lasts only for six months and most of the Apprentices are called to the Bar before they acquire even the minimum level of skills.

In this light, the Bar Association having identified the issue has as the initial step designed an apprenticeship training program organized and monitored by the Apprenticeship Training Committee. The first training program was successfully held on the 03rd of September 2018 at Hotel Monarch in Thalawathugoda and the second of which was held at the same venue on the 10th of February 2019. At the first program I delivered a lecture on "Duties and Responsibilities of A Notary" and at the second program I delivered a lecture on "Duties and Obligations of an Attorney-at-Law".

I as the Chairman of the Apprenticeship Training Committee also delivered following lectures namely;

1. "Law related to Interim Injunctions" at the Eastern Provincial Law Conference held in Trincomalee
2. "Pre-Trial Procedure" at the special lecture held at the Bar Association Auditorium Colombo on the Amendments to the Civil Procedure Code.
3. "A role of an Instructing Attorney" at the Apprenticeship Program organized by the Law College in Colombo.
4. "Role of an Instructing Attorney in the Pre-trial process" at a lecture organized by the Sri Lanka Women Lawyers Association in Colombo.
5. "Duties and obligations of a Notary in executing a deed" at the Southern Provincial Law Conference held in Galle.
6. "Condominium Law and Issues related to the Notarial Practice" at the BASL CLE Program in Kurunegala.
7. "ඔප්පු ලිවීමේදී නොතාරිස්වරයෙකුගේ වගකීම සහ සැලකිලිමත් විය යුතු කරුණු" at the Wayamba Provincial Law Conference in Chilaw.
8. "Salient Features in the Notaries and Registration of Documents Ordinance" at the Conference on Conveyancing and Notarial Practice held at BMICH Colombo.
9. A motivational speech to the Freshers of Sri Lanka Law College on the invitation of the Principal of the Law College.

ORGANISATION OF PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS (OPA) COMMITTEE OF THE BASL

Chairperson : Mr. Kamal R. Goonesinghe
Convener: Mr. Sujeewa Lal Dahanayake

The Committee has held 5 meetings from May 2018 to February 2019.

Mr. Sujeewa Lal Dahanayake, Mr. Kamal R. Goonesinghe and Mr. Sunil Abeyaratne were appointed as the Vice President, Association Member and Representative Member-Law, respectively to the Executive Committee of the OPA for the year 2018/2019.

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 on 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 2018. Mr. Sunil Abeyaratne has been appointed as the Chairman of the special committee on "Constitutional Amendments of the OPA" and Mr. Nihal Seresinhe and Mr. Kamal R. Goonesinghe serve as the committee members of the same. Mr. Nihal Seresinhe has been appointed as the Consultant to the Restaurant and Bar Committee of the OPA. Mr. Sujeewa Lal Dahanayake has been appointed as the Chairman of the Sector Committee of National Security, Law and Order. Ms. Ruchira Gunasekera was elected as a Vice President at the General Election of the OPA held in October 2018 and serves as the Chairperson of the National Issues Committee of the OPA.

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 theme "Media : The Fourth Pillar of Democracy" and it was held at the OPA auditorium on the 11th of March 2019 which was followed by dinner which encouraged interaction and networking amongst professionals. More than hundred professionals participated at the seminar.

The panel of resource persons was consisted of Mr. Sudarshana Gunawardena, AAL-Former Director of Government Information, Mr. Nalaka Gunawardena-Columnist and Media Analyst and Mr. Ajitha Rohana -DIG, Attorney-at-Law. Mr. Sudarshana Gunawardena spoke on "Regulating Media in a Country where there is a democratic deficit", Mr. Nalaka Gunawardena discussed on the theme "Big Media, Social Media and Freedom of Expression" and Mr. Ajitha Rohana spoke on the "Media Freedom Vs Tendency of Crimes". The session was followed by a panel discussion moderated by Mr. Sunil Abeyaratne, Attorney-at-Law.

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.

SEMINAR ON
"MEDIA: THE FOURTH PILLAR OF DEMOCRACY"
 Organized by
THE OPA COMMITTEE OF THE BAR ASSOCIATION OF SRI LANKA
 In association with
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Speakers

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 Attorney-at-Law
 Former Director General of Government Information, Sri Lanka
 - Regulating Media in a country where there is a democratic deficit

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Mr. Ajith Rohana
 Deputy Inspector General of Police
 Attorney-at-Law
 Former Police Media Spokesman
 - Media Freedom Vs Tendency for Crimes

On Monday, 11th March 2019
 From 05.45 p.m. to 08.30 p.m.
 At the OPA Auditorium of the OPA Centre, Colombo 07

ENTRANCE FREE
 Followed by Dinner
 (Please register early)

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REPORT OF THE NOTARIAL PRACTICE (NP) & REGISTRATION OF TITLE (ROT) COMMITTEE

Mr. Nithi Murugesu, Attorney-at-Law was appointed as Chairman of the NPC Committee and the Registration of Title Committee. Ms. Nirodha Kalansooriya, Attorney-at-Law was appointed as the Convener of the NPC Committee and the Registration of Title Committee.

Meetings of the Committee

These two committees had their monthly committee meetings at the BASL premises on the days the Bar Council meet, from 9.00 A.M. onwards. Due to several important Notarial and Title Registration matters to be considered urgently, these committees convened several additional committee meetings.

Payment of Stamp Duty for Deeds/Instruments

Several Lawyers who are Notaries made representations to the BASL for assistance. These included Lawyers from the Gampaha, Avisawella and several other Bars relating to delay/ nonpayment of stamp duty and possible prosecutions and fines. NPC together with delegates of BASL had a meeting with the Western Province Commissioner to discuss the possibility of resolving the matter. The Western Province Provincial Council and the Commissioner of Revenue were reluctant to grant any relief to the said Lawyers and therefore the NPC requested those Lawyers to make an appeal pointing out the provisions which give them the right to appeal.

Meeting had with Hon. Minister of Home Affairs and several meetings had with the Registrar General

The representative of the NPC had a meeting with the Hon. Minister, the Registrar General and some Land Registrars to discuss several issues including the change of Notarial License to "Districts" rather than "Judicial Zones/Divisions" which has given rise to certain practical difficulties. NPC also requested consequent amendments to these relevant enactments.

The [NPC] requested the Registrar-General to improve the services and facilities for their staff and for Lawyers / Notaries in the Land Registries and to be cooperative with Lawyers. Several issues relating to the registration of Deeds at Land Registries were also discussed. The Registrar General agreed to provide solutions to most of these requests.

The Registrar General mentioned that registration of deeds will be done within one day (one-day service) at Rs 5,000/=. However, the NPC requested not to implement this service as it affects prior registrations. This service has been suspended.

A Full Day Conference on "Conveyancing and Notarial Practice" held at BMICH.

A full day Conference was held on 9th February 2019 at the BMICH with 450 participants and it was very successfully concluded. The Chairperson of the Conference Committee was Mrs. Chandra Ellawella, Attorney at Law. The topics covered were "Property Transfers and Anti money Laundering requirements" by Dr. Dayanath Jayasooriya PC, "Implications of new Foreign Exchange law on Property Transfers and Migration allowances" by Mr. Ravindra Jayarathne, Director Foreign Exchange CBSL, Realization of Assets Tax (Capital Gains Tax) and other taxes under the new tax regime" by Mr. Suresh, Attorney-at-Law, Director Tax Regulatory KPMG, "Salient Features in the Notaries and Registration of Documents, Reconstruction of damaged folios, Foreign wills and re sealing foreign probates" by Mr. G. G. Arulpragasam, Attorney-at-Law, "Amalgamation of Subdivision of properties and Approval of plans" by Engineer Ms. K. G. Samarasinghe, Acting Director (City Planning), Colombo Municipal Council, "Revocation of irrevocable Deeds and Gifts and Advice to Notaries to avoid pitfalls" by Mr. Chandana Liyanapatabendi PC, Fraudulent Land Transactions by Mr. Neville Abeyrathne PC, "Salient Features of the Title Registration Act from the owner's, Notaries and Counsel's perspective, Crown and Swarna Boomi Lands" by Ms. Keerthimala Gunesekera, Attorney-at-Law and "Current Apartment Ownership laws and Management Corporations" by Ms. Ajithaa Edirimane, Attorney-at-Law

Training Opportunities for youngsters at Government Institution

We were able to provide rare opportunities for young Attorneys law students and apprentices to obtain short term in house training programs under the concept of Continuous Learning Education wherein opportunities were given to many members at the National Intellectual Property Office in Sri Lanka, Ministry of Finance and Planning and Department of Exchange Control of the Central Bank of Sri Lanka. We acknowledged the support extended by Mr. Nalinda Indatissa, Senior Attorney at Law for securing the said opportunities to our members.

BASL in its endless journey

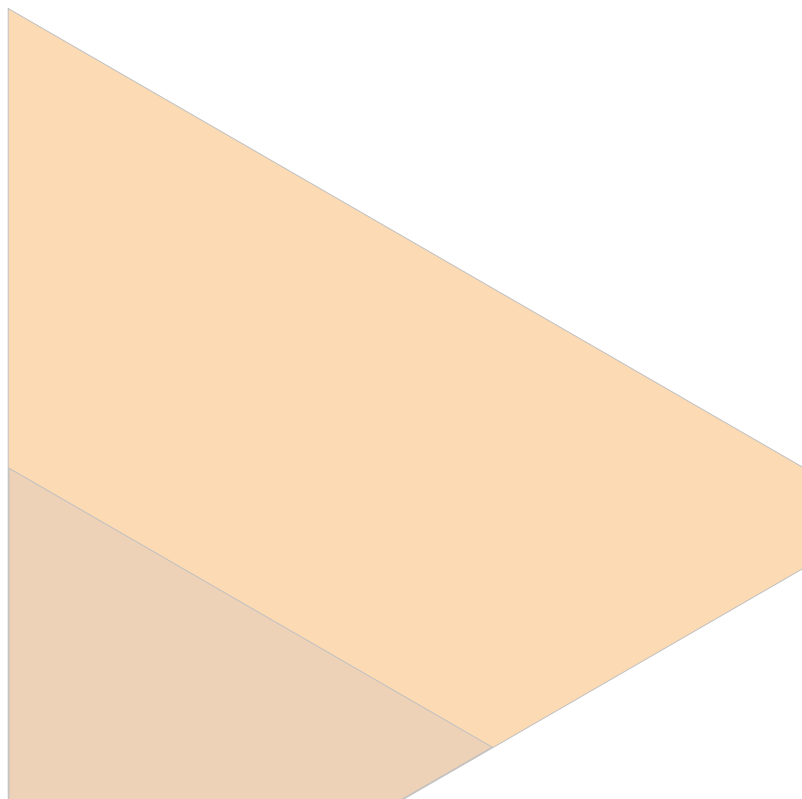
The BASL which perpetuates progressive policies notwithstanding the change of office bearers has already devised strings of program to be launched in the next calendar year commencing from 1st April 2019. Accordingly the plans are already in afoot to offer following course to its membership at affordable price

1. Seminar on Conveyancing
2. Certificate Course on Election Law
3. Silk Forum
4. Diploma in Collaboration with University of Australia
5. Appellate Court Advocacy program

Memberships can obtain further details and get registered to foregoing programs by visiting our website on www.basl.com

CHAPTER 05

ASSISTANCE TO OUTSTATION BARS



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During the past year, The BASL intervened to find solutions to many issues between the members of Outstation Bars had with other stakeholders in the society including the Judiciary, Sri Lanka Police, Prison Department, AGs Department, Open University of Sri Lanka, Provincial Councils (regarding the payment of Stamp duty) etc. Further, several donations were made by providing computers, printers, furniture, Sri Lanka Law Reports and other reading materials and cash donations to Branch associations in consequent to a decision arrived at the Executive Committee during the past year. It is to be noted that the said donations were made out of the funds generated from the programmes conducted during the past year. Total Value of donation were Rs. 1,423,820.62

List of Donations

Baddegama Bar Association - Conference Tables & 06 Nos Visitors Chairs	54,506.25
Mount Lavinia Bar Association - 20 Nos Visitors Chairs & Library Cupboards	121,273.75
Puttalam Bar Association - 20 Nos Visitors Chairs	99,875.00
Homagama Bar Association - 15 Nos Arms Chairs	101,681.25
Marawila Bar Association - 20 Nos Arms Chairs	116,875.00
Ampara Bar Association - 01 No Library Cupboard	21,398.75
Minuwangoda Bar Association - Library Cupboards	38,547.50
Panadura Bar Association - Corner Stand & Water Dispenser & Furnitures	86,703.75
Elpitiya Bar Association - Library Cupboard	22,657.50
Matara Law Society - Laser Printer	32,500.00
Matale Bar Association - Visitors Chairs	105,750.00
Samanturai Bar Association - Library Cupboard	22,657.50
Matara Bar Association	33,000.00
Ampara Bar Association	22,200.00
Colombo Magistrat Court - 03 Nos cupboards & Acts	64,120.00
Galle Bar Association - Computers	134,500.00
Kanthale Bar Association - Conference Tables & 06 Nos Visitors Chairs	55,584.37
Warakapola Bar Association - 06 Nos Visiting Chairs & writing Table	48,982.50
Moratuwa Bar Association - Library Cupboard, Writing Table, 12 Nos Chairs	89,972.50
Batticola Bar Association - Library Cupboards	43,000.00
Nugegoda Bar Association - Steel Tables & Chairs	108,035.00
Tota Amount	1,423,820.62

Further, apart from the text books to Libraries of Outstations Bars on various topics of Law, complete set of Sri Lanka Law Reports were donated to Matara, Badulla Ampara, Matale, Anuradhapura Branch Associations. It is the desire of the BASL to donate complete sets of the Legislative Enactments, New Law Reports and Sri Lanka Law reports to all Branch Associations.



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Dear Sir,

Allocating Kandy Bar Association Law Library and Lawyer's common rooms with new chairs.

Kandy Bar Association has mentioned in regarding of essential equipment required for Kandy Law Library and Lawyer's rest rooms.

Acquiring Law Library with new book cupboard become a necessity.

The common rooms of Lawyers had been neglected and at the moment we are using chairs and used and repaired in many occasions.

We have drawn your attention during the Pre Zonal meeting and also at monthly BASL in enough to take necessary steps and draw the of justice with this regard.

Thank you for your kind gesture.

Thanking you,

[Signature]
Bandara Karunaratne,
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Dear Sir,

For the Kind Attention

The Bar Association of Kurunegala has identified the following issues in relation to the infrastructure development in the Courts in Kurunegala including the Civil Appellate High Court of the North Western Province.

- 1) Renovation of the roof of all the Courts in the Court Complex.
- 2) Space and facilities available in the record rooms of the District Court and the Magistrate Court.
- 3) The present standard and the day today cleaning and maintenance of the latrines of the Lawyers and the litigants within the Court premises.
- 4) To locate the Civil Appellate High Court also with the other Courts in one complex. (In the present complex or even otherwise)
- 5) To have a new office complex for the Lawyers. As the membership has grown to more than 300.
- 6) Seating space for lawyers, prosecuting officers and litigants is insufficient in the Additional Magistrate Court. The corridor space between the court and the production room can be utilized to create seating capacity, which would benefit the litigants, specially the old and feeble.

The executive committee of the Kurunegala Bar Association kindly requests the Bar Association of Sri Lanka to take notice of the above issues and to treat this as urgent and to take up the matters with the Ministry of Justice.

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Thank You,

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CHAPTER 06

RELATIONS WITH INTERNATIONAL BAR ASSOCIATIONS

- ▶ **BASL AT INTERNATIONAL FORUMS**
 - >> **LawAsia 2018**
 - >> **POLA 2018**
 - >> **2nd China Training Base**
 - >> **IBA Conference - Japan**

BASL AT INTERNATIONAL FORUMS

LawAsia - 2018

The BASL always encourages its members to participate in international events where Sri Lankan lawyers get the opportunity to cultivate new affiliations with regional and International legal community. Accordingly, a delegation consisting of more than 20 Members representing BASL attended the 31st Law Asia Conference held in Siem Reap, Cambodia from 2nd to 5th November 2018 under the theme “New Era for South East Asia”.

The LawAsia 2018 conference agenda was fully fledged with sessions dealing with important aspects and new development concerning the law in South East Asia, which included Foreign Direct Investments in developing Asia, Cross Boarder Insolvency, Impact of climate change on human rights, EU -ASEAN Trade Agreements, Role for technology and data protection law in developing countries and artificial intelligence on Employment Implications. In addition to advancing their knowledge on various dimensions of emerging law, the members who attended the event had the benefit of visiting the world heritage sites namely “Angkor Theom, Ta Prohm and the mother of all temples - Angkor Wat”, believed to be the world’s largest religious building, constructed in 12th century.



POLA - 2018



The Presidents of Lawyers Associations - POLA held its Annual Conference in Canberra, Australia from 2-3 August 2018 on the theme “Matching Rhetoric with Action”. The BASL was represented by three members. The event had two parallel activities - The President’s Summit and the POLA Conference.

Independence of the judiciary and legal profession; Anti-corruption and Transparency; Refugees and Asylum Seekers; Business and Human Rights and the Legal Profession; Inclusion and Diversity in the Legal Profession; were session topics covered at this Conference

BASL also participated at the -

2nd Course of China-South Asia Legal Training Base - Jan 7th to 27th 2018 and the 6th Asia Pacific Regional Forum Biennial Conference, Tokyo, Japan, 27 February-1 March 2019

BASL MEMBERSHIP IN INTERNATIONAL LEGAL ARENA

BASL continued its Membership with The International Bar Association (IBA), LAWASIA and initiated membership of the Belt and Road Initiative (BRILA)

DELEGATIONS RECEIVED BY THE BASL

Delegation by the Singapore Law Society



Delegation from the Singapore Business Federation (SBF) together with Enterprise Singapore (ESG), and Members of the Law Society of Singapore (LSS) - 12th September, 2018

Delegation from Commonwealth Lawyers' Association

Mr. R Santhanakrishnana President - Commonwealth Lawyers Association visited BASL on 14th November 2018
The BASL Office Bearers met with the Commonwealth Lawyers Association and Paragon Group for a discussion on the possibility of hosting the Commonwealth Lawyers Conference in Sri Lanka in 2021.

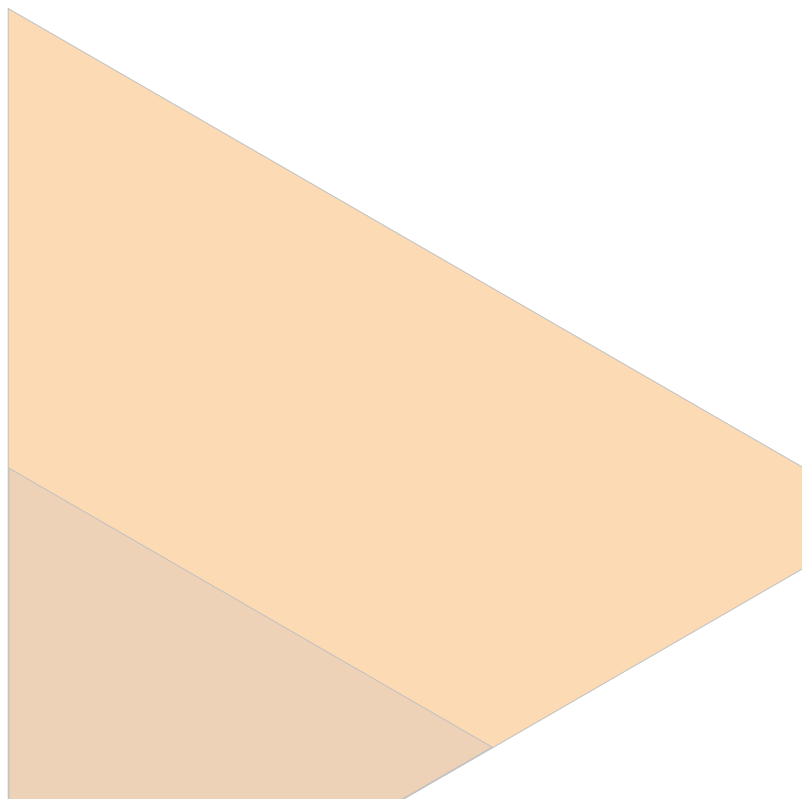
Delegation from China

Chinese Delegation of Lawyers and Notaries met with the BASL office bearers on 8th January 2019 and discussed matters of mutual interest

CHAPTER 07

LEGAL AID AND ACCESS TO JUSTICE

- ▶ **Law-Week 2018**
- ▶ **Regular legal aid clinics conducted by the Legal Aid Standing Committee**



LAW-WEEK 2018

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In parallel to the mammoth event of Legal Aid Clinic, a myriad of other ancillary events such as awareness programs for school children were also held across the country.

Some of the landscape snapped during the Legal Aid Clinics are depicted below



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Programs on Legal Awareness for School Children, Migrant Workers and the general public, Legal Aid clinics in selected areas, Exhibitions and Debating Competitions, were held in 14 Branch Bars in Gampaha, Galle, Kurunegala, Matale, Monaragala, Kandy, Marawila, Polonnaruwa, Anuradhpura, Batticaloa, Ratnapura, Panadura and Elpitiya in the outsations and in Sri Jayawardena pura Kotte in Colombo. The Legal Aid Commission and the Depatrtrment of the Attorney General assisted the BASL in conducting these programs. An exhibition of Institutions and Agencies involved in the Legal Services and related areas displayed their activities to the general public in the Colombo Program.

REGULAR LEGAL AID CLINICS CONDUCTED BY THE LEGAL AID STANDING COMMITTEE

The 'Legal Aid and Public Interest Litigation Committee' of the BASL has continued to make its contribution during the period 2018 – 2019 in order to assist the BASL to achieve one of its main objectives, namely, ensuring equality and justice for all Sri Lankans. Every effort has been made to achieve this objective 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, Convenor 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 2018 - 2019.

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 is conducted at the BASL on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 2.30 p. m. to 5.00 p. m. There are clients from all parts of the country on almost every clinic day and they are 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:

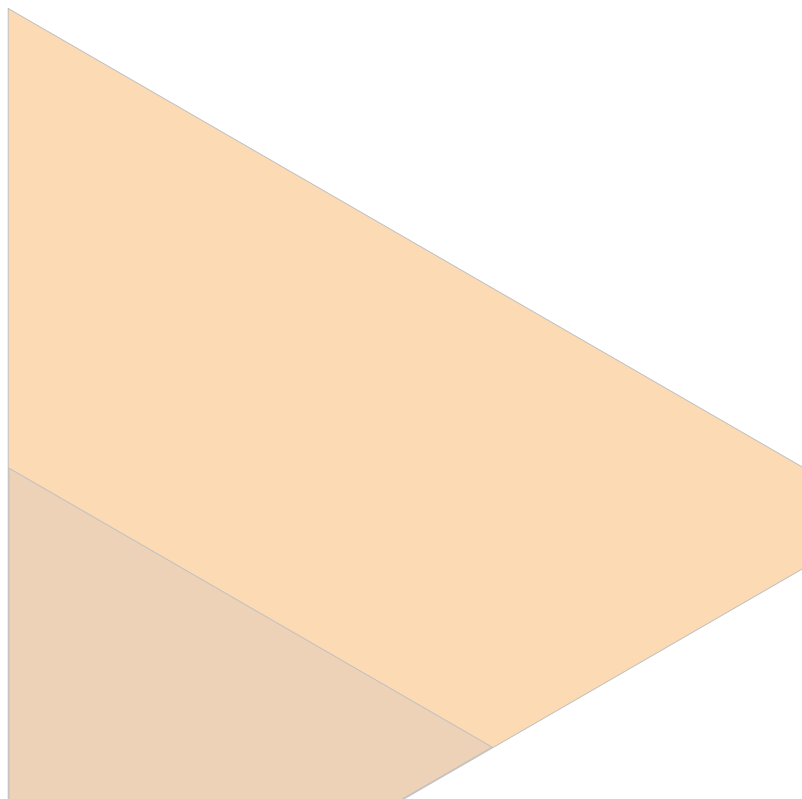
- (a) Uphold and defend the Constitution and the law
- (b) Further the national interest
- (c) Preserve and protect public property and to combat misuse and waste of public property
- (d) Respect the rights and freedoms of others**
- (e) Protect nature and conserve its riches

The Legal Aid and Public Interest Litigation Committee has taken some action including the intervention in the Uma Oya Fundamental Rights Case which is still pending before the Supreme Court. The Chairman of the Committee Dr. W. D. Rodrigo, PC appears in this case on behalf of the Bar Association of Sri Lanka.

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Programs on Legal Awareness for School Children, Migrant Workers and the general public, Legal Aid clinics in selected areas, Exhibitions and Debating Competitions, were held in 14 Branch Bars in Gampaha, Galle, Kurunegala, Matale, Monaragala, Kandy, Marawila, Polonnaruwa, Anuradhpura, Batticaloa, Ratnapura, Panadura and Elpitiya in the outskirts and in Sri Jayawardenapura Kotte in Colombo. The Legal Aid Commission and the Department of the Attorney General assisted the BASL in conducting these programs. An exhibition of Institutions and Agencies involved in the Legal Services and related areas displayed their activities to the general public in the Colombo Program.

REGULAR LEGAL AID CLINICS CONDUCTED BY THE LEGAL AID STANDING COMMITTEE

The 'Legal Aid and Public Interest Litigation Committee' of the BASL has continued to make its contribution during the period 2018 – 2019 in order to assist the BASL to achieve one of its main objectives, namely, ensuring equality and justice for all Sri Lankans. Every effort has been made to achieve this objective 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, Convenor 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 2018 - 2019.

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 is conducted at the BASL on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 2.30 p. m. to 5.00 p. m. There are clients from all parts of the country on almost every clinic day and they are 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.

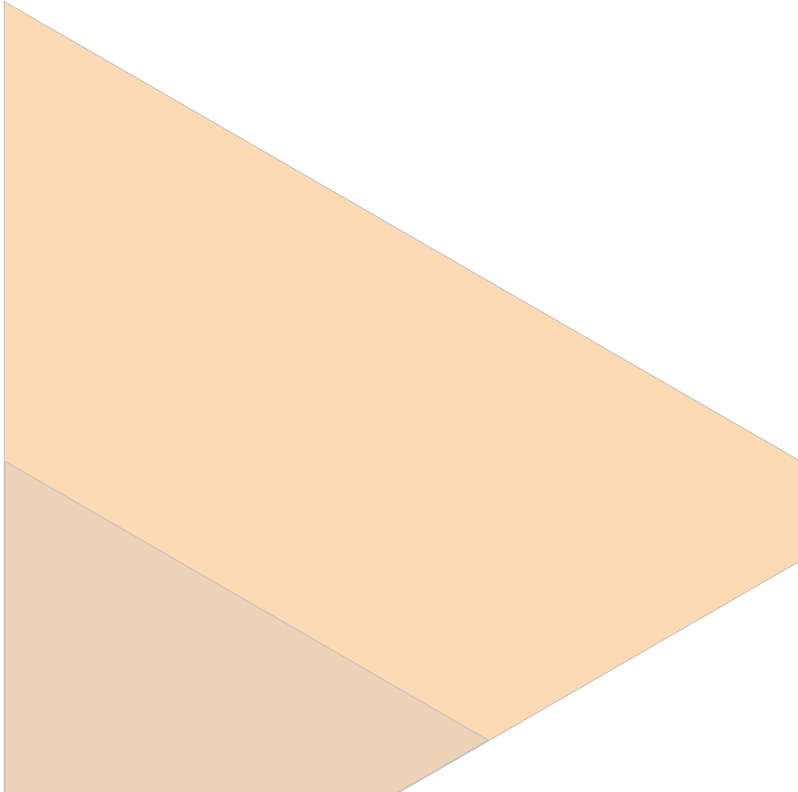
Thus public interest litigation has emerged as a useful tool that enables the public to bring certain broad matters of public interest such as environmental issues to the attention of Courts. In compliance with the duty imposed on every person in Sri Lanka by Article 28 of the Constitution of the Democratic 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 some action including the intervention in the Uma Oya Fundamental Rights Case which is still pending before the Supreme Court. The Chairman of the Committee Dr. W. D. Rodrigo, PC appears in this case on behalf of the Bar Association of Sri Lanka.

CHAPTER 08

MAINTENANCE OF STANDARDS OF PROFESSIONAL CONDUCT

- ▶ **Professional Purposes Committee**
 - ▶ **Ethics Committee**
 - ▶ **Optional attire for women Lawyers**
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Report of the Chairman - Professional Purposes Committee

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.

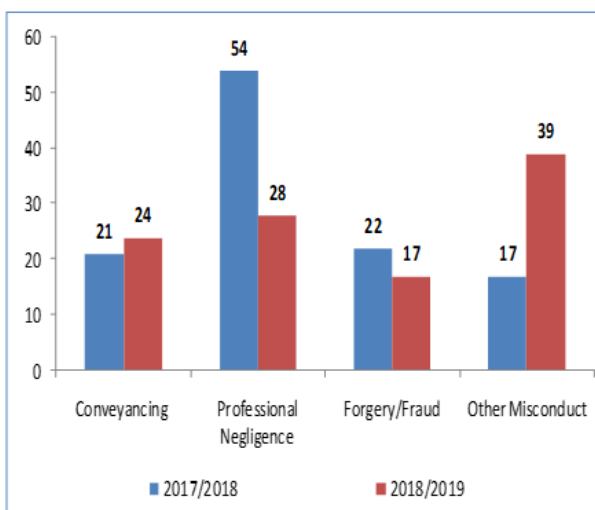
Over the years I have seen reputed members of the bar being subjected to humiliation by calling for explanations and / or disciplinary inquiry on frivolous complaints. Thereby, I initiated a two pronged system where first the complaints are screened by the Chairman of the Professional Purposes Committee to ascertain the genuineness and merits of complaints received and thereafter will be referred to a panel if in the Chairman's opinion the complaint is genuine and have merits prima-facie.

I have received hundred and eight (108) complaints against Attorneys-at-Law during the past year which is a slight reduction compared to the previous year and a majority of the complaints are in relation to conveyancing and professional misconduct matters which constitute approximately fifty (50) per centum of the total complaints received. I have also received seventeen (17) complaints in relation forgery and fraudulent acts by lawyers and thirty nine complaints pertaining to other acts of misconduct.

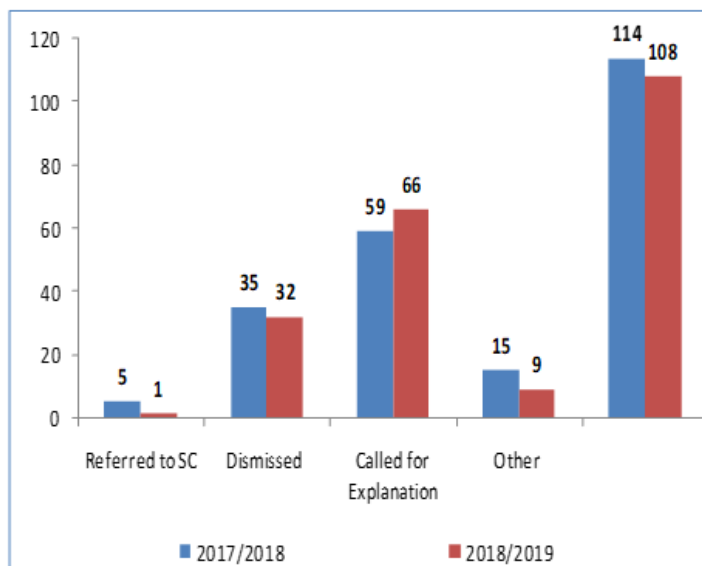
I have looked into all matters referred to me and given necessary instructions. Accordingly, I have recommended referring five (01) complaint together with inquiry panel rulings to His Lordship the Chief Justice to take appropriate steps. I have also recommended dismissing thirty two (32) complaints that is thirty (30) per centum of the total complaints received due to lack of genuineness and/ or merits and/or jurisdiction. I have also recommended calling for explanation from sixty six (66) Attorneys-at-Law with regard to complaints received against them and recommended to fix sixty three (63) of them 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



Report of the Chairman - Ethics Committee

Professional Ethics is an integral part of this noble profession. It was the view of many, that annual influx of lawyers into this profession without any quality control has sent this profession into a descending trend. The ethics committee which comprised of;

- Chairman** : **Mr. Shamil Perera PC**
- Convener** : **Mr. Binara A. Gunasekera**
Mr. Varuna Senadeera
Mr. Primal Ratwatte

commenced their tenure in 2017 and discharged assigned matters which were at a stand-still for two years. The Committee met on weekends on regular basis and due to the efficiency of the same, certain professional purpose inquiry matters were also entrusted with the Ethics Committee.

In discharging ethics issues, the committee took every inquiry very seriously and concluded such inquires in a highly professional manner. The following is the schedule of work that was completed during the current year. Though many expressed concern that 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 are above 10 years in practice.

ETHICS COMMITTEE REPORT AS AT 25TH MARCH 2019

COMPLAINTS BROUGHT FORWARD FROM PREVIOUS YEARS	COMPLAINTS RECEIVED DURING 2018 MARCH - 2019 MARCH	DISMISSED	LAID BY	INQUIRY
13	30	9	2	32

The above clearly indicates the deterioration of Professional standards amongst the legal practitioners which needs to be addressed without delay. It is considered that stern action shall be taken against the members who are found guilty for Professional misconduct in order to maintain the Public confidence in the legal system. In this context the attention should be drawn to set up a mechanism to conduct disciplinary enquiries in Provincial levels which would undoubtedly expedite the conclusion of such enquiries which will be beneficial for both the Public and the respective Respondents. This would be beneficial for the legal fraternity in winning the Public confidence and trust but of course such enquiries shall be conducted in an impartial, independent, and a transparent manner by following due process.



New Attire for women lawyers [Optional]

Considering the representation made by the women lawyers, the BASL initiated discussion with his Lordship the Chief Justice. Accordingly, the following Gazette Notification was published wherein the optional attire was permitted as a dress code for women lawyers. However, concerns have been raised that said rules relating to attire must be revisited and suitable steps should be taken to avoid criticism regarding the attire of Attorneys -At-Law.

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PART II — LEGAL

Supreme Court Notices

SUPREME COURT RULES - 2018

RULES made under Article 136 of the Constitution of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka by the Chief Justice and the other Judges of the Supreme Court nominated by him under that Article.

1. W. P. G. Dep, Chief Justice
2. S. E. Wanasundera, Judge of the Supreme Court
3. B. P. Aluwihare, Judge of the Supreme Court
4. K. S. J. de Abrew, Judge of the Supreme Court.

Colombo,

1. These rules may be cited as the Attire of Judges and Attorneys-at-Law Rules of 2018. These rules amend the Attire of Judges and Attorneys-at-Law Rules 1978 by deletion of Rule 7 and substitution of new rule thereof and shall come into force on such date as may be appointed by the Chief Justice by Notification published in the *Gazette*.

Amendment to the Attire of Judges and Attorneys-at-Law Rules 1978 by the deletion of Rule 7 and Substitution of a new rule

7. The attire of women Attorneys-at-Law shall be as follows :

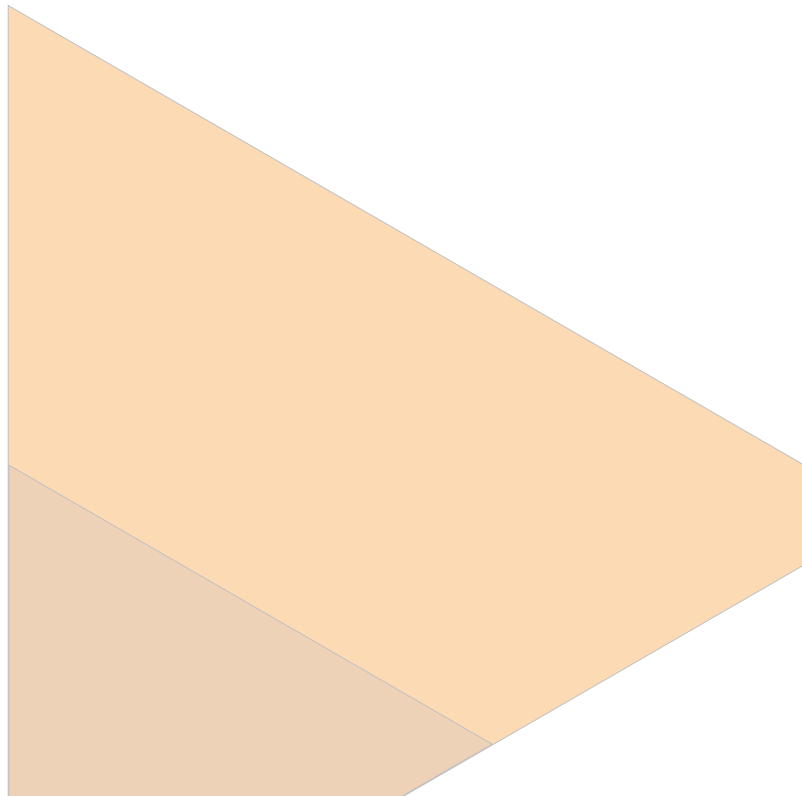
White, black, grey or mauve saree and jacket, or white, black, grey or mauve frock below the knee length or black coat and black long trousers up to the ankle with high necked white long sleeved shirt with collar tucked inside the trouser and black gown/cloak.





CHAPTER 09

BASL - FACELIFT TO INFRASTRUCTURE, FACILITIES AND STAFF



BASL - Facelift to Infrastructure and Facilities

Undoubtedly the legal profession is the most prominent Profession in the country consisting of renowned and respected legal eminaries thus it was the intention of the BASL to uplift the standards of the Secretariat specially the services which are provided to the members without any delay. It was further necessary to take immediate steps to introduce professionalism to the employees of the Secretariat and to provide due training to uplift the skills of the employees in order to obtain better service to members. In this context steps were taken to modernize the facilities at the BASL, introduced a dress code to officers, training programmes were conducted and many training programmes are due to be conducted in the near future.

It is to be noted that during the past year stern disciplinary steps were taken against the members of the staff who are found guilty for misconduct. It is our view that progressive steps shall be taken without delay in order to achieve further heights in the future.

In a matter of upgrading of the Secretariat, the many renovations were effected to the building, purchased a generator, installed a solar power system, introduced modern photocopying machines/ printers with the aim of inter alia providing a better service to the members and to minimize the expenditure of the BASL.



BASL Website Re-launch

The Bar Association of Sri Lanka at a historical event held on 09th January 2019 at its Auditorium, stepped onto the Cyber Space by launching its Official Website. The luminous ceremony attended by the distinguished Legal Professionals witnessed Mr. U.R de Silva PC, the incumbent President of the BASL officially activating the website on the server. He was flanked by Mr. Kaushlya Nawarathne, Hon. Secretary of BASL, Mr. Sujeewa Lal Dahanayake, Hon. Treasurer of the BASL and Mr. Chamath Fernando, the Assistant Secretary of the BASL.

The Official Website of the BASL can be accessed via 'www.basl.lk'. The Official Website of the BASL has been designed to primarily serve two purposes vis to effectively network its mammoth membership currently exceeding 20,000 and to showcase the caliber of the Sri Lankan Legal Profession, its culture and heritages to entire globe.

The Official Website of the BASL, which had been one of the long standing dreams of the BASL for the past couple of years, after a couple of abortive attempts, was eventually dawned upon the reality thanks to the shrewd management of BASL led by its incumbent President, Mr. U.R de Silva PC and Mr. Kaushalya Nawarathne, Hon. Secretary.

Following the launching of the website, a hosts of facilities which had thus far been confined to the four walls of the BASL will hereinafter be at disposal of the membership within a click away. Among the other thing which will be within fingernail reach of the members include,

- I. Either obtain or renew your membership
- II. Get updated of latest news affecting the legal profession

and the announcement made by the BASL aimed at entirety of its membership

- III. Learn about upcoming the programs on Continuous Legal Education and the conferences and other workshops organized by the BASL and enroll at them
- IV. To grab the offers which are produced for the members periodically
- V. Look up the contact details of legal professional
- VI. Access to latest landmark judgments

The members will now be able to enjoy these hosts of facilities with a tender touch on the screen of their laptops or even the smart phones as of mundane.

The BASL official website has been designed and developed by Mr. Saranga Hettiarachchi, the permanent IT executive of the BASL and his sheer dedication into the endeavor during the previous a few months fortified by the blessing and patronage of the BASL Executive Committee saw the remarkable feat unfolding in not-too-distant New Year.

The reason for the relaunching of the said website was due to the fact that the website existed was inaccessible and par below an official website of a professional organization such as the BASL. Hence, in consequent to several discussions, the management committee engaged with the web developer to find a reasonable solution as the BASL had incurred a large sum of money for the said website. However, as there was no meaningful solution from the said Web developer namely - ,steps are being taken to initiate legal proceedings to recover the monies paid to the said developer.



The BASL – A conducive environment for Employees

The BASL which always encourages its permanent staff to engage in their day today works enthusiastically periodically offers incentives. Accordingly in acknowledgement of their valuable service in the recent past which had been congested with a hectic schedule the Executive Committee which convened on 26th March 2019 unanimously approved Bonus of gross salary of 1.5 months to all staff, a performance incentive, Special Payment for active involvement in Special Projects and Election works. Further Special payment for staff of accounts section for handling UNHCR Program Accounts and an annual increment of 10% for the Administrative Secretary were granted.

Recruitment of an Accountant

The BASL which is on its way to utilize advance technology in the accounting process, simultaneous to the retirement of our incumbent Accountant Mrs. Mapa, recently proposed to recruit a qualified Accountant harnessed with the knowledge on digital accounting. Accordingly from 62 Applicants out of which 43 were screened and 04 was shortlisted following an interview chaired by Mr. Neomal Gunawardena, the chairman of Finance Committee, Mr. Malinga Ranasinghe Bandara was chosen subject to a reasonable emolument package. Mr. Bandara who has left behind him 30 years in experience in the finance sector academically bears a Diploma in Financial Accounting Costing, Budgeting, IT an Business Law from Association of Accounting Technician (UK), Diploma in IT with specialization in application design and Programming from DP Aids, Sri Lanka and Certification from IT training Programs conducted by IT institution (IMB and DMS) in Sri Lanka. His selection was unanimously approved by the Executive Committee convened on 226th March 2019.

Following improvements were done on the BASL Secretariat during the last year in order to provide better and uninterrupted services to the membership.

BASL Auditorium was adorned with curtains



The Garage at the Basement of BASL was renovated



The BASL was powered with a Generator



The Solar Power system was installed to curtail increasing electricity bill at the BASL Secretariat



The lavatory of the BASL was refurbished



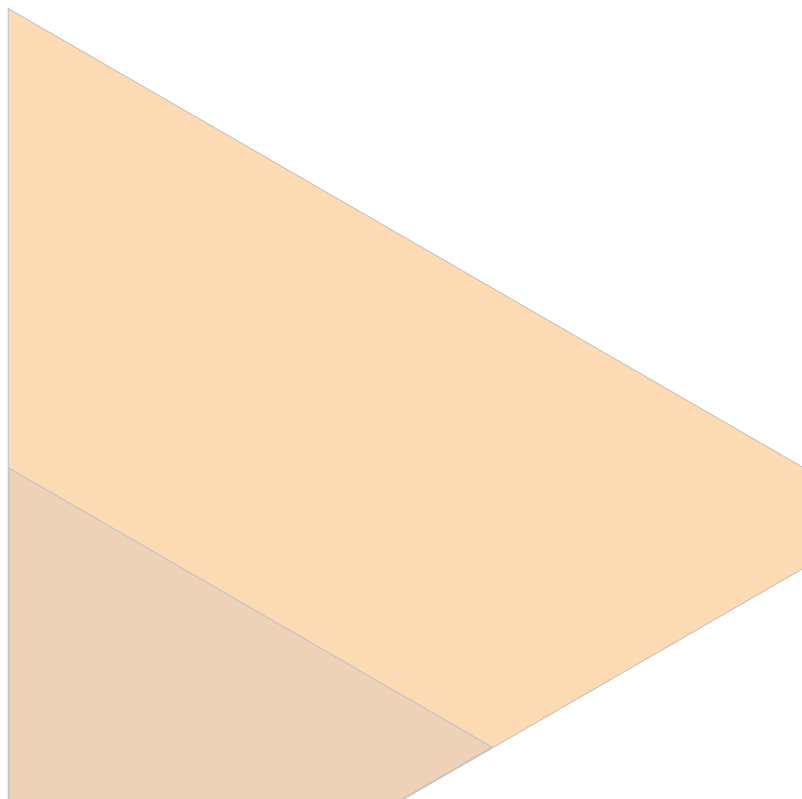
An automated Cash Reception Machine



For the first time BASL was equipped with an Automated Cash Reception Machine which facilitates its members to make payments with their bank cards. This was yet another initiative taken by the Management in order to cater growing demands of the society which is now rapidly drifting towards cashless transactions.

CHAPTER 10

MEMBERS' SOCIAL AND WELFARE ACTIVITIES



Singapore Cruise

Your Dream Comes True!!!
Valentine's Day on Cruise Genting Dream
13th to 16th February 2019



All inclusive Package
Rs. 150,000/-

Package includes:-

- ❖ Airfare from Colombo - Singapore - Colombo
- ❖ Two nights Cruise on Genting Dream
- ❖ One night Stay at a Hotel in Singapore (B/B basis)
- ❖ All meals onboard on Genting Dream

Hurry... !!!
Make your reservation immediately
Pay on arrival for cabin only - reservation on full basis - first served basis

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 Secretary - BASL

A group of 72 members and their families enjoyed Valentine's Day 2019 on the Genting Dream on a three Day Cruise 13th to 16th February 2019

- Airfare from Colombo – Singapore – Colombo
- Two nights Cruise on Genting Dream
- One night Stay at a Hotel in Singapore
- All meals onboard on Genting Dream

Annual Trip



BASL ANNUAL TRIP 2019
DANAWWA RESORT - HABARANA

Organized by
 The Bar Association of Sri Lanka
2nd to 4th MARCH

All inclusive Package
Rs. 15,000/-
 (Inclusive of Transport)

Hurry... !!!
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Inclusive of two nights accommodation,
 Transport and excursions of your choice to
 Sigiriya / Pidurangala / Ridigala Rocks.
 Leaving Mullaberg at 6.00 a.m. on 2nd March

The Annual Excursion of the BASL, much desired event on the BASL calendar was destined to Danauwwa resort at Habarana for three days from 2nd March to 4th March 2019. A significant number of members of the Bars across the country with their family members grabbed the opportunity to enjoy three days at a luxurious hotel accompanied by adventurous expeditions at much affordable price.

During the stay at Danauwwa Resort, the members joined the expedition to Minnariya Reserve on Safari Ride, Ritigala Reserve and Pidurangala hill. Whilst on the first night the BASL threw a party to the members on the second night, the members held the Presidents of BASL in high stem at a function organized overnight.

Those who availed of the opportunity complimented the BASL for enabling the members spread across the country, to get together and refresh their friendships.

AIR-CONDITIONING OF BASL LIBRARY

Air-conditioning was installed at the BASL Library located at the District Court premises facilitating a comfortable environment for members to conduct their legal research.

REFURBISHMENT OF HIGH COURT CANTEEN AND PREMISES

In considering the hardships faced by the members, Chairs and tables were donated to the High Court Canteen located in the HC premises in Colombo. It has undoubtedly improved the facilities to the members as well as the general public. Further the road inside the High Court premises was carpeted with the assistance of the Road Development Authority and several improvements were effected to the surroundings of the High Court which could be witnessed at present

DONATION TO MAGISTRATES COURT OF COLOMBO

In keeping with the close relationship with Branch Associations the BASL made donations in many ways to Branch associations in all parts of the country. Accordingly donations were made to the Magistrates Court of Colombo to improve the Library facilities to its members. The said gestures were widely acknowledged and appreciated by the members of the said association. In addition a table and chairs were also donated which are presently placed at the Library of the Magistrates Court.

DECENTRALIZATION OF BASL SERVICES

The Bookshop, issuance of BASL Identity Cards , sale of car passes are some activities performed by the Secretariat on regular basis throughout the year. It is important for the members of the outstation bars to have easy access to such services as perhaps the out station members find it difficult to visit the Secretariat to obtain the said facilities. Hence the said services were rendered by the BASL in the regions for the benefit of the members which too has strengthened the finance stability of the Association. The members had the opportunity to have access to the said services at the Provincial Law Conferences, CLE Seminars and other events which were conducted outside Colombo.

DISCOUNT PACKAGES OFFERED TO MEMBERS



Court Vacation is a much sought after period in a diary of any legal practitioner. Accordingly, we negotiated with several institutions and were able to provide the following packages to our members during the December vacation. The feedback received from the respective institutions clearly indicated that our members have patronized these offers to the maximum.

A RETIREMENT PACKAGE FOR MEMBERS

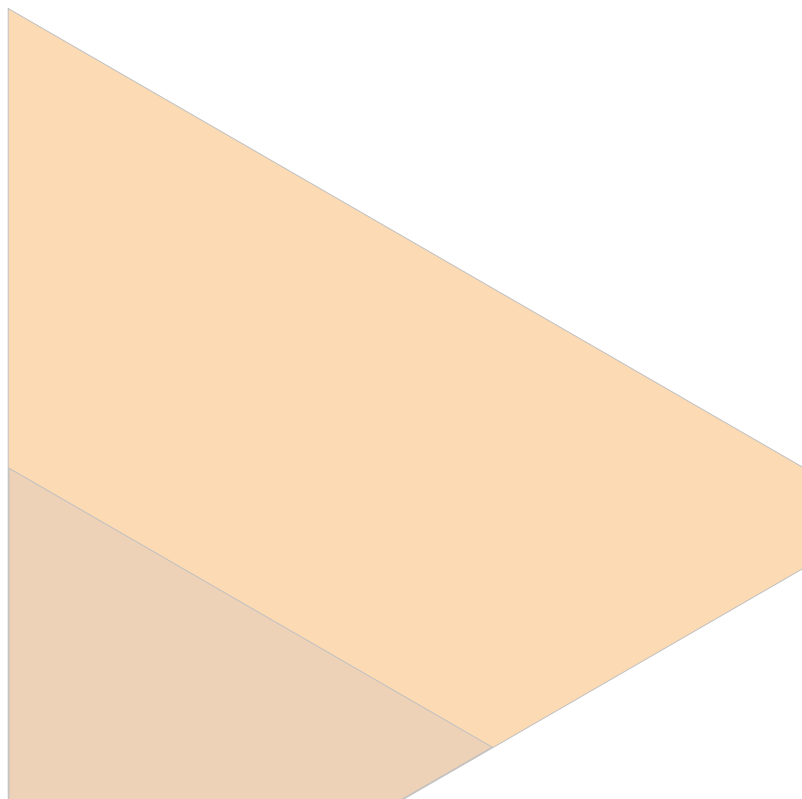


OTHER BENEFITS



CHAPTER 11

**FELICITATION OF LAWYERS WHO COMPLETED 50 YEARS AT THE BAR AND THE
APPRECIATION NIGHT**



FELICITATION OF LAWYERS WHO HAVE COMPLETED 50 YEARS AT THE BAR

Following distinguished members of the Bar were awarded Token of Acknowledgement in recognition of the yeomen service rendered to the Legal Profession during their 5 - decades long illustrious career.

50 years – Award Recipients

1. Mr. K.D.C Kumarage
2. Mr. H.B Rathnayake
3. Mr. N. Abdul Rahman
4. Mr. E. Franklyn G. Amarasinghe
5. Mr. D.C Raja Collure
6. Mr. Gritakumar E. Chitty
7. Mr. Daya Wethasinghe
8. Ms. Pushparani Nanayakkara
9. MR. S.L.A.E Pinto
10. Mr. Nihal W. Rajakaruna
11. Mr. S.C.B Walgampaya PC
12. Mr. Denzil Lloyd Gray
13. Mrs. Elsie Shantha Rekawa
14. Mr. Ariya B. Rekawa PC
15. Mrs. Nalin Thilaka Herath
16. Dr. Chandradasa Nanayakkara,
Former Justice
17. Mr. Sittappalam PC
18. Mr. D.C.R Cooray
19. Mr. Edmund Sirimewan Rajapakshe
20. Mr. D.F.R Jayamaha PC
21. Mr. Razik Zarook PC
22. Ms. Hiranthi Amarasekara
23. Mr. Arumugan Chinnaiyah
24. Mr. E. Viveganathan
25. Mr. A.E Pararajasingham
26. Mrs. R.K Jayawardena
27. Mr. J.M Gunathilaka



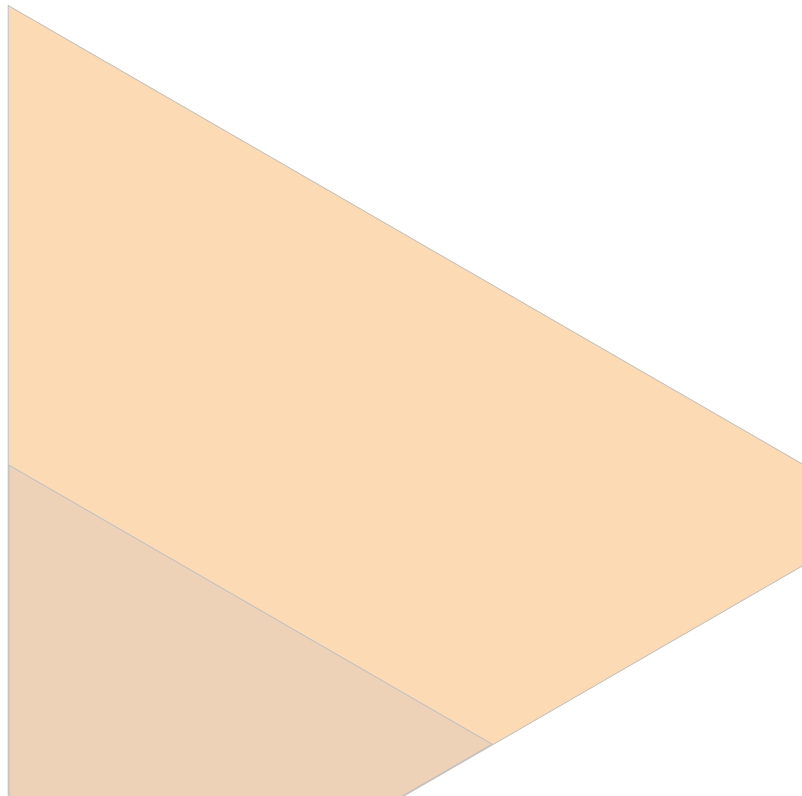
TOKEN OF APPRECIATION

Further, Chairman, Chairpersons, Conveners and members who actively assisted in the affairs of the BASL in numerous ways during the year, were acknowledged and appreciated by the BASL at the very ceremony held on 15th March 2019.



CHAPTER 12

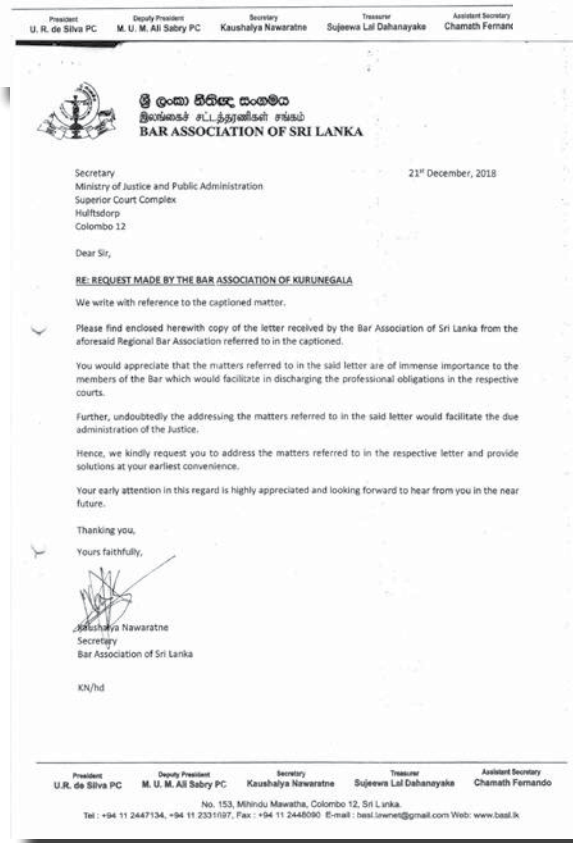
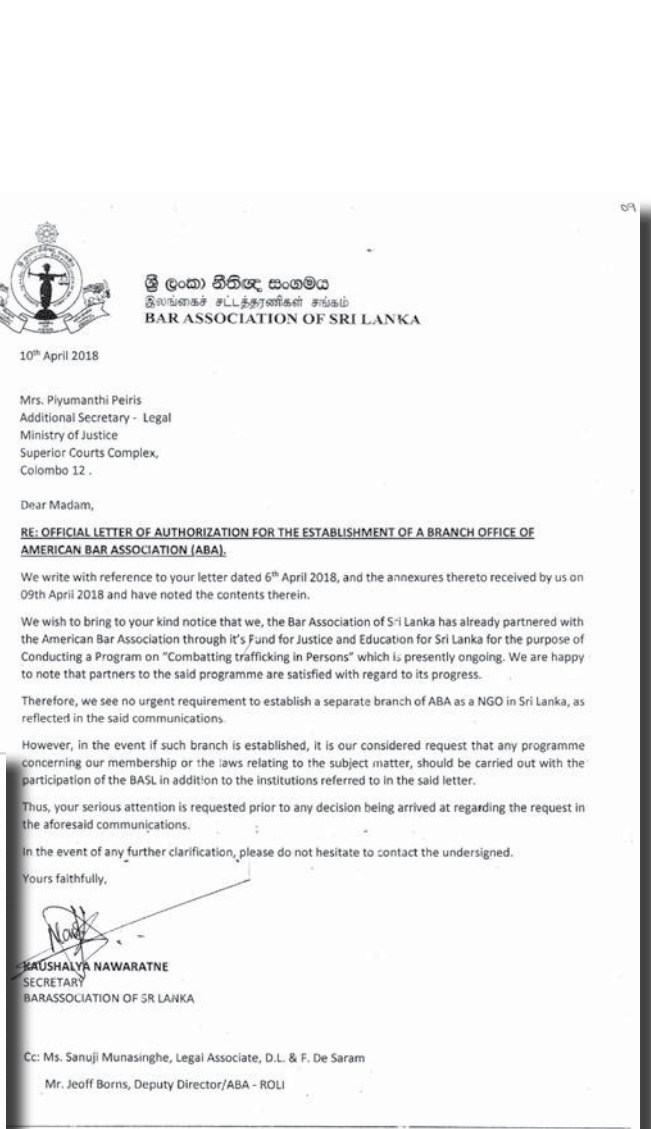
BASL'S ENGAGEMENT WITH MOJ, JSC AND AG'S DEPARTMENT



BASL'S ENGAGEMENT WITH MOJ, JSC AND AG'S DEPARTMENT

During the past year several discussions were held among the Hon. Chief Justice, Judicial Service Commission, Ministry of Justice and Attorney General's Department with the BASL. The areas of discussions were mainly concentrated upon the improvement of infrastructure facilities in the court systems throughout the country and to amend the respective laws to meet the present day demands. Further, meaningful steps were taken to address the issue of overcrowding the prisons and the delay in obtaining the Hon. Attorney General's advice on matters which are pending in Court. I am happy to note and appreciate with gratitude the support extended by all officers referred to above during the year under review which has immensely contributed to solve such issues without delay.

However, the areas such as, the renovation of court houses especially in Colombo, inadequate facilities for litigants including differently able persons in respective courts are matters which need immediate attention. Further, the improvements in the respective registries of Magistrates Court to the Supreme Court too need immediate attention. The implementation of the proposal to digitalize the court system along with the matters referred to above would be essential to win the confidence in the legal system and to avoid the alleged laws delays.





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இலங்கைச் சட்டத்தரணிகள் சங்கம்
BAR ASSOCIATION OF SRI LANKA

Mrs Piyumanthi Pieris
Additional Secretary (Legal)
Ministry of Justice and Prison Reforms
Colombo 12

31st October, 2018

Dear Madam,

Establishment of a Branch Office of American Bar Association in Sri Lanka

I write with reference to your letter dated 22/10/2018 received on 25th October, 2018.

By your letter dated 06/04/2018, you requested our observations with regard to the establishment of a branch association of the American Bar Association as a NGO in Sri Lanka.

Upon the subsequent discussions, the Bar Association of Sri Lanka expressed its concern of establishing an organization under the title "ABA in Sri Lanka" inter alia, as it will create confusion among the general public.

Thereafter, the US Department of State Office by its letter dated 15th June, 2018 informed us of their re-confirmation that American Bar Association Rule of Law Initiative (ABA ROLI) was selected as the implementing partner of the U.S. Department of State, Office to Monitor and Combat Trafficking in Persons (I/TIP), to carry out the "Combating in Trafficking in Persons in Sri Lanka" Project (February 2018 – July 2019) in close collaboration with the Government of Sri Lanka. It also states that the program will be in close collaboration with Sri Lanka government and civil society partners including the Bar Association of Sri Lanka.

We wish to reiterate that in 2018, the Bar Association of Sri Lanka conducted a program on "Combating Trafficking in Persons" with the support of American Bar Association Rule of Law Initiative which was rated as highly successful. Similar programs have been conducted in collaboration with the American Bar Association, over the past 4 – 5 years namely, Anti-corruption and Internet Freedom.

We wish to further state that these programs were well accepted by the target communities and achieved the objectives of the said programs in no small measure.

Hence, we do not see the need to register a legal entity in order to conduct similar programs in Sri Lanka.

The Bar Association will be glad to co-operate with the ABA on these lines in the future and maintain the excellent relationship between our two Associations already established in the preceding years.

Yours sincerely,

U R de Silva PC
President
Bar Association of Sri Lanka

Copy to : Mr. Sumathi Dharmawardena, Senior Deputy Solicitor General (Administration)

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BAR ASSOCIATION OF SRI LANKA

Secretary
Ministry of Justice and Public Administration
Superior Court Complex
Hulftsdorp
Colombo 12

21st December, 2018

Dear Sir,

RE: REQUEST MADE BY THE BAR ASSOCIATION OF KURUNEGALA

We write with reference to the captioned matter.

Please find enclosed herewith copy of the letter received by the Bar Association of Sri Lanka from the aforesaid Regional Bar Association referred to in the captioned.

You would appreciate that the matters referred to in the said letter are of immense importance to the members of the Bar which would facilitate in discharging the professional obligations in the respective courts.

Further, undoubtedly the addressing the matters referred to in the said letter would facilitate the due administration of the Justice.

Hence, we kindly request you to address the matters referred to in the respective letter and provide solutions at your earliest convenience.

Your early attention in this regard is highly appreciated and looking forward to hear from you in the near future.

Thanking you,

Yours faithfully,

Kaushalya Nawaratne
Secretary
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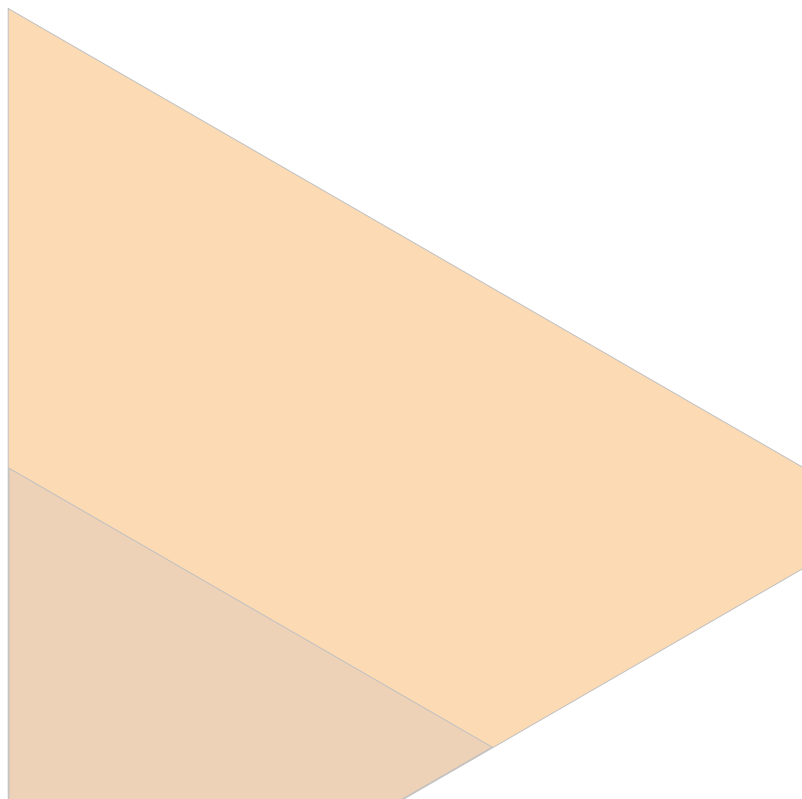
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Laying of foundation stone for New Court Complex for Ratnapura Bar

CHAPTER 13

INDEPENDENCE OF THE JUDICIARY AND PROTECTION OF RULE OF LAW



SINGAPORE – SRI LANKA FTA AGREEMENT FR ACTION

In considering dire consequences of the provisions of the FTA signed between the Government of Sri Lanka and Singapore, after deliberations, a Fundamental Rights application was filed before the Lordships of the Supreme Court. The said case is presently pending in court.

ISSUE OF CHINESE COMPANY PROVIDING LEGAL SERVICES

The BASL took serious note of the issue relating to the providing of legal services by non- members of the Bar especially non- Sri Lankans, in Sri Lanka. Accordingly, in consequent to a decision arrived at by the Executive Committee and the Bar Council, steps are being taken to find an appropriate redress in order to safeguard the best interests of the legal profession.

BASL PARTICIPATION / SUPPORT IN NATIONAL ISSUES

1. Luncheon Meeting for discussion on first draft of the “Sustainable Sri Lanka Progress relating to the Vision“ Document held on 8th September 2018 at the Presidential Secretariat.
2. Breakfast meeting with ITC / Department of Commerce on an Invitation from the EU-Sri Lanka Trade-Related Assistance Project on the subject of trade remedies / defensive measures for legal professionals who specialize on international trade law and investment dispute and arbitration on Monday 8th October 2018 at Jetwing Colombo .
3. BASL supported National Authority on Victims and Witness Protection by nominating Lawyers to appear for Victims and Witnesses on pro bono service . Negombo bar Supported in this activity.

BASL AGAINST MP RAMANAYAKE

The BASL is committed to preserve the dignity and the prestige of the Legal Profession both intrinsically and extrinsically. Accordingly, the BASL in pursuance of organizational objectives, instantaneously defensively came forward when MP Ranjan Ramanayake made derogatory remarks on public media describing the entire legal system as corrupt. The BASL, after taking cognizance of the matter urgently, immediately issued a press release on 23rd August 2017 condemning such statement as having been based on mere conjecture and surmises. Further, on the recommendation of Executive Meeting followed by the endorsement of Bar Council, BASL instituted a rule matter bearing Number 1/2017 before the Supreme Court against MP Ramanayake over Contempt of Court. The said rule Matter is now progressing before Supreme Court with the BASL diligently prosecuting the said rule matter with a view to reveal the truth to the society.



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23rd August, 2017

PRESS STATEMENT BY THE BAR ASSOCIATION OF SRI LANKA

The Executive Committee of the Bar Association, which met on the 23rd of August 2017, unanimously resolved, inter alia, to condemn the recent statement made by Deputy Minister Ranjan Ramanayake alleging that a majority of the judges and lawyers were corrupt and was the main cause for the country's present predicament.

Whilst condemning the said statement, we demand the Deputy Minister to complain against any corrupt person to the relevant authorities, including the Judicial Service Commission, Police and the Bribery Commission, with a view to take necessary action if he has evidence to establish such allegations instead of making generalized statements casting aspersions on the entire judiciary and the legal community.

Due to the gravity of the disparaging statement concerned the Executive Committee of the Bar Association of Sri Lanka is compelled to institute Contempt of Court Proceedings against the said Deputy Minister in the Supreme Court of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka, under Article 105 (3) of the Constitution of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka for bringing the judiciary into disrespect and disrepute.

The Bar Association reiterates that, 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 together with the law enforcement authorities being able to carry out duties without fear, favour or undue influence being brought upon them politically or otherwise is sine qua non of a functional democracy.

In the circumstances, any unwarranted remarks and interference with regard to the judicial mechanism and its credibility will erode the confidence the public has towards the establishment. This in turn would have serious consequences on the Rule of Law.

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RULE MATTER AGAINST MR. NAGANANDA KODITHUWAKKU AAL

The BASL in its endeavor to defend the supremacy of law jealously guarded by Bench and Bar equally do not hesitate to turn hostile to any member of the Bar who is engaged in slinging malice at the Bench and Bar. Accordingly when Supreme Court issued a rule bearing Number 1/16 against Mr. Nagananda Kodituwakku AAL over his contemptuous behavior at Court of Appeal before His Lordship Justice Vijith K Malalgoda, the Bar Association of Sri Lanka, in condemnation of such unbecoming behavior of him, made intervention in support of the said rule matter. Following a hearing on 18th March 2019 Supreme Court found Mr. Kodituwakku guilty of the charge described in the said rule and imposed three years suspension from the legal profession. The reaction of the BASL against its own member is widely acclaimed as manifestation of the independence in the BASL.

01/05/2018

Mr. N. Kodituwakku, AAL.

This is further to our e mail communique dated 28.03.2018 and to your purported response dated 30.04.2018.

At the outset, we categorically deny and dispute the alleged contents of your purported communications and the said alleged contents thereof are ex facie devoid of any merit, are false and are false to your knowledge.

Whilst reiterating the contents of our previous communique, we wish to remind you that you are an accused of two rule matters pending before their Lordships of the Supreme Court. You being an Attorney-at-Law of the Supreme Court, are aware that you are bound and obliged to comply with the rules and regulations of the Supreme Court which you have acted in breach and/or in violation.

It is quite obvious from the alleged contents of your purported communications, you are seeking for popularity by dubious means to suit your standards and requirements which the Bar Association of Sri Lanka is unable to resort to.

Kindly note that the step taken by the Bar Association of Sri Lanka has been clearly justified by the Judgment delivered by their Lordships of the Supreme Court and thus we are afraid that you are not a competent person to criticize the findings of their Lordships of the Supreme Court specially in the background that the legislature is in the process of implementing the findings of their Lordships of the Supreme Court.

Further, you have alleged that there are cases filed against the Judges of the Supreme Court including retired Chief Justices, for alleged malpractices. We are unaware of such cases filed by you and however we are yet to see the outcome of the purported cases referred to therein. We are sure that you will have to suffer the consequences for making false allegations against the members of the Judiciary once the Judgments in the said cases, if any, are delivered.

We wish to inform you that at all times material, the President of the Bar Association has discharged the duties based on the mandate given by the membership and in compliance with the provisions of the constitution which actions have not been questioned and/or challenged by the Bar Council or the Executive Committee. Since you are not a member of the Bar Council or the Executive Committee, perhaps, you are not aware of the true facts.

Further kindly note that at all times material, the Bar Association of Sri Lanka has acted in compliance with its objectives inter alia in order to maintain the Rule of Law and the independence of the judiciary whilst maintaining its dignity and standards.

Therefore, I wish to place on record that as clearly seen from your conduct, your actions are ex facie mala fide and are designed with ulterior motives inter alia in order to bring the said institutions in to disrepute and to circumvent the steps which are being taken against you inter alia based on professional misconduct.

In the circumstances, we are firmly of the view that there will be no useful purpose served in engaging in further correspondence with you and thus kindly note that we will not respond to your communications in future.

Further you are hereby put on notice that you should refrain from making false allegations against the members of the judiciary, Bar Association and the legal fraternity in future.

In any event, necessary steps will be taken to safeguard the best interest of the said institutions before the appropriate fora.

U. R. de Silva
President's Counsel,
President of the Bar Association of Sri Lanka

JUDICATURE ACT (AMENDMENT) BILL

The BASL as a defender of the rights of the people challenged the Judicature (Amendment) Bill, No. 26 of 2017 by which it had been sought to amend the Judicature Act, No. 2 of 1978 by providing for setting up a Permanent Trial-at-Bar to expedite the large amount of pending cases. The BASL resorting to challenge the constitutionality of the said Bill argued that should the bill be passed, it would vest unusual power in the Attorney General and the Director General of the Bribery Commission on the selection of the cases to be referred to said Court, which would in turn infringe the Constitution of Sri Lanka.

Upholding the submissions put forth on behalf of the BASL, the Supreme Court determined the Judicature Amendment Bill needed to be passed with a two third majority as certain clauses therein was found to have been inconsistent with the provisions of the Constitution. The determination of the Supreme Court was announced in Parliament on 3rd April 2008.

In the said determination the Supreme Court had determined that section 12A(1) of the Bill and was inconsistent with the Article 154P (3) (a) of the Constitution and an amendment was required to be made to the Constitution to give effect to the section 12A(1) of the Bill. Further the amending section 12A(2) of the Bill which had required the Judicial Service Commission to nominate judges to the Permanent High Court at Bar was held to have been inconsistent with the Article 154(P)2 of the Constitution, hence warranting the Bill to be passed with Two Third Majority with a referendum. Also the amending section 12(A)(7) of the Bill was observed to have been inconsistent with Article 12(1) of the Constitution. However, the Supreme Court determined if the Chief Justice was given the power to decide whether to hold a trial at Bar or not this amending section would cease to be inconsistent.

The independence of the Judiciary and the Bar is an integral part of the Administration of Justice. The undue interference by anyone should not be tolerated under any circumstance whatsoever. It is in this context many steps were taken by the BASL as reflected in the communications set out herein below.





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5th February 2019
Honourable Maithripala Sirisena,
His Excellency the President of the
Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka,
Presidential Secretariat,
Colombo,

Your Excellency,

Re Honourable Justice Deepali Wijesundera.

We wish to draw your kind attention that Justice Deepali Wijesundera is the most senior Judge in the Court of Appeal, who has not been considered for promotions for several years. The said Justice Deepali Wijesundera is a career judge and her career has been adversely affected due to the said matter.

Further a request has been made by Members of the Bar to draw your attention to the afore said matter. Thus, please find enclosed the said request for your perusal.

Accordingly, we hereby draw the attention of Your Excellency to the afore said matter and shall be thankful if you could kindly give directions to consider Justice Deepali Wijewardena for her due promotions.

Thank You

Yours faithfully,

Kaushalya Nawaratne
Secretary
Bar Association of Sri Lanka

Cc: Honourable Karu Jayasuriya
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BAR ASSOCIATION OF SRI LANKA

5th November 2018.

His Lordship H N J Perera,
Chief Justice of the Socialist Democratic Republic of Sri Lanka,
Chief Justice's Chambers,
Hultsdorp,
Colombo 12.

Your Lordship,

RE: THE TRANSFER OF HONOURABLE M C J FERNANDO, THE JUDGE OF THE COMMERCIAL HIGH COURT OF COLOMBO, COURT NO 1

We write with reference to the above captioned matter.

It has been brought to our attention by the members of the bar that Honourable M C J Fernando, the Presiding Judge of the Commercial High Court of Colombo – Court No. 1, has been served with a transfer from the said court which is due to be effected soon.

We, whilst recognizing the powers and/or prerogative right of Your Lordship to effect transfers of the Hon. Judges of the Minor Judiciary including the Judges of the Commercial High Court of Colombo, the said Honourable M C J Fernando has been serving in the said Court relatively a short period of time.

Further, we wish to bring to Your Lordship's attention that the said Honourable M C J Fernando has always been a Judge who has worked tirelessly for the upliftment of the standards of the said court and has always been a hardworking judge with highest level of honesty and integrity. There is no doubt that both the Bar and the litigants have benefited from the said Honourable M C J Fernando who has the highest qualifications, experience as well as the right approach of a Judge to handle the complicated Commercial litigation which fall within the ambit of the jurisdiction of the said court.

Therefore, we are rather surprised to note the aforesaid transfer of the said Honourable M C J Fernando, out of the afore said court.

Hence, we hereby request your Lordship, to reconsider the afore said decision to transfer out the said Honourable M C J Fernando from the Commercial High Court of Colombo and we would be much obliged if the said transfer is cancelled.

The early attention of your Lordship with regard to the afore said request is highly appreciated.

Thank you,
Your faithfully,

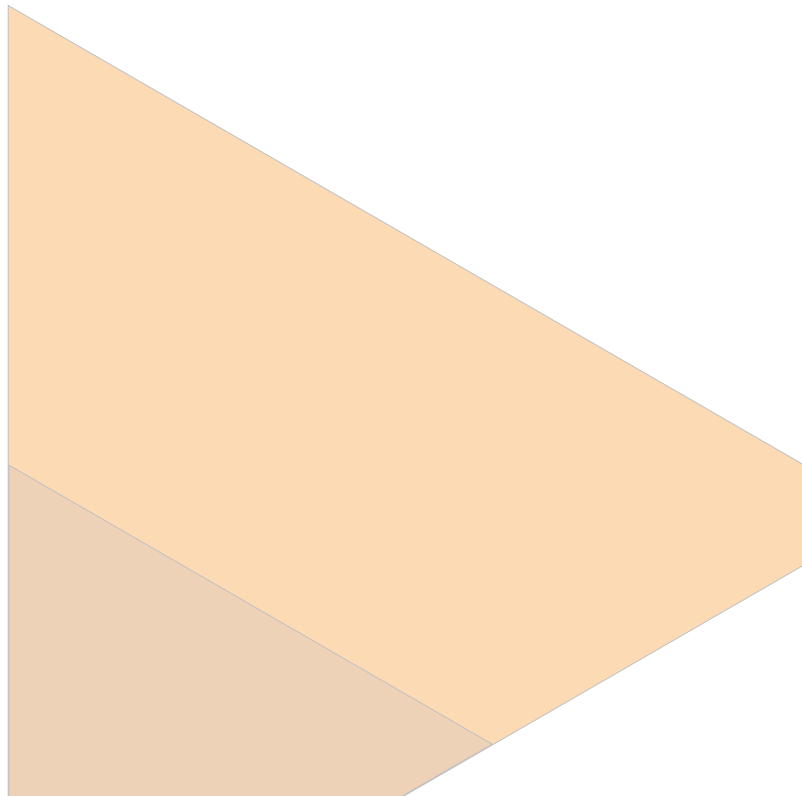
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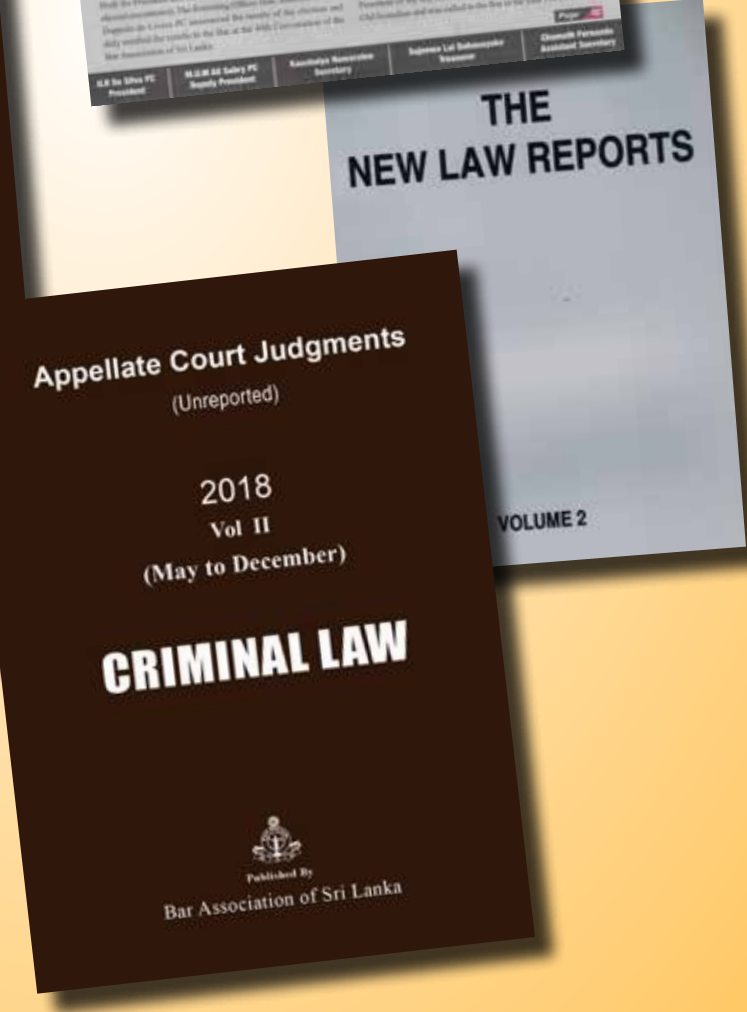
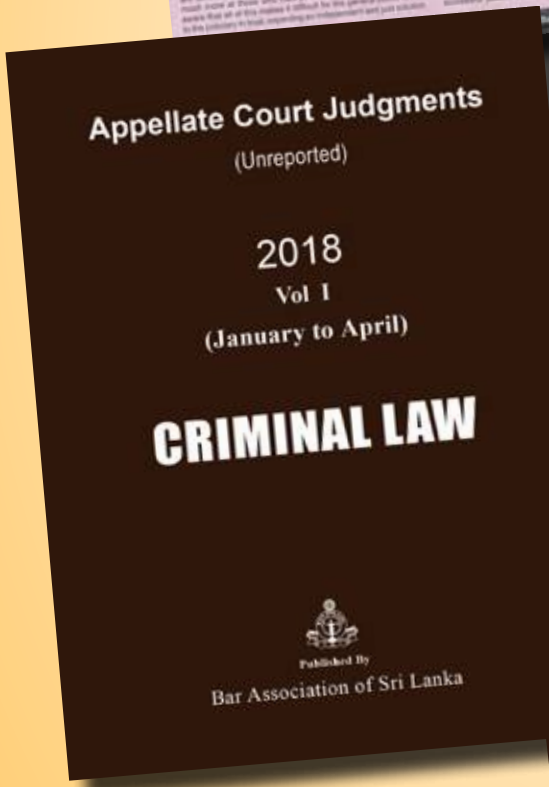
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CHAPTER 14

BASL PUBLICATIONS, CORRESPONDENCE AND MEDIA



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BAR ASSOCIATION OF SRI LANKA

The Association of Sri Lanka

17th July 2018

Chairman,
National Police Commission
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Baudhaloka Mawatha
Colombo - 07

Dear Sir,

RE : COMPLAINT IN RELATION TO THE DEGRADING TREATMENT OF TWO ATTORNEYS-AT-LAW IN THE COURSE OF THEIR PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE BY A POLICE OFFICER ATTACHED TO THE POLICE STATION OF KANDY.

We are in receipt of a letter dated 11th July 2018 received from Mr. Kalinga N. Indatissa, PC regarding the above captioned matter.

The contents of the said letter have drawn our serious notice and we vehemently condemn the unbecoming conduct of the said officer of the Police Department. We wish to place on record that such behavior clearly is an abuse of powers and such unlawful actions would undoubtedly create serious effects on rule of law.

Thus your immediate attention is requested to the matters referred to in the said letter of 11th July 2018, a copy of which is forwarded herewith.

Thanking you

Yours faithfully,

Kaushalya Nawaratne
Secretary
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නො. 45A,
කරුමිට,
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මම විසින් මාගේ හමුදාවකදී ආචාරිකාවන් ලද කරුණු වලට අදාළවිමි.

මම විසින් 2018/4/10 දින දින හතේ ඊට ප්‍රකාශිත දිනකදී මාගේ හමුදාවේ අවසන් නීති පන්තියේදී මාගේ ඊට සම්බන්ධ අංශයන්හි නිලධාරීන් සහ ශ්‍රී ලංකා පොලීසියේ නිලධාරීන් විසින් කරන ලද සහ කරනු ලබන සහ වෙනත් අසාධාරණවලට අදාළ කරුණු ලද ප්‍රකාශ ඇතුළත් මාගේ සලකා බැලීමේ ප්‍රධාන වන විට මාගේ අත්කරගන්නා අවස්ථා දැඩි අවධානය යොමු වී ඇත.

නීතිඥ වෘත්තීය සහ නීතිඥ ප්‍රජාව මෙන්ම සමස්ත අධිකරණ ක්‍රියාවලියේ උත්තරීතය හා සාධාරණත්වය වෙනුවෙන් මෙහි සිටීම සහ හරි නැතිම අප සංගමයේ මූලික පරමාර්ථයක් වන, නීතිඥවරියකු වශයෙන් මෙම අත්කරගන්නා කරුණකි.

කවද එමගින් සිදු වූයේ මාගේ නීතිඥ ලබන සිද්ධීන් සහාය කිරීම සඳහා මම සතුට සාක්ෂි පවතින බවට මම කරුණු පෙන්වමින් කර ඇති මෙන්ම, මේ මෙන්ම මම පවසන ලද ආකාරයේ දූෂණයන් හා වර්තමාන අදාළ මේ කැමැත්තෙන් මෙන් කැමැත්තියක් වෙද, එහි අසාධාරණත්වය නොමැතිව ප්‍රසිද්ධියේදී මාගේ නීතිඥ විෂය, අදාළ සාක්ෂි ඇති විට අප වෙත ලබා දීම සඳහා කටයුතු කරන මෙන් මම මෙන්ම ඉල්ලා සිටිමි.

කවද, එහි පිටුවෙන් කඩිනම් කිරීමේ අවශ්‍යතාව මත මම සතුට පවතින මාගේ නීතිඥ ලබන සාක්ෂි, මෙම ලිපියේ දින සිට දින 14 ක කාලයක් ඇතුළත අප වෙත ලබාදීමට පියවර ගන්නේ නම් ඊට අදාළ බලවත් කාර්යාලයන් සලකා බැලීමට සලකා බැලීමට ද විය හැකිය.

එමෙන්ම මම මෙන්ම ප්‍රකාශය සඳහා කරුණු සම්බන්ධයෙන් මම විසින් අප හට මේ වන තෙක් කිසිදු සාක්ෂි ලත් ලිපිකර සිදුකර නොතිබීම සිලබට ද විය හැකිය.

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28th June 2018

Mr. Vajira Abeywardena
Hon. Minister of Home Affairs
Ministry of Home Affairs
Independence Square
Colombo 07

Dear Sir,

RE : Issues face by Lawyers at Land Registries

We are informed by Lawyers in writing who engage in Notarial practice that they face several issues at Land registries including below listed matters.

- (i) Performance of Delkanda Land Registry is adversely affected by the space issue. Non - availability of parking space anywhere close to Delkanda land Registry is causing lot of inconvenience to Notaries as well as public and has to be shifted to another place;
(ii) Homagama Land Registry is on the 4th Floor of the building without lift facilities which causes inconvenience for elderly Notaries from attending that Land Registry;
(iii)Gampaha Land Registry requests Notaries to present themselves on Fridays to rectify errors and that all the Notaries converge at the Land Registry on that day and the Registry does not even have seating facilities.
(iv) There is no uniformity of the procedure at Land Registries regarding Title Registration process
(v) Filling the vacancy created by the retirement of the Registrar General last year by appointing a suitable person who has knowledge and experience in the relevant field.
(vi) Land Registry officials mainly at Colombo are very corrupt and accept bribes to expedite the Registration of Deeds. Hence, the Bribery Commission Department should be requested to use a decoy and apprise the officials of the Land Registries that the Bribery Commission is keeping the Land Registries under observation.

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7th January, 2019

Your Ref: PS/LD/244/2018

Ms Luckshmi Jaywickrema
Additional Secretary to the President (Legal)
Presidential Secretariat
Colombo 03

Dear Madam,

SCHEME FOR ISSUANCE OF MOTOR VEHICLE PERMITS ON CONCESSIONARY TERMS

We write with reference to your letter dated 27th December, 2018 received by us on 3rd January, 2019 in respect of the above captioned matter.

All the outset, we wish to extend our appreciation for taking immediate steps in respect of the above captioned matter based on the representations made by the Bar Association of Sri Lanka.

As noted, the matter in issue is (taxicab) establishes that persons who are similarly circumstance have been treated differently and unfairly. Thus it is greatly appreciated if you could kindly issue necessary guidelines immediately to remedy the same.

Awaiting for a favourable response.

Thanking you,

Yours faithfully,

Kaushalya Nawaratne
Secretary
Bar Association of Sri Lanka

- Copy to : 1) Mr. I. K. L. S. Mahendran, Atty. Ass't. General Manager (Compliance)
2) Mr. M. A. P. Muthandaram, Secretary to the Board of Directors
3) Ms. Sushilma Perera, AGM (Legal), HDFC Bank, P.O. Box 2065, Colombo 2

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නීතිඥ හා අන්වර්ථයක අතර නීති වෘත්තීයව අදාළ අවධානය සැපයීමක් සඳහා නීතිඥවරයකු විසින් සිදු වී ඇතැයි කියනු ලබන වරදක් සම්බන්ධයෙන් විමර්ශනය කිරීම සම්බන්ධයි.

නීතිඥවරයෙකුට එරෙහිව අන්වර්ථයකයකු විසින් නීතිඥවරයා සහ අන්වර්ථයකයා අතර නීතිඥ වෘත්තීයව අදාළ අවධානය ලබා සැපයීම අතරතුර නීතිඥවරයා විසින් සිදුකළ යුතු කියනු ලබන වරදක් සම්බන්ධයෙන් විමර්ශනය කිරීමේ බලයට ලක්වීම හා අන් වැඩිපමක් පොලිසියට පොදුවේ බව කාරුණිකව දැන්වා සිටිමි.

ඒ සම්බන්ධයෙන් 1978 අංක 02 දරණ අධිකරණ සංවිධාන පනතේ 42 සිට 44 දක්වා වූ වගන්ති වල දැක්වෙන ප්‍රතිපාදන අදාළ වන අතර ඒ සම්බන්ධයෙන් නීතිඥ සංගමයේ අදාළ කමිටුවට සහ එහි නිර්දේශ අනුව හදුන්වා දීමට පමණක් සලසා ගනිමින් බව කාරුණිකව දැන්වා සිටිමි.

නීතිඥවරයෙකු වූවද අන්වර්ථයකයෙකුට අවධානය සැපයීම අතරතුර දී පොදුවෙන් බාහිර භූමිකාවක දී හෝ ක්‍රියාවකදී වරදක් අතරමග කිරීමේ හෝ එහි පිළිබඳව විමර්ශනය කිරීම පොලිසියට කළ හැකි බවට නීතිඥවරයකු වන පොනෝවරයකු අන් නීතිඥවරයකු පොනෝවරයාගේ වරදකට විරුද්ධව සිදුකරනු ලබන පොනෝවරයාගේ අනුගතයට පමණක් සලසා ගනිමින් වූවද සම්බන්ධයෙන් පමණක් පොලිසිය විසින් විමර්ශනය කළ හැකි බවට කාරුණිකව දැන්වා සිටිමි.

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17th September, 2018

Mr. H.M.N.C.Dhanasinghe
Commissioner of Prisons
150, Base Line Road,
Colombo 09

Dear Sir,

Request Access to Prisons by Lawyers for Legal Consultation and Legal Assistance

We, the Bar Association of Sri Lanka (BASL), have been deeply concerned over the years on how our criminal justice system is being implemented and how it has affected ordinary people.

We believe one of the consequences of a poorly implemented legal system is the overcrowding of prisons. This situation is further aggravated by the lack of legal assistance to inmates. We understand from information received from various sources that there are several inmates who have been in remand for several years due to lack of legal assistance and inability to have legal assistance.

The Rule of Law Committee of the BASL have an obligation to strive to correct the injustices caused to people due to the non-implementation/poor implementation of the criminal justice system.

In this regard we seek your permission and assistance to conduct prison visits by a team of lawyers selected by the Rule of Law Committee of the BASL. This team hopes to provide much needed legal counseling and assistance to inmates in both the male and female wards of the prisons in Welikade.

Looking forward to your response and approval.

Thank you

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BY HAND

24th May 2018

Hon. Priyasath Dep, PC
Chief Justice of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka
Supreme Court
Colombo 12.

Your Lordship.

RE: LACK OF SINHALA TO ENGLISH & ENGLISH TO SINHALA INTERPRETERS IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF COLOMBO

I write with reference to the above captioned matter and wish to bring to your Lordship's notice that there is a severe lack of the aforesaid interpreters /stenographers in the District Court of Colombo.

We are informed that due to the aforesaid, the Hon. Judges are compelled to postpone the trials even when there are occasions where the witnesses have travelled from overseas to give evidence.

Hence the non availability of the aforesaid required staff in courts is creating severe hardships to the litigants which has become one of the contributory factors to the alleged laws delays.

In the circumstances, we would be much obliged to your Lordship if necessary directions could be issued to the relevant authorities to address the aforesaid issue, at your earliest convenience.

We will assure Your Lordship of our co-operation in the event if necessary.

Thanking you. Yours sincerely,

Handwritten signature of Kaushalya Nawaratne
KAUSHALYA NAWARATNE
SECRETARY
BAR ASSOCIATION OF SRI LANKA

Cc: Secretary, Ministry of Justice
Secretary, Judicial Service Commission

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17th July 2018

Mr. Pujith Jayasundara
Inspector General of Police
Police Headquarters
Colombo 01

Dear Sir,

RE: COMPLAINT IN RELATION TO THE DEGRADING TREATMENT OF TWO ATTORNEYS-AT-LAW IN THE COURSE OF THEIR PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE BY A POLICE OFFICER ATTACHED TO THE POLICE STATION OF KANDY

I write with reference to the above captioned matter and wish to bring to your kind attention the unbecoming and or unprofessional behavior of a police officer attached to the police station of Kandy, who have intentionally and or willfully ill-treated two members of our Association whilst the said members were in the process of discharging their respective professional duties.

We noted with regret the recent hostile behavior of some officers of your Department towards the Attorneys - at - Law has effectively prevented Attorneys from discharging their respective professional duties. Accordingly, I enclose herewith a letter dated 11th July 2018 sent by Mr. Kalinga N. Indatissa, PC to the National Police Commission, regarding the above captioned matter & request you to take immediate steps against the officer involved to prevent such incidents being occurred in future.

You would appreciate that the relationship between the police and members of the Bar is of paramount importance to maintain Law & Order and to protect the rule of law in the Country. Thus, your immediate attention in this regard is highly appreciated and we await to hear from you at your earliest convenience.

Thanking you

Yours faithfully,
Handwritten signature of Kaushalya Nawaratne
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මෙයට - විශ්වාසී

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මහත්මයාලයෙහි,

මනාලි මහාධිකරණයේ අවිසමානවත්ව මහාධිකරණයට නඩු මාරුකර ගැනීම සම්බන්ධව කරුණයි.

මිහිඳු මා විසින් ශ්‍රී ලංකා නීතිඥ සංගමයට උක්ෂකරණය සම්බන්ධව ලිපිකර දෙන ලද දැනුම් දීම මත, ගරු අවධිපතිවරුණ මා සමඟ සාකච්ඡා කරන ලද අතර, දැනට මනාලි මහාධිකරණයේ පවරා ගැනී අවිසමානවත්ව අධිකරණ කලාපයට යොමුකල යුතු අදාළ නඩු කෙරෙහි අවධානය යොමු කර මනාලි මහාධිකරණයේ නඩු විභාග ආරම්භ කර අවසාන අදියරයට පැමිණෙමින් තිබෙන නඩු සම්බන්ධව විස්තීර්ණ නීතිඥ මහත්වරු විසින් ඉල්ලීමක් කරනු ලැබූ විට මනාලි මහාධිකරණයේ අවසන් කර ගැනීමට නිසිද ආකාරයට සහන ලබා ගැනීමට ඉල්ලීම භාග්‍යාර්ථක සිටිට දැනුම් දී ඇත.

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BY HAND

10th November 2018

Hon. Susil Premajayantha
Minister of Public Administration, Home Affairs and Justice
Ministry of Justice,
Hultsdorp,
Colombo 12.

Honorable Sir,

RE: URGENT REPAIRS TO BE EFFECTED AT THE MAGISTRATES COURTS, DISTRICT COURTS AND HIGH COURTS BUILDINGS IN HULTSDORP

We write with reference to the discussion had with you in respect of the above captioned matter.

As explained, we wish to place on record that the aforesaid buildings are presently in a very dilapidated condition and some parts of the buildings are on the verge of collapse. Hence, *inter alia* in order to avoid any disastrous situation specially to safeguard the lives of litigants and the members of the official and unofficial Bar and Judiciary, the said repairs are necessitated.

In the circumstances, we earnestly urge your good self to take the afore said matters into consideration and make suitable directions to the relevant authorities to take immediate steps to remedy the prevailing situation.

Your urgent attention in this regard is highly appreciated.

Thank you,

Yours faithfully

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Programs on Legal awareness on national TV

A series of programs under “**ඉක්මනින් නීතිය හා සාධාරණත්වය** | Justice & Law ” were telecast on National Rupavahini on Saturdays from 10a.m to 11 a.m. during the period 12.5.2018 to 31.1.2019. It was a very popular program among Lawyers as well as General Public to improve the knowledge on Law related matters. We propose that BASL continues this program. This program was sponsored by Matara Freelan Company with a sponsorship of 200000/- Rupees per month.

Law Awareness program for Police Officers - Three seminars were conducted for Police officers regarding court proceedings in magistrate courts which improved their knowledge of law. The seminars were held in Negombo, Colombo and Gampaha Police Divisions. The Resource persons were Mr. U.R de Silva PC, Senior Attorney-at- Law Mr. Sunil Abeyaratne, DIG & Attorney-at-Law Mr. Ajith Rohana and Mrs Priyani Ratnayaka - Chairperson of the Media Activities Committee.



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මෙහි පුරවැසියන්ගේ නිදහස සහ ප්‍රජාතන්ත්‍රවාදී අයිතිවාසිකම් ආරක්ෂා වන පරිදි වරප්‍රසාදය වැරදිව පවතින බවට අනුකූලව කටයුතු කෙරෙන නීතිමය ආධිපත්‍යය ස්ථාපිත කිරීම සඳහා කටයුතු කිරීම සියලු පාර්ශවයන්ගේ වගකීමක් බව අවධානය යොමු කළ යුතු බවට අපගේ විශ්වාසය පවතී. එමෙන්ම කිසිදු ගැටුම්කාරී ව්‍යවස්ථාපයකින් තොරව උද්ගත වී ඇති ආන්තර්ගත නිරාකරණය කිරීම සඳහා නීති ක්‍රමවේදයක් අනුගමනය කිරීමට සියලු පාර්ශවයන් අවධානය යොමු කළ යුතු අතර එහි නීතිය, සාමාන්‍ය සහ නීතිමය ආධිපත්‍යය වන ගැනීම සඳහා පොදුවේ මෙන්ම සියලු ආරක්ෂක ආයතන නීති මගින් කටයුතු කළ යුතු බවට අවධානය යොමු කිරීමයි.

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14th January 2019

BASL deplores Statement made by Hon. Wimal Weerawansa M.P. on recent appointment to the Supreme Court of Sri Lanka.

The Bar Association of Sri Lanka unequivocally and strongly condemns the speech made by Member of Parliament Hon. Wimal Weerawansa in Parliament on 10th January 2019 wherein he made derogatory remarks about the Supreme Court of Sri Lanka. During the course of a speech during the debate on a Bill, Hon. Weerawansa stated that "the Supreme Court has become a den for a certain religious sect". In the course of this speech Mr. Weerawansa alleged that the Constitutional Council had approved only the names of persons from a certain religious sect for appointments to the Supreme Court. When appointments to the Supreme Court over the last few years are considered it is clear that Hon. Weerawansa's statements are baseless and devoid of truth.

The aforesaid words of Hon. Weerawansa have the effect of interfering with the independence of the judiciary of this country. The Bar Association of Sri Lanka stresses that the race and religion of members of the judiciary should not be used to unfairly attack the judiciary. Whilst members of the public including politicians are entitled to criticise the judiciary in a reasonable and objective manner, they are not entitled to cast aspersions on the judiciary in such a manner as to bring the Court into disrepute. Such attacks impinge on the independence of the judiciary and the Rule of Law.

It is regrettable that Hon. Weerawansa has made this speech in Parliament under cover of privilege, preventing him from being dealt with by the laws of contempt. Had this speech been made outside Parliament, the Bar Association of Sri Lanka would have without any hesitation called for him to be dealt with for Contempt of Court in terms of the law.



NATIONAL LAW WEEK- 2018

MEDIA RELEASE

The Bar Association of Sri Lanka will be organizing the National Law Week 2018 which is scheduled to be held between the period of 21st May 2018 to 27th May 2018 in collaboration with the Ministry of Justice and Legal Aid Commission of Sri Lanka.

The National Law Week will be held under the theme "Legal Fraternity towards a Law abiding Society", the need of the hour in our society.

The following events and programmes will be organized and will be a part of this year's National Law Week.

1. Island wide legal clinics at 10 Centers namely, in Colombo, Matale, Jaffna, Galle, Matara, Amarapura, Batticaloa, Kurunegala, Vavuniya and Gampaha.
2. The main programme will be held in the premises of Sri Jayawardenepura Kotte Municipal Council premises on the 26th and 27th of May 2018.
3. Public awareness programmes in all parts of the country at a minimum of 9 locations islandwide.
4. Public awareness programmes for the teachers, the Police, school children, University students, public servants and the general public.
5. Exhibition proposed to be held in Sri Jayawardenepura Kotte with the participation of Government Departments, Authorities, Corporations, Ministries and non-governmental Organizations.
6. Closing Programme at selected Court Houses Island wide.

The main programme and the exhibition will be held at Sri Jayawardenepura Kotte on the 26th and 27th of May 2018, which occasion is expected to be graced by His Lordship the Chief Justice, His Attorney General, Hon. Judges, Members of the Legal Fraternity both from the Official and unofficial Bar, Inspector General of Police and other dignitaries.

The Bar Association solicits your support as a media organization working together to build a Law abiding society by empowering the people of the country.

The Bar Association appreciates your contribution towards this worthy, week-long National Event by publishing articles for public awareness on areas of the Law in your esteemed newspaper and electronic media.

The press conference to brief the media on the National Law Week 2018 will be held at 10.30 am at the auditorium of the Bar Association of Sri Lanka on the 1st of May 2018, in Haldubay, Colombo 12.

Kaushalya Newarathne
Secretary
Bar Association of Sri Lanka



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Press Statement

The Bar Association of Sri Lanka has decided to provide assistance on areas related to legal matters, to those who have been affected by the adverse weather conditions prevailing in the country. These services will be provided in consultation with the Local Government Authorities and the Sri Lanka Police. Accordingly those who have lost their legal documents, face losses and other problems arising from environmental issues may contact the Bar Association of Sri Lanka on the following telephone lines - 011 3133864/3133872

Further, in consideration of the weather conditions we have also decided to postpone the Free Legal Clinics that were scheduled to be held under the National Law Week 2018, during 26th and 27th May 2018, across the island. The new dates will be notified later.

U R de Silva
President's Counsel
President
Bar Association of Sri Lanka

24th May 2018



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PRESS STATEMENT

National Law Week 2018 - Legal Aid Programs on 30th June and 1st July 2018

The Legal Aid Clinics under the "National Law Week 2018" program which was postponed due to inclement weather conditions, will now be conducted during 30th June and 1st July 2018 from 9 am to 3 30 pm at the Sri Jayawardenapura Kotte Municipal Council Premises, at St Xaviers College Premises in Marawila and Sri Gangaraama Viharaya in Magalla, Galle (near Anula Vidyalyaya). All members of the public who had earlier registered for the Legal Aid Clinics are invited to be present. Presidents Counsels and Senior Attorneys-at-Law will be providing free legal advice and guidance at these clinics. In addition Legal Awareness programs for School Children and over 20 Legal Awareness Stalls will provide information to the general public on law related matters.

The Programme is organized by the Bar Association of Sri Lanka in collaboration with the Ministry of Justice and Prison Reforms and the Legal Aid Commission of Sri Lanka with the support of the United States Agency for International Development.



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BAR ASSOCIATION OF SRI LANKA

28th of September, 2018

Press Release

A program on Debt Recovery is being organized by Bar Association of Sri Lanka on October 4th 2018 from 1.45pm onwards at the Bar Association Main Auditorium. It will provide high quality professional training to Legal Professionals, Bankers, Leasing and Hire purchase companies, other Professionals and the Public. Topics to be covered are -

- Mortgages over moveable and immovable property
- Parate Execution Rights vested on the Private & State Banks,
- Debt Recovery Act No 02 of 1990 and the Practical difficulties in initiating actions under the said act and the way forward,
- Recovery procedure under the Finance Leasing Act and Consumer Credit Act & related issues,
- Efficacy of Arbitration under the Act No of 11 of 1995 vis a vis Lease agreements and hire purchase agreements

Resource Panel -

- Mr. Thejaka Perera, Attorney at Law, Vice President DFCC Bank
- Mr. Theja Silva, Attorney at Law, Executive Vice President Nations Trust Bank
- Mr. Kushan De Alwis, Presidents Counsel
- Mr. Palisha Kumarasinghe, Presidents Counsel
- Mr. Shehan Gunawardene, Attorney at Law

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BAR ASSOCIATION OF SRI LANKA

22nd October, 2018

Press Release

The National Labour Law Symposium is being organized by Bar Association of Sri Lanka on October 29th and 30th 2018 from 8.30a m onwards at the JAIC Hilton Colombo. The program will provide high quality professional training to Legal Professionals/HR Officers, Government Departments, Companies, other Professionals and the Public. Topics to be covered are:

- * Human Resource Management, Trade Unions and healthy Employer-Employee Relations
- * Recent developments in Labour Laws in Sri Lanka and Dispute Resolution Mechanisms
- * Discussion on emerging challenges in Global Economy and International Labour Standards
- * Wages, Remuneration and Statutory benefits of Employees
- * Termination of Employment and FR/WR jurisdiction relating to Labour disputes
- * Speech on Future of Labour Law and the changes needed in the arena of Labour Law in Sri Lanka

Resource Panel:

- Mr. Geoffrey Alagaratnam, PC
- Mr. Shamnil Perera, PC
- Mr. Uditha Egahewe, PC
- Mr. Kaushalya Nawaratne, Secretary BASL
- Mrs. Kusum Pathirana, Attorney-at-Law
- Mrs. Chamantha Unambuwe, Attorney-at-Law
- Mr. Mohammed Adamaly, Attorney-at-Law
- Mr. Binara Gunasekera, Attorney-at-Law
- Ms. Manoli Jinadasa, Attorney-at-Law
- Mr. Kanishka Weerasinghe, Attorney-at-Law
- Mr. A. Sarveswaran, Senior Lecturer, Faculty of Law, University of Colombo
- Mrs. Shyamali Ranaraja, Attorney-at-Law
- Mr. Isuru Lakpura, Attorney-at-Law
- Professor Ajantha Dharmasiri, IPMA
- Mr. Chamnil Perera, Attorney-at-Law
- Mr. Obadage Leelarathna, Attorney-at-Law, Former Labour Commissioner, Member of the Industrial court and Arbitrator

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31-10-2018

OFFICIAL PRESS RELEASE OF THE BAR ASSOCIATION OF SRI LANKA

The Bar Association of Sri Lanka notes with grave concern the prevailing situation in the country, consequent to the decision of His Excellency the President on 26th October 2018, to appoint a new Prime Minister to the Parliament of the Republic.

The BASL stresses that it is the bounden duty and the responsibility of all parties concerned, to take all required steps to uphold the Constitution and the Rule of Law in order to ensure the freedom and the democratic rights of the citizens of the country.

Thus the BASL urges all parties to resolve the differences through negotiations and consensus without resorting to violence and/or extra judicial mechanisms.

The BASL call upon the Police and the security forces to ensure that the peace, stability and the rule of law is maintained in the country.

In view of the above, the BASL is of the unanimous view that it is appropriate to convene the Parliament as soon as possible in order to enable the parliament to discharge its' functions as the legislature of a functional democracy.

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

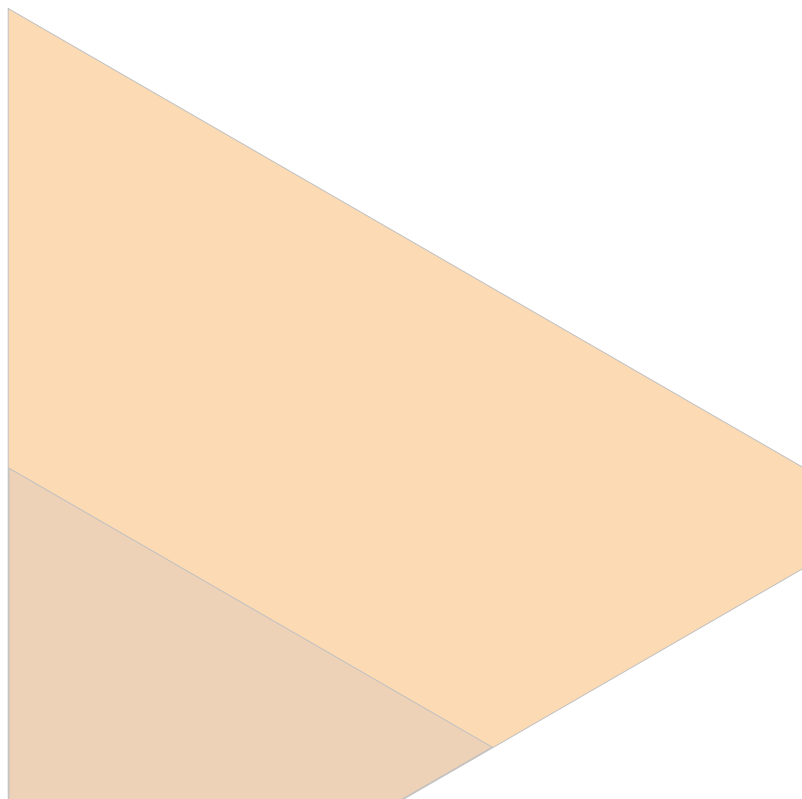
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CHAPTER 15

BASL ELECTION 2019



BASL ELECTION 2019

“AN EVENING OF VICTORY”

Nomination for the post of President and Secretary were called on the 10th January, 2019, by the presiding officer Hon. Solicitor General Dappula De Livera, PC. Accordingly, Mr.Kalinga Indatissa, PC and Mr.Mahinda Lokuge, Attorney-at-Law tendered the respective nominations for the post of President whilst Mr.Kaushalya Nawaratne and Mr,Saman Welianga Attorneys-at-Law tendered nominations for the post of Secretary for the year 2019/2020.

The election was thereafter, held on 20th February, 2019 wherein the respective candidates obtained votes as follows;

President - Election Results	
Mr. Kalinga Indatissa	4,706
Mr. Mahinda Lokuge	1,361

Secretary - Election Results	
Mr. Kaushalya Nawarathne	5,074
Mr. Saman Welianga	903

Accordingly, Mr.Kalinga Indatissa, PC and Mr.Kaushalya Nawaratne, Attorney-at-law whilst securing a resounding majority of votes, were elected as the President and Secretary of the BASL for the year 2019/2020.

The members witnessed a well co-ordinated election conducted by the BASL in the recent past. The President was instrumental in providing facilities for the voters especially in the Colombo polling centre whilst providing updates of the results in a digital screen. We unreservedly acknowledged the professional manner in which the presiding officer of the election, the Hon. Solicitor General Mr.Dappula De Livera, PC together with the members of the official bar and the staff of the Attorney General's Department conducted the said election in a professional manner. We acknowledge with gratitude all judges of the respective outstation bars and the respective office bearers who work tirelessly to conclude the said elections in a successful and a satisfactory manner.

However, it is regrettable the conduct of few members who perhaps due to personal interests or otherwise deviate from the ethical standards of the legal profession and resort to unacceptable behaviors during the period of elections. We note with regret the spreading of rumors tarnishing characters and reputation of candidates becoming a trend in the elections. Hence, there is no doubt that stern action should be taken to curb such events in future which would undoubtedly maintain the reputation of the legal profession and the system.

President- Results - 2019			
NAME OF THE BAR	No of Votes	Kalinga Indatissa	Mahinda Lokuge
COLOMBO		2394	556
AKKARAIATTU		22	4
AMPARA		9	7
ANURADHAPURA		48	14
ATTANAGALLA		31	10
ANAMADUWA		7	0
AWISSAWELLA		31	17
BADDEGAMA		9	5
BADULLA		42	7
BALANGODA		19	8
BALAPITIYA		29	18
BANDARAWELA		16	3
BATTICALOA		51	3
BIBILE		4	5
CHAVAKACHCHERI		8	0
CHILAW		22	7
DAMBULLA		9	3
DEHIATTAKANDIYA		5	1
ELPITIYA		20	8
EMBLIPITIYA		17	13
GALGAMUWA		15	0
GALLE		73	83
GAMPAHA		75	28
GAMPOLA		13	1
HAMBANTOTA		32	5
HATTON		6	13
HETTIPOLA		10	3
HINGURAKGODA		8	4
HOMAGAMA		31	34
HORANA		32	25
JAFFNA		31	5
KADUWELA		40	3
KALMUNAI		30	1
KALUTARA		62	43
KANDY		175	41
KANTALE		13	0
KEGALLE		38	7
KEKIRAWA		10	1
KESBEWA		20	14
KULIYAPITIYA		44	9
KURUNEGALA		116	29
MAHARA		35	5
MAHIYANGANAYA		14	0
MAHO		14	2
MALIGAKANDA		17	1
MALLAKAM		5	0
MANNAR		16	1
MARAWILA		50	13
MATALE		35	1
MATARA		87	59
MATUGAMA		46	18
MAWANELLA		14	7
MINUWANGODA		32	2
MONARAGALA		13	5
MORATUWA		27	29
MORAWAKA		11	2
MOUNT-LAVINIA		81	22
MULLAITIVU		4	0
MUTTUR		7	0
NAWALAPITIYA		13	2
NEGOMBO		82	19
NIKAWERATIYA		10	2
NUGEGODA		53	8
NUWARA ELIYA		24	1
PANADURA		36	58
PELMADULLA		5	6
POINT PEDRO		19	0
POLONNARUWA		21	9
PUGODA		23	1
PUTTALAM		20	1
RATNAPURA		68	17
RUWANWELLA		18	1
SAMANTHUREI		16	0
TANGALLE		21	17
TRINCOMALEE		24	4
VAVUNIYA		26	0
WARAKAPOLA		14	1
WARIYAPOLA		9	0
WATTALA		13	3
WELIMADA		5	5
WELLAWAYA		11	1
Total		4,706	1,361

Secretary - Results - 2019	
Kaushalya Nawaratne	Saman Walianga
2,459	457
21	3
16	0
54	6
36	4
7	0
42	6
10	3
48	1
24	2
41	6
18	1
53	0
8	0
8	0
24	5
11	0
3	1
26	2
21	9
14	1
134	16
84	18
13	1
36	1
6	13
11	2
10	1
54	11
35	10
31	5
35	8
31	0
77	27
161	55
13	0
36	8
26	4
10	1
50	4
104	38
36	4
13	1
15	0
14	4
5	0
15	2
55	5
35	0
123	21
54	10
7	15
32	2
16	2
47	6
9	3
87	17
4	0
7	0
11	4
91	10
11	0
50	11
23	1
67	25
12	0
19	0
28	2
22	2
20	1
76	7
17	2
16	0
32	6
27	1
25	1
12	3
9	0
13	2
8	2
10	1
5,074	903

President's Counsel Kalinga Indatissa to contest BASL election

President's Counsel Kalinga Indatissa handed over nominations for the post of President of the Bar Association of Sri Lanka (BASL), for the election scheduled to be held in February. The nominations were received by BASL Solicitor-General and Returning Officer Dappala de Livera, PC, at the BASL auditorium, yesterday.

Kalinga Nandaka Indatissa received his early education at St. Mary's College, Kegalle and at Royal College, Colombo. After passing his Advanced Level Examination, he joined the Sri Lanka Law College in 1982 at the relatively young age of 17 years.

At the Law College, he excelled in his academic studies and secured First Class Honours passes at the Preliminary Year Examination and the Final Examination. In fact, he was the only student who secured a First Class Honours Pass at the April 1985 Examination, and was placed first in order of merit.

During his career at the Law College, he won the Roman Law, Criminal Law, and Law of Evidence prizes. He functioned as the President of the Law College Jaycees, as well as the President of the Law College Music Society. He also functioned as the student advisor of the Law College Human Rights Society and the Legal Aid Scheme. In 1984, Indatissa was awarded the Sir Cyril De Soysa Gold Medal for being the runner-up of the address to the Jury competition.

After having passed his final examination at the Law College, Indatissa devilled in the Chambers of President's Counsel Eardley Perera, Thavaka Wickramasinghe,



and D.S. Wijesinghe. He was admitted to the Bar in May, 1986.

After a short career in the unofficial Bar, Indatissa joined the Attorney-General's Department as a State Counsel in January, 1987. In the Attorney-General's Department, he served mainly in the civil branch and appeared in many original and appellate courts in Sri Lanka.

Indatissa has been attached to the staff of the Sri Lanka Law College since 1986. He initially commenced his teaching career as a tutor in Criminal Law. Later on, he lectured in several subjects such as Conflict of Law, Administrative Law, Criminal Law, Criminal Procedure, Civil Procedure - I and II, Legal History, and Law of Evidence.

He functioned as an examiner attached

to the Council of Legal Education in a number of subjects until 2003. He has also been a visiting lecturer at the Surveyors Institute in Dytshalewa, at the Ceylon Hotel School, the Police Higher Training Institute, and has conducted many public lectures and seminars.

In 1991, Indatissa resigned from the Attorney-General's Department and joined the unofficial Bar. Since then he has developed a very lucrative practice, mainly in areas involving Criminal Law, Intellectual Property, Customs-related matters, Exchange-control Violations, Computer Crimes, and Sports Law. He has also produced many judgments some of whom have joined the Judiciary, the Attorney-General's Department, the Army, Navy, private practice, and many private sector organisations.

From his early days at the Bar, Indatissa was actively involved in the activities of the Bar and the Bar Association of Sri Lanka. He functioned as the Convenor of the Junior Bar Committee in 1988 and 1989, and as the Chairman of the said committee in 1989, 1997 - 1998, 2001 and 2008.

In 1991, he was the Editor of the Colombo Law Society and was a member of the Colombo Law Society Committee from 1990 - 1993. He was also a member of the Executive Committee of the Bar Association in 1991, 1994 - 1997, and in 2001.

He was elected Chairman of the Law Asia Young Lawyers Group in 1993 and was a member of the Law Asia Council from 2002 to 2005. In 2002 he was elected Secretary of the Bar Association of Sri Lanka and functioned as its Secretary from

2002 to 2003. He was later appointed President's Counsel in 2012.

Indatissa has also held public office on many occasions. He functioned as a member of the Central Environmental Authority from 1994 to 2000 and was a trustee of the Mahapala Higher Educational Trust Fund from 1994 to 1996. He was also the Advisor of the Mahapala Professionals Organisation from 1993 to 1998.

From 2002 to 2003, he functioned as the Senior Consultant to the Ministry of Constitutional Affairs and during the said period, he was also an Advisor of the Ministry of Interior. From 2004 to 2008, he was the Secretary of the Mahabodhi Society of Sri Lanka.

In May, 2010, he was appointed a member of the Interim Committee of Sri Lanka Cricket; a post he held until June, 2011. He was also appointed Director of Sri Lanka Telecom, PLC, in May, 2010.

Indatissa had the opportunity to extend his career in foreign jurisdictions as well. In 1999, he appeared in Monaco, France, at an arbitration held by the International Athletics Association, where he successfully defended Susathika Jayasinghe and enabled her to participate in the Sydney Olympics, where she won the Bronze Medal.

He also defended Arjun Ranatunga at a match-fixing inquiry conducted by the International Cricket Council (ICC) and represented former National Captain as a Junior Counsel to S.L. Gunasekera. In 2011, he defended Manju Wazirachchi in Delhi, India and later, at Arbitration in Malaysia.

He also appeared in the Commission

appointed to inquire into the assassination of General Denzil Kobbekaduwa and the commission appointed to look into the assassination of Lalith Athalathmudali. Currently, he is the Lead Counsel for former Sri Lankan Cricket Captain, Smith Jayawariya, in an investigation being conducted by the ICC.

Indatissa is also a prolific writer who has made a very valuable contribution to legal literature in Sri Lanka. He has written many articles to newspapers and law journals and has authored 46 books on many topics of Law. His books on Civil Procedure, Bail, Criminal Law, Electronic Transactions, Computer Crimes, Law of Injunctions, Drafting, and Supreme Court Rules are much sought-after by legal practitioners and laymen alike.

He is also a much sought-after resource person who has contributed immensely to seminars, workshops, programmes, as well as the National Law Conferences organised by the Bar Association of Sri Lanka. He is a regular resource person at the Practical Training programmes organised by the Sri Lanka Law College.

In August, 2018, he received the National Award for the Sustainable Development Goals Role Model Leader, awarded by the Sri Lanka United Nations Friendship Organisation in recognition of his contributions to legal education and the legal profession in Sri Lanka.

The elections for the post of President of the Bar Association of Sri Lanka is scheduled to be held on February 20 and, if elected, Indatissa will take office as the 25th President of the BASL.

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stand for BASL Presidency



membership of the BASL by being the Secretary (2010-2012), Zonal Vice President (2006-2007), Treasurer (2003-2005), as a delegate of the Bar Council for 28 continuous years and 15 years as a member of the Executive Committee.

He has served many years as the Chairman of the Continuing Legal Education Committee and conducted seminars to enhance and update the knowledge of members in Colombo as well as outstation.

He also served in the Lawyers' Skills Development Committee, Social and Welfare Committee, Sports Committee, Lawyers - Police Relations Committee, Diary Committee, Neethi - Raga Committee, Rule of Law Committee and the Outstation Bar Committee.

He was the Treasurer in 1993/1995, Assistant Secretary in 1995/1996, Secretary

in 1996/1997, Vice President in 1997/2001 and President in 2006/2007 of the Colombo Law Society, the branch of the BASL with the largest membership.

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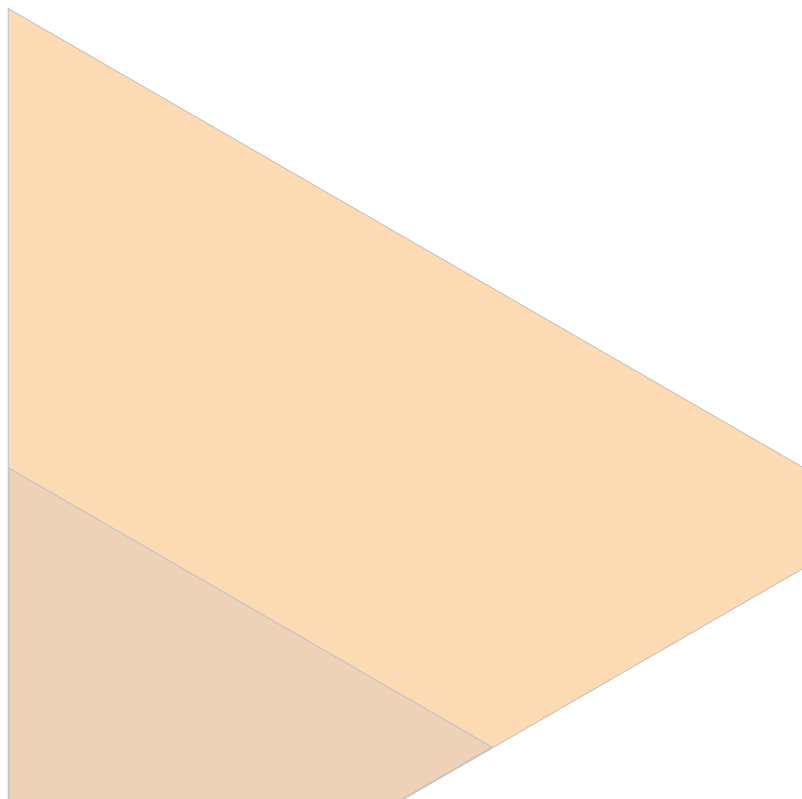
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CHAPTER 16

TREASURER'S REPORT



TREASURER'S REPORT



It is my pleasure to present the Audited Statements of Accounts and the Financial Statement of the Bar Association of Sri Lanka for the year 2018, the Second Year in succession for the approval of the Bar Council.

My two years as Treasurer were spent working hard towards achieving our strategic objectives of being more efficient, focusing on competency and enhancing transparency. The format of the Financial Information and Accounting Policies are unchanged from previous years.

As the Treasurer, I have always worked diligently to position the BASL to better respond to change and the challenging issues affecting us all with the membership paramount. I have been fortunate to work with thoughtful and dedicated fellow members, supported by committed staff and relying on the generous volunteerism of many in the legal profession.

MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTIONS

During the period under review, we collected a sum of Rs.878,500/- as Ordinary Membership and a sum of Rs.8,880,000/- as Life Membership.

FIXED DEPOSITS

In order to derive a higher interest rate, a sum of Rs. 7,900,000/- from Life Membership Subscriptions was deposited in Fixed Deposits with the approval of the Executive Committee.

During the period under review, Fixed Deposits were increased from a sum of Rs.113,530,750/- to Rs.121,430,749.01

INCOME FROM THE BASL BOOKSHOP

The BASL recorded a profit of Rs.524,581.11 being the commission on sale of the books, publications and stationery sold at the BASL Bookshop during the period

under review. I am pleased to mention that the payments on sale of consignment books were made to the authors with the least possible delays.

PURCHASE OF FIXED ASSETS

During the period under review, Fixed Assets purchased for Rs. 2,745,167.87 include purchasing of tiles and fittings for bathrooms of BASL Building, Furniture Items for BASL Programme Committee Room, Air Conditioner to the BASL Library, Tables and Chairs for the Restaurant at the High Court Premises of Colombo, Roller Blinds to the BASL Auditorium, Name Board of the BASL and Tea Machine etc.

LOANS GRANTED TO BASL STAFF

Staff Loans were granted to two staff members

BASL STAFF SALARIES

As approved by the EXCO, the staff salaries were increased during the period under review. Additional amount of Rs.72,788/- per month will incur for this purpose.

PROFIT FROM SALE OF BASL DIARIES 2019

Diary Committee was able to make a profit of Rs.3,544,112/- from the sale of Diaries of 2019.

OTHER ACTIVITIES OF THE BASL

In keeping with BASL object of serving the members and reaching out to outstation members, the following standing committees of the BASL organised seminars and activities during the period under review. My heartfelt gratitude goes to the respective Chairpersons and Conveners of the committee for their time, effort and contributions.

- Diary Committee
- Law Journal Committee
- Junior National Law Conference Committee
- Seminars Committee
- Special Projects Committee

PROVINCIAL LAW CONFERENCES

I express my deepest appreciation for USAID for their profound contribution in providing financial assistance to hold the Provincial Conferences in Kandy, Ratnapura, Matara, Batticaloa and Chilaw.

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.
- Legal English Certificate Course
- Speech Craft Programme

REFURBISHMENT WORK AND REPAIRS DONE TO BASL BUILDING

During the period under review, despite the financial challenges, the BASL embarked on ambitious project to refurbish the BASL Lunch Room, Administrative Section, BASL Projects Committee Section on the 2nd Floor. After lapse of several years, section of the BASL Building and toilets were repaired. Book shop, Library and the entire BASL building was clour washed.

PURCHASING A GENERATOR

In the event of a prolonged power blackout, it was a long felt requirement to purchase a generator. As approved by the Bar Council, a generator costing Rs. 2,689,925/- was purchased.

INSTALLING SOLAR PANELS

As approved by Bar Council, solar panels were purchased by obtaining a loan of Rs.7,950,000/- against the Fixed Deposits held with HNB - Hulftsdorp Branch.

At present, the average monthly electricity bill is Rs.175,000/- and the monthly loan installment to be paid to HNB for the Solar Panels is. Rs.228,500/ (Capital Cost - Rs.133,500/ and Interest -approximately Rs.95,000/-) for 5 years. The cost benefits of converting to a solar panel system will be effected only after the payment of loan in full.

STAFF UNIFORMS

Each staff member was given 3 sets of uniforms in 3 different colours, costing Rs.216,000/ for 23 staff members

DONATIONS PROVIDED TO OUTSTATION BARS

As practiced in the past, donations amounting to Rs.215,550/- were provided to the following bars at their request.

- Batticaloa
- Nugegoda
- Panadura

CLE SEMINARS

CLE Seminars were held in Bandarawela,

Yapahuwa and Avissawella during the period under review.

APPOINTMENT OF NEW AUDITORS

As approved at the First Bar Council meeting in 2018, we have appointed B.R.De Silva & Co. Chartered Accountants of Colombo 05 as the BASL new Auditors replacing SJMS Associates, Chartered Accountants of Colombo who were the BASL Auditors for more than 20 years.

RECRUITING A QUALIFIED ACCOUNTANT

As the present Accounts Executive, Ms. Madupani Mapa will be retiring on the 30th March 2019, with the directions of the Executive Council we have already selected a Qualified Accountant.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Mr.Neomal Gunawardena, Chairman and Mr. Senaka de Seram, Convener and the members of the Finance Committee provided valuable guidance during the year under review.

I note with deep gratitude the guidance and unstinted support received from President Mr.U.R.De Silva PC, who made invaluable contribution in implementing the projects for the last two years and helped me in my tasks.

I extend my gratitude and thanks to Mr.Ali Sabry PC-Deputy President, Mr.Kaushalya Nawaratne-Secretary and Mr.Chamath Fernando-Assistant Secretary, Members of the Executive Committee, Chairpersons and Conveners of Standing Committees, Mr.G.G.Arulpgrasam and Ms.Ruchira Gunasekera for their trust, support and cooperation extended to me in discharging my duties as the Treasurer.

I will be failing in my duty if I do not thank and extend my heartfelt gratitude to my able staff members, Mrs, Madupani Mapa, Mrs.W.A.D.Aruni, and Mrs,Surang Liyanage for their dedication, commitment and support extended to me in discharging my duties.

I express my deep appreciation for the constant support and assistance I received throughout from Ms.Suranee Samarasekera, Administrative Secretary and the staff of BASL.

On behalf of the Executive Committee, once again I extend my gratitude and thanks to you my fellow colleagues for your continued support and the great confidence and trust that you have reposed in me.

I thank our Auditors B.R.De Silva & Co for their services and for submitting the Audit Report for the Year 2018/2019.

In conclusion as the Outgoing Treasurer, I wish to express my sincere gratitude to all those who have helped in numerous ways during my tenure as the Treasurer and wish Bar Association of Sri Lanka every success in its future endeavours.

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

Opinion

We have audited the Financial Statements of Bar Association of Sri Lanka, which comprise the Statement of Financial Position as at 31st December 2018, and the Statement of Comprehensive Income, Statement of Changes in Equity and Statement of Cash Flows for the year then ended, and notes to the Financial Statements, including a summary of significant Accounting Policies and Other Explanatory Notes.

In our opinion, except for the matters sated in basis for qualified opinion paragraph below and any consequent adjustment that may arise therefrom, the accompanying Financial Statements give a True and Fair view of, the Financial Position of the association as at 31st December 2018, and of its Financial Performance and its Cash Flows for the year then ended in accordance with Sri Lanka Accounting Standards.

Basis for Qualified Opinion

1. Building has been constructed on a land owned by the government of Sri Lanka. We have not seen any documents to determine the period of occupancy. Further no depreciation has been provided on the building as per required by Sri Lanka Accounting Standards.
2. Provision has not been provided for income tax payable for past financial years and current financial year.
3. Life membership is capitalized indefinitely. No reversal done for the decrease of members

We conducted our audit in accordance with Sri Lanka Auditing Standards. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are Independent of the Association in accordance with the Code of Ethics issued by the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Sri Lanka, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the Code of Ethics issued by the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Sri Lanka. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our qualified opinion.



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Responsibilities of Management and Those Charged with Governance for the Financial Statements

Executive Committee is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with Sri Lanka Accounting Standards, and for such internal control as committee determines is necessary to enable the preparation of Financial Statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error. In preparing the Financial Statements, committee is responsible for assessing the Association's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to Going Concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless management either intends to liquidate the Association or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Those charged with governance are responsible for overseeing the Association's financial reporting process.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Our Objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the Financial Statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is an assurance of high level, but not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with Sri Lanka Auditing Standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

A further description of the auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located at Sri Lanka Accounting and Auditing website at: www.slaasc.com/auditingstandards/auditorsresponsibility. This description forms part of our auditor's report.

B.R. De Silva & Co
B. R. DE SILVA & CO.
Chartered Accountants
Colombo 05.

Date... 21.12.2019



BAR ASSOCIATION OF SRI LANKAINCOME STATEMENTFOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER, 2018

	<u>Notes</u>	<u>31.12.2018</u>		<u>31.12.2017</u>
		Rs.	Cts.	Rs.
Income	(3)	11,377,500.00		9,924,500
Other Income	(4)	40,287,558.19		37,611,051
Expenses	(5)	(38,132,570.56)		(33,062,100)
Surplus before Taxation		<u>13,532,487.63</u>		<u>14,473,451</u>
Taxation		-		-
Net Surplus for the year		<u><u>13,532,487.63</u></u>		<u><u>14,473,451</u></u>

The Accounting Policies and Notes from (01) to (16) form an integral part of these Financial Statements.

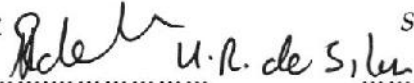

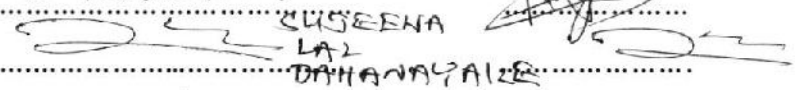


BAR ASSOCIATION OF SRI LANKA
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION
AS AT 31ST DECEMBER, 2018

	Notes	31.12.2018		31.12.2017
		Rs.	Cts.	Rs.
ASSETS				
NON- CURRENT ASSETS				
Property, Plant & Equipment	(6)	51,250,069.27		49,897,243
Investments	(7)	121,430,749.01		113,530,750
		<u>172,680,818.28</u>		<u>163,427,993</u>
CURRENT ASSETS				
Inventories	(8)	4,138,960.97		2,371,536
Trade & Other Receivables	(9)	8,222,283.95		12,172,195
WHT Receivable	(10)	1,662,131.91		1,030,815
Deposits and Advances	(11)	6,771,166.00		1,602,226
Cash and Cash Equivalents	(12)	20,799,598.01		17,241,317
		<u>41,594,140.84</u>		<u>34,418,089</u>
Total Assets		<u>214,274,959.12</u>		<u>197,846,082</u>
EQUITY & LIABILITIES				
Capital & Reserves				
Capital Reserves		105,891,896.00		97,011,896
Accumulated Fund		77,915,908.91		73,234,892
Revaluation Reserve		4,322,415.00		4,322,415
Total Equity		<u>188,130,219.91</u>		<u>174,569,203</u>
NON- CURRENT LIABILITIES				
Non Current Financial Liabilities	(13)	6,398,000.00		-
Specific Funds	(14)	3,143,459.00		4,757,574
Post Employment Benefits	(15)	7,677,250.00		6,130,476
Fund- BASL Programme Committee		884,335.11		487,452
		<u>18,103,044.11</u>		<u>11,375,502</u>
CURRENT LIABILITIES				
Trade and Other Payables	(16)	6,439,695.10		11,901,377
Current Financial Liabilities	(13)	1,602,000.00		-
Total Current Liabilities		<u>8,041,695.10</u>		<u>11,901,377</u>
Total Liabilities		<u>26,144,739.21</u>		<u>23,276,879</u>
Total Equity and Liabilities		<u>214,274,959.12</u>		<u>197,846,082</u>

The Executive committee is responsible for the preparation and presentation of these Financial Statements.

Approved by the Executive Committee:

	Name	Signature
PRESIDENT	(1) U.R. de Silva	
SECRETARY	(2) R. Navarathna	
TREASURER	(3) SUSEENA LAL DAHANAYAKE	
DATE OF THE APPROVAL BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE	} 19 / 03 / 2019	



BAR ASSOCIATION OF SRI LANKA**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER, 2018**

	<u>Capital Reserve</u>		<u>Revaluation Reserve</u>		<u>Accumulated Fund</u>		<u>Total</u>	
	Rs.	Cts.	Rs.	Cts.	Rs.	Cts.	Rs.	Cts.
Balance as at 01st January 2017	89,286,896.00	-	4,322,415.00	-	67,658,531.00	-	161,267,842.00	-
Prior year Adjustment	-	-	-	-	(1,172,090.00)	-	(1,172,090.00)	-
Transfer - Life Membership	7,725,000.00	-	-	-	(7,725,000.00)	-	-	-
Net Income for the year	-	-	-	-	14,473,451.00	-	14,473,451.00	-
Balance as at 31.12.2017	97,011,896.00	-	4,322,415.00	-	73,234,892.00	-	174,569,203.00	-
Prior year Adjustment	-	-	-	-	28,529.28	-	28,529.28	-
Transfer - Life Membership	8,880,000.00	-	-	-	(8,880,000.00)	-	-	-
Net Income for the year	-	-	-	-	13,532,487.63	-	13,532,487.63	-
Balance as at 31.12.2018	105,891,896.00	-	4,322,415.00	-	77,915,908.91	-	188,130,219.91	-

The Accounting Policies and Notes from (01) to (16) form an integral part of these Financial Statements.



BAR ASSOCIATION OF SRI LANKASTATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER, 2018

	<u>2018</u> Rs.	<u>2017</u> Rs.
Cash Flow from/(Used in) Operating Activities		
Surplus before Income Tax Expenses	13,532,488	14,473,451
Adjustments for:		
Revaluation Loss	-	-
Prior year Adjustmenet	28,529	(1,172,090)
Gratuity Provision	1,546,774	676,763
Depreciation	1,392,342	1,230,871
Operating Profit/ (Loss) before Working Capital Changes	16,500,133	15,208,995
Adjustment for Working Capital Changes		
(Increase)/Decrease in Inventories	(1,767,425)	(802,060)
(Increase)/Decrease in Trade and Other Receivables	3,949,911	(2,835,737)
(Increase)/Decrease in Deposits and Advances	(5,168,941)	(993,776)
(Increase)/Decrease in Advances Payable	-	(67,000)
Increase/ (Decrease) in Trade and Other Payables	(5,461,682)	7,074,141
Cash Generated from Operations	8,051,996	17,584,563
Withholding Tax Paid	(631,317)	(1,202,860)
Gratuity Paid	-	(350,089)
Net Cash Flows from/ (Used in) Operating Activities	7,420,679	16,031,614
Cash Flows from/(Used in) Investing Activities		
Acquisition of Property, Plant & Equipment	(2,745,168)	(3,566,109)
Additions/ (Withdrawals) of Financial Assets	(7,899,999)	(11,700,000)
Net Cash Flows from/(Used in) Investing Activities	(10,645,167)	(15,266,109)
Cash Flows from/(Used in) Financing Activities		
Net Movements in Funds	(1,217,232)	(7,792,359)
Loan Obtained	8,000,000	-
Net Cash Flows from/(Used in) Financing Activities	6,782,768	(7,792,359)
Net Increase/ (Decrease) in Cash and Cash Equivalents	3,558,280	(7,026,854)
Cash and Cash Equivalents at the beginning of the year	17,241,318	24,268,172
Cash and Cash Equivalents at the end of the year	20,799,598	17,241,318
Cash at Bank	20,799,598	364,171
Bank Overdrafts	-	16,877,147
Cash and Cash Equivalents at the end of the year	20,799,598	17,241,318



BAR ASSOCIATION OF SRI LANKA**NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS****FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2018****1. General Information**

The principal place of business of the Bar Association of Sri Lanka (The Association") is located at No.153, Mihindu Mawatha, Colombo 12.

The objective of the Association is to maintain the honour and independence of the in Sri Lanka, promotion of good relationships 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 2018 were authorized for issued by the Executive Committee on 20th 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/ Subscriptions**

Subscription income is accounted on a cash basis.

Life membership fee transferred to capital reserve account.

Income from Activities/Projects

Income from various other activities is recognized on an accrual basis.

Specific Funds

Auditorium grants are recognized in the income statement over a period of five years.

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BAR ASSOCIATION OF SRI LANKA**NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS****FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER, 2018****Investment Income**

Investment income consists 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 terms 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 equipment are stated in the statement of financial position at their Re-valued 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 equipment is credited to equity.

Upon disposal of a revalue property and equipment, 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.

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BAR ASSOCIATION OF SRI LANKA**NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS****FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2018****2.4 Financial Instruments****2.4.1 Trade and Other Receivables**

Trade and other receivables are initially recognized at the transaction price. All income is 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 the 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 the 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.

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BAR ASSOCIATION OF SRI LANKA**NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS****FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER, 2018****Employees' Trust Fund**

The association contributes 3% of the salary of each employee to the Employees' Trust Fund.

2.7 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.

Commitments and Contingencies

There were no material commitments and contingencies as at the date of the statement of financial position.

2.8 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 31ST DECEMBER, 2018**

	31.12.2018		31.12.2017
	Rs.	Cts.	Rs.
(3) INCOME			
Ordinary Membership Fees	878,500.00		1,250,500
Life Time Membership Fees	8,880,000.00		7,725,000
Delegate Fees	1,619,000.00		949,000
	11,377,500.00		9,924,500
(4) OTHER INCOME			
Net Income from Other Activities	(4.1)	7,242,243.80	6,561,527
Investment Income	(4.2)	13,446,477.30	12,200,529
Profit on Lawyers' Book (Commission)	A	524,581.11	650,150
Profit on Sale of Appellate Court 2017 Voll I (393)	Q	54,385.00	87,330
Profit on Sale of Diaries 2018	M	180,985.00	3,036,524
Profit on Sale of Diaries 2019	N	3,544,112.00	-
Profit on Sale of Law Journals	D	524,831.56	401,937
Profit on Unreported Judgement & BASL Publications 2007-2013	E	701,724.33	608,239
Profit from Identity Cards	G	3,670,925.00	4,279,267
Profit from Car Passes 2017/2018	H	2,362,330.00	2,084,612
Profit on Sale of Lawyers' Directories 2010 & 2017	C	830,000.00	(4,928)
Other Income	(4.3)	4,998,428.09	5,497,132
Auditorium Grant		2,206,535.00	2,208,732
		40,287,558.19	37,611,051
(4.1) NET INCOME FROM OTHER ACTIVITIES			
Neethi Kekulu 2018		3,910.00	-
Members' Welfare		7,150.00	-
Criminal Defense Course (II) 2018		371,727.50	576,459
Legal English Course		452,925.00	-
Forensic Science Course		901,060.00	835,100
EIA Course (Effective Instructive Attorney)		410,202.50	757,910
6th Provincial Law - Kandy		499,075.00	-
7th Provincial Law - Rathnapura		395,249.00	-
8th Provincial Law - Matara		840,320.00	-
Provincial Law - Batticaloa		500,590.00	-
Seminar on Labour Law		792,206.70	-
Felicitation Dinner (CJ)		162,040.00	328,074
JNLC 2018		826,524.10	-
Law Asia Conference		252,000.00	95,000
Speech Croft Course - Galadari		97,909.00	-
Seminar on Debt Recovering		403,570.00	-
Profit from ICT Course		316,535.00	1,183,108
Sports Gala 2017/2018		9,250.00	-
National Law Conference 2016		-	381,073
Lawyers' Annual Tour - Jaffna and Koggala		-	54,806
Seminar CPC		-	437,800
Seminar - NPC		-	458,200
POLA Conference		-	1,397,789
Neethi Ranga 2017		-	21,045
Seminar Inner Temple		-	35,163
		7,242,243.80	6,561,527



BAR ASSOCIATION OF SRI LANKA**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER, 2018**

31.12.2018		31.12.2017
Rs.	Cts.	Rs.

(4.2) INVESTMENT INCOME

Interest on Fixed Deposits	13,303,563.47	12,043,933
Interest on Savings Deposits	142,913.83	156,596
	13,446,477.30	12,200,529

(4.3) OTHER INCOME

Sales - Telephone Calls	70.00	980
Auditorium Hall Hire	893,500.00	779,000
Credit Card Commission - Sampath Bank	1,055,242.38	932,103
Profit on Sale of Stamps (APO)	O 319,004.00	361,558
Membership Subs . Law & Society	685.00	720
Miscellaneous Income	1,011,426.16	1,039,054
Reim. Salary UNHCR	220,000.00	-
PAP Janashakthi	500.00	500
Processing Fee - Union Assurance	38,686.92	119,439
SHE 2018/2019 - S L Insurance Corp - Processing	59,753.03	58,745
Profit on Sale of Calendars	P -	4,120
SLR Sets (1978 - 2013) - Processing charges	160,000.00	370,000
Advertisement -Bar Reports	245,000.00	370,000
Sponsorship MOJ (Managing Web Site)	500,000.00	-
Profit from Duplo Bureau	I 201,777.10	215,273
Profit from Sale of Stationery (APO)	J 7,735.50	2,120
Profit on Sale of Lapel Pins and Tie Pins	F 34,050.00	28,850
Ties (301 / 303)	B 141,000.00	50,150
Rent Income from HNB	-	670,000
NITF Processing Charges	-	8,259
Law Asia File Sale	-	9,500
Address List and Electrol	-	50,000
Profit from Hand Book	K 6,748.00	14,596
Sale of NLC Bags	-	16,800
JBC Law Journal (310)	-	112,000
Profit from Supreme Court Rules	L 103,250.00	283,365
	4,998,428.09	5,497,132



BAR ASSOCIATION OF SRI LANKANOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTSAS AT 31ST DECEMBER, 2018

	<u>31.12.2018</u>		<u>31.12.2017</u>
	Rs.	Cts.	Rs.
(5) <u>PROFIT BEFORE TAX IS STATED AFTER CHARGING ALL EXPENSES INCLUDING THE</u>			
Salaries & Wages	11,850,437.46		9,970,959
EPF - 12%	1,397,702.37		1,189,852
ETF - 3%	349,425.04		296,053
Allowances & Overtime	1,520,733.00		1,483,932
Staff Bonus	1,409,250.00		1,206,483
Staff Entertainment	9,975.00		29,000
Professional Fee	131,963.00		-
Annual Audit Fee	150,000.00		254,028
Purchases - Library Books	25,440.00		31,050
Depreciation	1,392,341.60		1,230,871
Maintenance - Fixed Assets	497,341.18		863,951
Computer Maintenance	186,635.00		291,850
Maintenance - Building	617,591.28		2,017,198
BASL Building Maintenance (Refurbishment Lunch Room)	200,221.19		-
BASL Building Maintenance (Refurbishment Admin Sec.)	160,000.00		-
Building Maintenance - Library Premises	14,322.00		-
Building Maintenance - BASL 2nd Floor (BASL PC Section)	413,025.03		-
Building Maintenance - Repairing Bathroom	235,945.00		-
Building Maintenance - Rest Room Refurbishment	16,860.00		-
Refurbishment - OPA Room	566,725.00		-
BASL Staff Uniform	216,000.00		-
Electricity - BASL	2,109,967.03		1,987,377
Electricity - Library	23,761.52		26,444
Water Charges - BASL	182,740.80		183,835
Telephone Charges	593,182.58		572,699
Security Charges	4,500.00		68,000
Rates & Taxes	263,275.48		354,800
Service Agreement Charges	256,833.18		469,169
Building Insurance - Fire	29,255.37		30,308
Travelling	125,465.58		151,260
Donation - Outstation Bar	371,807.50		-
Labour Charges	34,762.32		21,910
Courier Charges	3,934.25		16,966
SMS - Gateway - E- arrow	96,000.00		96,000

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
AS AT 31ST DECEMBER, 2018

	<u>31.12.2018</u>		<u>31.12.2017</u>
	Rs.	Cts.	Rs.
(5) PROFIT BEFORE TAX IS STATED AFTER CHARGING ALL EXPENSES INCLUDING THE CONTD....			
SMS Charges Mobitel	616,117.89		467,443
Domain - Name Renewal	6,692.28		3,330
Sankalpa Exhibition	34,045.06		-
Advertisements	130,947.00		149,987
Website Maintenance - Hosting and Renewal	135,064.03		49,000
Bank Charges and Debit Tax	87,963.82		66,230
CLE Seminar - Bandarawela	20,390.00		100,415
CLE Seminar - Yapahuwa	17,430.00		-
Printing Bar News Letters	435,200.00		247,500
50th Felicitatation & Appreciation Night	986,160.00		-
Mobile Book Shop - Ambalangoda	4,880.00		51,091
Data Base Modification	7,500.00		-
Avissawella Seminar - CLE	40,000.00		-
1st BC & Convergence	2,631,770.00		1,465,391
Sponsorship - OPA	50,000.00		-
News Papers and Periodicals	54,320.00		48,740
Seminar on OPA on 16.02.2018	84,100.00		-
OPA - Annual Session - Sponsorship	25,000.00		25,000
OPA - Membership Subscription	-		25,300
Miscellaneous Expenses	411,344.70		411,430
IBA Membership	67,100.25		57,681
Future Legal Education Seminar on 13/12	200,850.00		324,501
Deposit on Franking Machine	625,511.00		709,330
Law Asia Membership	58,309.66		56,156
OPA - Rates, Electricity & Taxes	100,022.85		125,969
Stationery and Printing	1,166,119.10		882,776
Purchases - Acts (Colombo MC)	14,120.00		-
Refreshments - BC & Exco	855,949.42		896,445
Purchases - Ink (Franking Machine)	4,750.00		-
National Law Week 2018	1,318,257.00		1,069,873
Stock Written Off	538,713.74		95,242
Gratuity Provision	1,546,774.00		676,763
Election Charges	-		525,417
Ex- gratia	-		97,534
Web Hosting & Development	-		49,000
Law Medical Encounter	-		120,000
Seminar Anti Doping	-		43,500
Seminar Neethiya Foundation	-		24,700
Sponsorship Seminars	-		230,000

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BAR ASSOCIATION OF SRI LANKANOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
AS AT 31ST DECEMBER, 2018

	<u>31.12.2018</u>		<u>31.12.2017</u>
	Rs.	Cts.	Rs.
(5) <u>PROFIT BEFORE TAX IS STATED AFTER CHARGING ALL EXPENSES INCLUDING THE CONTD....</u>			
Provincial NLC 2017		-	30,403
Photograph	141,450.00		3,000
Oath Ceremony		-	21,500
Mail Box		-	2,813
Development SMS Alert System		-	15,000
Sponsorship - Law Asia Moot Competition, Tokyo		-	60,000
Membership Subscription - Law College (Foot Ball Team)		-	14,000
Sponsorship - Women Lawyers		-	15,000
Purchases Act - CPC code 2017		-	2,650
Fund Transfer - Contingency		-	600,458
Loss from Neethi Ranga 2016		-	77,310
Loss from Sports Gala - 2017		-	280,227
Loss on Sale of Calender 2018/2019	P	258,300.00	-
		<u>38,132,570.56</u>	<u>33,062,100</u>



BAR ASSOCIATION OF SRI LANKA

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

AS AT 31ST DECEMBER 2018

(6) PROPERTY PLANT AND EQUIPMENT

ASSET CATEGORY	COST				DEPRECIATION				W. D. V. as at 31.12.2017	
	Balance as at 01.01.2018	Additions during the year	(Disposals) during the year	Balance as at 31.12.2018	Balance as at 01.01.2018	Charge for the year	(Disposals) during the year	Balance as at 31.12.2018		W. D. V. as at 31.12.2018
	Rs. Cts.	Rs. Cts.	Rs. Cts.	Rs. Cts.	Rs. Cts.	Rs. Cts.	Rs. Cts.	Rs. Cts.		Rs. Cts.
Buildings	41,890,904.00	1,056,534.98	-	42,947,438.98	-	-	-	42,947,438.98	41,890,904	
Furniture and Fittings	5,363,313.00	460,450.00	-	5,823,763.00	762,097.00	304,496.95	-	4,257,169.05	4,601,216	
Electrical Equipment	1,773,105.00	10,320.00	-	1,783,425.00	266,996.00	265,965.75	-	1,250,463.25	1,506,109	
Air Conditioners	251,500.00	147,926.00	-	399,426.00	40,869.00	37,725.00	-	320,832.00	210,631	
Computer Equipment	1,353,350.00	-	-	1,353,350.00	177,623.00	203,002.50	-	972,724.50	1,175,727	
Software	122,429.00	-	-	122,429.00	18,364.00	12,242.90	-	91,822.10	104,065	
Other Fixed Assets	417,466.00	689,936.89	-	1,107,402.89	43,987.00	62,619.75	-	1,000,796.14	373,479	
Lighting, Equipment & Fittings	28,425.00	-	-	28,425.00	4,619.00	4,263.75	-	19,542.25	23,806	
Restaurant Tables & Chairs	-	380,000.00	-	380,000.00	-	-	-	380,000.00	-	
Duplo Machine	13,500.00	-	-	13,500.00	2,194.00	2,025.00	-	4,219.00	11,306	
GRAND TOTAL	51,213,992.00	2,745,167.87	-	53,959,159.87	1,316,749.00	1,392,341.60	-	51,250,069.27	49,897,243	

Note

Building has been constructed on a land owned by the Government of Sri Lanka



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	<u>31.12.2018</u>	<u>31.12.2017</u>
	Rs. Cts.	Rs.
(7) INVESTMENTS		
<u>Investment Fixed Deposits</u>		
Hatton National Bank	28,912,760.37	20,712,760
National Savings Bank - Hultsdrof branch	21,500,000.00	23,703,000
People's Merchant Bank PLC	1,500,000.00	1,500,000
Bank of Ceylon	28,753,000.00	26,850,000
State Mortgage Bank	6,100,000.00	6,100,000
Nations Trust Bank	1,900,000.00	1,900,000
Commercial Bank	26,452,988.64	26,452,990
Peoples Bank	6,312,000.00	6,312,000
	<u>121,430,749.01</u>	<u>113,530,750</u>
(8) INVENTORIES		
Law Journals	428,037.68	177,674
Directory 2010	-	2,272
Directory 2017	928,000.00	
Hand Books	29,232.00	41,184
Tie Pins	92,225.00	158,525
Ties	1,004,800.00	685,600
Diaries 2019	24,848.00	-
Diaries 2018	-	37,625
Diaries 2017	-	2,320
Stamps APO	89,859.00	103,224
Stationery - Bookshop	2,835.00	2,692
Publications	1,229,980.29	484,724
Stationery APO	10,565.00	7,821
Supreme Court Rules	268,600.00	312,800
Car Passes 2017	-	41,470
Car Passes 2018	6,864.00	-
BASL Calendar 2018	-	233,220
Appellate Court 2017	23,115.00	80,385
	<u>4,138,960.97</u>	<u>2,371,536</u>
(9) TRADE & OTHER RECEIVABLES		
Accounts Receivable	3,661,121.94	9,069,983
Interest Receivable	1,579,113.28	-
Staff Loans	2,957,898.73	3,079,562
Returned Cheques	24,150.00	22,650
	<u>8,222,283.95</u>	<u>12,172,195</u>



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	<u>31.03.2018</u>		<u>31.03.2017</u>
	Rs.	Cts.	Rs.
(10) <u>WHT RECEIVABLE</u>			
Balance at the Beginning of the year	1,030,815.00		(172,296)
WHT Deduction for the year	631,316.91		1,203,111
Balance at the end of the year	<u>1,662,131.91</u>		<u>1,030,815</u>
(11) <u>DEPOSIT AND ADVANCES</u>			
<u>Deposits</u>			
Deposits	<u>66,650.00</u>		<u>66,650</u>
	<u>66,650.00</u>		<u>66,650</u>
<u>Advances</u>			
Advance Payment for Car Passes 2017		-	57,750
Advance Payment - Stamps -(APO)		-	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	562,866.00		742,866
Neethya Foundation (From Thivanka Fund)	150,000.00		
Aitken Spence - Cruz Tour	1,430,400.00		
Printing - NLR Reports	1,000,000.00		
Advance Payment - Solar System	3,000,000.00		
Advance - Car Passes 2019	61,250.00		
Advance Payment - Generator	500,000.00		
	<u>6,704,516.00</u>		<u>1,535,576</u>
	<u>6,771,166.00</u>		<u>1,602,226.00</u>
(12) <u>CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS</u>			
Cash in Hand (12.1)	128,220.26		364,171
Cash at Bank (12.2)	20,671,377.75		16,877,146
	<u>20,799,598.01</u>		<u>17,241,317</u>



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	<u>31.12.2018</u>		<u>31.12.2017</u>
	Rs.	Cts.	Rs.
(12.1) CASH IN HAND			
Petty Cash		183.75	6,499
A/C 1188	30,500.00		357,672
A/C 28625	45,000.00		-
A/C 9768	52,536.51		-
	<u>128,220.26</u>		<u>364,171</u>
(12.2) CASH AT BANK			
<u>Current Accounts</u>			
<u>Bank of Ceylon, Mihindu Mawatha, Colombo 12</u>			
A/C 9762	38,634.51		14,081
A/C 9765	407,451.44		331,951
A/C 9753	1,767,940.73		2,776,191
A/C 9763	2,915,009.89		3,314,398
A/C 0180	10,074.00		10,074
A/C 9768	1,297,033.88		1,625,791
<u>Hatton National Bank - Hulfsdorf Street, Colombo 12</u>			
A/C 1188	4,699,027.41		976,135
A/C 3227	806,532.13		1,431,858
A/C 3667	246,919.32		860,899
A/C 4105	548,399.90		146,720
A/C 4979	100,756.27		36,306
A/C 4962	87,955.66		36,306
A/C 17253	412,020.00		-
<u>Peoples' Bank</u>			
A/C No.297-1003-7-001293	2,761,655.02		1,641,536
A/C No.297-1001-9-001293	605,968.62		397,840
A/C No.297-1002-8-0001293	56,310.00		56,310
<u>Nations Trust Bank</u>			
A/C No. 1336	27,619.38		27,619
<u>Savings Accounts</u>			
<u>Hatton National Bank - Hulfsdorf Street, Colombo 12</u>			
A/C 83040	94,937.73		3,344
A/C 37489	35,637.03		34,507
A/C 30226	299,357.45		740,553
A/C 28625	1,774,136.57		773,462
A/C 6604	1,335,322.05		1,351,749
A/C 10069	159,401.93		152,320
<u>Commercial Bank</u>			
A/C 823200001	1,637.95		1,927
<u>Nations Trust Bank</u>			
NTB 4152	181,638.88		135,269
	<u>20,671,377.75</u>		<u>16,877,146</u>
Total Cash & Cash Equivalents	<u>20,799,598.01</u>		<u>17,241,317</u>



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<u>Loans</u>	<u>Balance as at 31.12.2018</u>	<u>Amount Repayable Within 1 year</u>	<u>Amount Repayable after 1 year</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Balance as at 31.12.2017</u>
	<u>Rs. Cts.</u>	<u>Rs. Cts.</u>	<u>Rs. Cts.</u>	<u>Rs. Cts.</u>	<u>Rs.</u>
Term Loan - HNB	8,000,000.00	1,602,000.00	6,398,000.00	8,000,000.00	-
	<u>8,000,000.00</u>	<u>1,602,000.00</u>	<u>6,398,000.00</u>	<u>8,000,000.00</u>	<u>-</u>

Long Term Loan I - Hatton National Bank

Amount :-	Rs 8,000,000.00 .
Purpose :-	Working capital requirements.
Interest Rate :-	3% above the deposit rate.
Repayment :-	Repayable over a period of 60 months. Rs.133,500/- x 59 months + interest. Rs.123,500/- x 01 months + interest.
Security :-	Lien over Fixed Deposit A/C No: 063030019503 for Rs. 10,037,760.37/-



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	<u>31.03.2018</u>	<u>31.03.2017</u>
	Rs. Cts.	Rs.
(14) <u>SPECIFIC FUND</u>		
Flood Relief - Meethotamulla	60,908.00	60,908
National Defense Fund	10,074.00	10,074
NED Grant	449,502.00	449,502
Auditorium grant (14.1)	2,210,955.00	4,417,490
Transfer of Funds	-	(180,400)
UNHCR	412,020.00	-
	<u>3,143,459.00</u>	<u>4,757,574</u>
(14.1) <u>AUDITORIUM GRANT</u>		
Balance at the beginning of the year	4,417,490.00	5,388,350
Additions during the year	-	1,235,675
Amortized during the year	(2,206,535.00)	(2,206,535)
Balance at the end of the year	<u>2,210,955.00</u>	<u>4,417,490</u>
(15) <u>POST EMPLOYMENT BENEFIT</u>		
Balance at the beginning of the year	6,130,476.00	5,803,802
Payments during the year	-	(350,089)
Provision for the year	1,546,774.00	676,763
Balance at the end of the year	<u>7,677,250.00</u>	<u>6,130,476</u>
(16) <u>TRADE AND OTHER PAYABLES</u>		
Accounts Payable (16.1)	2,099,393.74	8,425,389
Advances Received (16.2)	3,441,031.00	2,693,766
Accruals	899,270.36	782,222
	<u>6,439,695.10</u>	<u>11,901,377</u>



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	31.03.2018		31.03.2017
	Rs.	Cts.	Rs.
(16.1) ACCOUNTS PAYABLE			
Benevolent Trust Fund-Interest	706,389.10		624,030
Thiwanka Wickramasinghe Fund - Interest	125,527.00		125,527
Printec	-		5,700
JNLC 2017 - Hotel	-		2,597,500
Wijaya Print (Calendar 2018)	-		260,000
Shangri-La Hotel	-		4,812,632
20% EPF Payable	192,627.61		-
Refundable Deposit - President	250,000.00		-
Accounts Payable	824,850.03		-
	2,099,393.74		8,425,389
(16.2) ADVANCES RECEIVED			
Advance Received for SHE Claim	150,000.00		150,000
Advance Received for Lawyers' Books	1,931,031.00		1,489,666
Advance Received - Sales SLR set (1978-13)	1,320,000.00		1,015,000
Advance Received - Advertisement Directory (2017)	-		30,000
Advance Received - Ticket Sale 2017	-		1,000
Advance Received - Sale Calendar	-		8,100
Advance Course Fees- Speech Craft	40,000.00		-
	3,441,031.00		2,693,766



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	<u>31.12.2018</u>		<u>31.12.2017</u>
	Rs.	Cts.	Rs.
(A) <u>Income from Activities</u>			
<u>Income from Book Shop</u>			
Income - sales commission	508,055.96		642,461
Sales - Stationery and SLR Publications	54,237.00		42,392
	<u>562,292.96</u>		<u>684,853</u>
Cost of sales			
Stock as at the beginning of the year	2,691.85		1,385
Purchases	37,855.00		36,010
Stock as at the end of the year	(2,835.00)		(2,692)
	<u>37,711.85</u>		<u>34,703</u>
Net Income /(Loss)	<u>524,581.11</u>		<u>650,150</u>
(B) <u>Profit from Sale of Ties</u>			
Sales	528,000.00		190,750
Cost of sales			
Stock as at the beginning of the year	685,600.00		448,600
Purchases	715,000.00		385,000
Stocks Written Off	(8,800.00)		(7,400)
Stock as at the end of the year	(1,004,800.00)		(685,600)
	<u>387,000.00</u>		<u>140,600</u>
Net Income /(Loss)	<u>141,000.00</u>		<u>50,150</u>
(C) <u>Profit on Sale of Lawyers' Directories 2010/2017</u>			
Sales	962,000.00		3,400
Advertisement - Directory	410,000.00		-
	<u>1,372,000.00</u>		<u>3,400</u>
Cost of sales			
Stock as at the beginning of the year	2,272.00		12,212
Purchases	1,500,000.00		-
Stock Written off	(32,272.00)		(1,612)
Stock as at the end of the year	(928,000.00)		(2,272)
	<u>542,000.00</u>		<u>8,328</u>
Net Income /(Loss)	<u>830,000.00</u>		<u>(4,928)</u>



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	<u>31.12.2018</u>		<u>31.12.2017</u>
	Rs.	Cts.	Rs.
(D) Profit on Sale of Law Journals			
(D1) LJ Volume 2018 (396)			
Sales	1,111,600.00		-
Cost of sales			
Stock as at the beginning of the year		-	-
Purchases	1,068,000.00		-
Stocks written off	(43,788.00)		-
Stock as at the end of the year	(362,052.00)		-
	<u>662,160.00</u>		<u>-</u>
Net Income / (Loss)	<u>449,440.00</u>		<u>-</u>
(D2) LJ Volume (378)			
Sales	1,000.00		5,000
Cost of sales			
Stock as at the beginning of the year	1,940.32		6,791
Purchases	-		-
Stocks written off	-		-
Stock as at the end of the year	(970.16)		(1,940)
	<u>970.16</u>		<u>4,851</u>
Net Income / (Loss)	<u>29.84</u>		<u>149</u>
(D3) LJ Volume (2013)-384			
Sales	6,500.00		12,000
Cost of sales			
Stock as at the beginning of the year	126,810.90		134,382
Purchases	-		-
Stocks written off	(75,708.00)		-
Stock as at the end of the year	(44,163.00)		(126,811)
	<u>6,939.90</u>		<u>7,571</u>
Net Income / (Loss)	<u>(439.90)</u>		<u>4,429</u>
(D4) LJ - Law Journal 2016 (390)			
Sales	<u>72,840.00</u>		<u>379,800</u>



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	<u>31.12.2018</u>		<u>31.12.2017</u>
	Rs.	Cts.	Rs.
(D5) <u>Law Journal 2015 (388)</u>			
Sales	18,200.00		33,600
Advertisements			-
	<u>18,200.00</u>		<u>33,600</u>
Cost of sales			
Stock as at the beginning of the year	48,923.22		64,964
Purchases	-		-
Stocks written off	(12,832.32)		-
Stock as at the end of the year	<u>(20,852.52)</u>		<u>(48,923)</u>
	15,238.38		16,041
Net Income / (Loss)	<u>2,961.62</u>		<u>17,559</u>
Total Income from sale of law journals (D1+D2+D3+D4+D5)	<u><u>524,831.56</u></u>		<u><u>401,937</u></u>
(E) <u>Profit on unreported judgment and BASL publications 2007-2013</u>			
<u>Sales - LJ Vol Vi & Vii</u>			
Sales	1,200,440.00		960,950
Cost of Sales			
Stock as at the beginning of the year	484,724.38		348,875
Purchases	1,270,000.00		497,000
Stocks Written Off	(26,028.42)		(8,440)
Stock as at the end of the year	<u>(1,229,980.29)</u>		<u>(484,724)</u>
	498,715.67		352,711
Net Income / (Loss)	<u><u>701,724.33</u></u>		<u><u>608,239</u></u>
(F) <u>Profit on Sale of Lapel Pins and Tie Pins</u>			
Sales	85,900.00		75,600
Cost of Sales			
Stock as at the beginning of the year	158,525.00		206,550
Purchases			-
Stocks Written Off	(14,450.00)		(1,275)
Stock as at the end of the year	<u>(92,225.00)</u>		<u>(158,525)</u>
	51,850.00		46,750
Net Income / (Loss)	<u><u>34,050.00</u></u>		<u><u>28,850</u></u>
(G) <u>Profit from Identity Cards</u>			
Sales	3,759,800.00		4,631,800
Photography Processing	226,950.00		110,400
	<u>3,986,750.00</u>		<u>4,742,200</u>
Cost of Sales			
PVC Cords and Ribbons	315,825.00		462,933
	<u>315,825.00</u>		<u>462,933</u>
Net Income / (Loss)	<u><u>3,670,925.00</u></u>		<u><u>4,279,267</u></u>



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	<u>31.12.2018</u>		<u>31.12.2017</u>
	Rs.	Cts.	Rs.
(H) Profit from Car Passes 2017/2018			
Sales	2,470,900.00		2,146,600
Cost of Sales			
Stock as at the beginning of the year	41,470.00		1,013
Purchases	115,500.00		145,000
Stocks Written Off	(41,536.00)		(42,555)
Stock as at the end of the year	(6,864.00)		(41,470)
	<u>108,570.00</u>		<u>61,988</u>
Net Income /(Loss)	<u>2,362,330.00</u>		<u>2,084,612</u>
(I) Profit from Duplo Bureau			
Sales	844,654.60		963,081
Cost of Sales			
Purchases	642,877.50		747,808
	<u>642,877.50</u>		<u>747,808</u>
Net Income /(Loss)	<u>201,777.10</u>		<u>215,273</u>
(J) Profit from Sale of Stationery (APO)			
Sales	16,466.00		18,198
Cost of Sales			
Stock as at the beginning of the year	7,820.50		1,291
Purchases	11,475.00		22,608
Stocks Written Off	-		-
Stock as at the end of the year	(10,565.00)		(7,821)
	<u>8,730.50</u>		<u>16,078</u>
Net Income /(Loss)	<u>7,735.50</u>		<u>2,120</u>
(K) Profit From Hand book			
Sales	18,700.00		20,500
Cost of Sales			
Stock as at the beginning of the year	41,184.00		47,088
Purchases	-		-
Stocks Written Off	-		-
Stock as at the end of the year	(29,232.00)		(41,184)
	<u>11,952.00</u>		<u>5,904</u>
Net Income /(Loss)	<u>6,748.00</u>		<u>14,596</u>



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	<u>31.12.2018</u>		<u>31.12.2017</u>
	Rs.	Cts.	Rs.
(L) Profit from Supreme Court Rules			
Sales	144,900.00		395,700
Cost of Sales			
Stock as at the beginning of the year	312,800.00		3,960
Purchases	-		425,000
Stocks Written Off	(2,550.00)		(3,825)
Stock as at the end of the year	(268,600.00)		(312,800)
	<u>41,650.00</u>		<u>112,335</u>
Net Income / (Loss)	<u>103,250.00</u>		<u>283,365</u>
(M) Profit on Sale of Diaries 2018			
Sales	288,100.00		4,293,700
Advertisements	-		750,000
	<u>288,100.00</u>		<u>5,043,700</u>
Cost of Sales			
Stock as at the beginning of the year	39,945.00		210,276
Purchases	69,490.00		-
Printing of Diaries	-		1,859,735
Stocks Written Off	(2,320.00)		(22,890)
Stock as at the end of the year	-		(39,945)
	<u>107,115.00</u>		<u>2,007,176</u>
Net Income / (Loss)	<u>180,985.00</u>		<u>3,036,524</u>
(N) Profit on Sale of Diaries 2019			
Sales	5,494,950.00		-
Advertisements	880,000.00		-
	<u>6,374,950.00</u>		<u>-</u>
Cost of Sales			
Stock as at the beginning of the year	-		-
Printing of Diaries	2,897,100.00		-
Stocks Written Off	(41,414.00)		-
Stock as at the end of the year	(24,848.00)		-
	<u>2,830,838.00</u>		<u>-</u>
Net Income / (Loss)	<u>3,544,112.00</u>		<u>-</u>



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	<u>31.12.2018</u>		<u>31.12.2017</u>
	Rs.	Cts.	Rs.
(O) Profit on Sale of Stamps			
Sales	7,312,369.00		7,080,425
Commission	320,000.00		360,000
	<u>7,632,369.00</u>		<u>7,440,425</u>
Cost of Sales			
Stock as at the beginning of the year	103,224.00		82,091
Purchases	7,300,000.00		7,100,000
Stocks Written Off	-		-
Stock as at the end of the year	<u>(89,859.00)</u>		<u>(103,224)</u>
	<u>7,313,365.00</u>		<u>7,078,867</u>
Net Income /(Loss)	<u>319,004.00</u>		<u>361,558</u>
(P) Profit on Sale of Calendars			
Sales	81,700.00		30,900
Cost of Sales			
Stock as at the beginning of the year	233,220.00		-
Printing Calendars	340,000.00		260,000
Stocks Written Off	(233,220.00)		-
Stock as at the end of the year	<u>-</u>		<u>(233,220)</u>
	<u>340,000.00</u>		<u>26,780</u>
Net Income /(Loss)	<u>(258,300.00)</u>		<u>4,120</u>
(Q) Profit on Sale of Appellate Court 2017 Voll I (393)			
Sales	107,860.00		172,200
Cost of Sales			
Stock as at the beginning of the year	80,385.00		-
Purchases	-		172,500
Stocks Written Off	(3,795.00)		(7,245)
Stock as at the end of the year	<u>(23,115.00)</u>		<u>(80,385)</u>
	<u>53,475.00</u>		<u>84,870</u>
Net Income /(Loss)	<u>54,385.00</u>		<u>87,330</u>



Compliment

I will be failing my duties if I do not extend my heart felt gratitude for the unreserved support extended in numerous ways, inter alia, in order to enable me to finalize the Annual Report of the year 2018/2019. Accordingly, my sincere thank are extended to

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