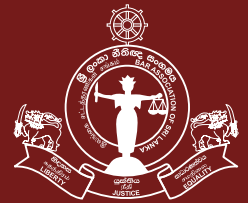


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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



Mr. Saliya Pieris, PC

I pen these words for the Newsletter of the Bar Association of Sri Lanka (BASL) at a time when the Bar has played and continues to play a vital role in protecting and promoting the Rule of Law and the Fundamental Rights of the people. The role played by the Bar during this unprecedented period in the history of our nation has

been widely appreciated both within and outside Sri Lanka and I am indeed privileged to have led the Bar during this time.

On the 19th of July 2022, The Hindu newspaper, India's second largest English newspaper referred to the BASL as a "voice of reason in Sri Lanka's conflict" stating that "The Bar Association of Sri Lanka (BASL), a professional body of lawyers, emerged as the chief advocate of citizens' freedoms of expression, association, and assembly, intervening swiftly and firmly when it mattered the most." (<https://www.thehindu.com/news/international/a-voice-of-reason-during-sri-lankas-crisis/article65658282.ece>).

The International Bar Association, the Law Asia and the Commonwealth Lawyers' Association have all expressed

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MESSAGE FROM THE SECRETARY



Mr. Isuru Balapatabendi

Sri Lanka as a nation, is facing unprecedented challenges at present. The active role played by members of the legal profession is vital in protecting rights and liberties of the people under testing times as these. The Bar Association of Sri Lanka, has been in the forefront of protection of rights of persons and constantly

strives to deliver on its responsibilities towards society and the country at large.

The Bar Association has been actively engaged in continuous professional development of its membership, by conducting a multitude of seminars and workshops in almost every part of the island. With the shift of circumstances, enabling physical meetings we have focused on resuming conferences while utilizing webinars for issues that require extensive participation. The legal workshop series conducted by the seminars committee, "Nithi neethi sesi" conducted by the continuing legal education committee as well as numerous other seminars conducted by the junior bar committee, women lawyers professional and career development

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ELECTION OF DEPUTY PRESIDENT, TREASURER, ASSISTANT SECRETARY, ZONAL VICE PRESIDENTS, AND THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE BASL

The Bar Council meeting conducted on the 26th March 2022 ended on the positive note, with several noteworthy appointments being made to the Bar Council.



At the outset of the meeting, the name of Mr. Anura Meddegoda, PC was proposed to the post of Deputy President by Mr. Saliya Peiris PC and seconded by Mr. Rajindh Perera.

Thereafter, Mr. Rajindh Perera was proposed for the post of Treasurer for the year 2022/2023 by Mr. Saliya Peiris, PC and seconded by Mr. Anura Meddegoda, PC. Since no other names were proposed, the Hon. Attorney General declared Mr. Rajindh Perera as the Treasurer for the year 2022/2023.

Meanwhile, the Zonal Vice Presidents of the BASL elected for the year 2022/2023 include, Mr. S.A.G Vijitha Kumara (Anuradhapura), Mr. M.S.M Jameel (Ampara), Mr. Jimmy Marambe (Avisawella), Mr. Viajaya Niranjan Perera PC (Badulla), Mr. A. Uwais (Batticaloa), Mr. Sanjeeva Dissanayake (Colombo Central), Mr. N.J Fernando (Colombo South), Mr. Sumudu Jayamanna (Chillaw), Mr. Priyantha Seneviratne (Galle), Mr. Upul Deshapriya (Gampaha), Mr. M. Kanagasegaram (Jaffna), Mr. Thushara Guneratne (Kaluthara), Mr. Dhammika Hettihewage (Kandy), Ms. S Dayanthi Udalgama (Kegalle), Mr. Jinadasa Lekamge (Kurunegala), Mrs. Priyani Rathnayaka (Matara), Ms. Manouri Fernando (Negombo), Mr. Nadapala Wickramasooriya (Ratnapura), Mr. M.S.M Saburudeen (Vavuniya), Ms. Himali S Urugodawatte (Corporate Lawyers Association/ Government Legal Officers Association)

The following members were also elected to the Executive Committee of the BASL for the year 2022,2023. Mr. K.A Upull Kumarapperuma, Mr. Jagath Abeynayaka, Ms. Lakshika R. N. Rathnayaka, Mr. Jagath Halpandeniya, Mr. W. Nuwan D. Jayawardena, Mr. Charith Galhena, Mr. Buddhika P. Serasinghe and Mr. Vishwa De Livera Tennakoon.

THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE ASSUMES DUTIES



In a simple ceremony held on the 28th of March 2022, the Management Committee of the BASL assumed duties at the BASL Secretariat. President, Mr. Saliya Pieris PC, the Secretary, Mr. Isuru Balapatabendi, Treasurer Mr. Rajindh Perera and

the Assistant Secretary Mr. Mehran Careem, AAL, with BASL Administrative Secretary / CEO Mrs. Suranee Samarasekara and other staff members of the Secretariat were present at this occasion.

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

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strong support to the BASL for its pivotal role during this time.

During this period, the BASL has continued to support its membership through the activities of several committees including those on Continuing Legal Education, Seminars, and the Junior Bar, Women's Career and Professional Development. Many of these activities have been enabled by the support received from several organisations including the USAID and the UN. Through its Continuous Legal Education (CLE) programmes and other workshops and seminars the BASL has been able to support the continuing professional development of its members. During the last one year more than three thousand members have attended the different workshops, seminars and symposiums conducted by the BASL in different parts of the country. Currently a Committee of the BASL is working on a framework on Continuing Professional Development (CPD) for the membership.

The BASL continues to be mindful of its role in safeguarding the rights and interests of the members of the legal profession including those engaged in notarial practice. The BASL will continue to monitor the practical progress of the new amendments to legislation relating to conveyancing and the notarial practice and where necessary make interventions and come up with further proposals on changes which may have to

be made to these laws.

The BASL has through its Women Lawyers' Committee formulated and submitted to the Supreme Court its proposals regarding the court attire of female members of the Bar and it is hoped that the next few months will result in a positive outcome on these proposals, which hopefully will resolve the vexed question relating to attire in court.

The Association has launched its Members Benevolent Society and I encourage members to join the Society to enjoy the benefits that will be available. The Social and Welfare Committee of the BASL have also implemented several measures towards the welfare of the membership.

I would be remiss if I do not thank the Management Committee of the BASL, the Executive Committee, and the Bar Council for playing an invaluable role in the work done.

It is my hope that the BASL will continue to be a voice of reason and sanity and be steadfast in its role in the preservation of the Rule of Law, the Independence of the Judiciary, and the Fundamental Rights of the people of Sri Lanka.

Saliya Pieris, P.C.

MESSAGE FROM THE SECRETARY

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committee, corporate social responsibility committee, legal aid committee have met the expectation of its members island wide and have become very popular among members, particularly junior lawyers, attracting a large participation and a demand for more opportunities.

The sports committee of the BASL initiated several sporting events during the last year as Covid restrictions were eased by the authorities. The overseas relations committee as well as the seminars committee have conducted several webinars which included much sought after personalities as resources

persons. The webinars have been viewed by professionals from all sector, locally and internationally.

The news letter has always been the main source of information of the membership with regard to the activities conducted by the BASL. I wish to thank the chairman of the BASL news letter committee, Mr. Chanaka Jayamaha, convener Mr. Harshana de Silva and the editorial committee for all their hard work, on a job excellently executed.

I look forward to an eventful year ahead for the BASL

Isuru Balapatabendi, AAL

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1ST MEETING OF THE BAR COUNCIL FOR THE YEAR 2022/2023



The 1st Bar Council Meeting of the Bar Association of Sri Lanka for the Year 2022-2023, was held on the 26th of March 2022 at the at the Main Conference Hall of the Bandaranaike Memorial International Conference Hall (BMICH) presided over by the Honourable Attorney General.

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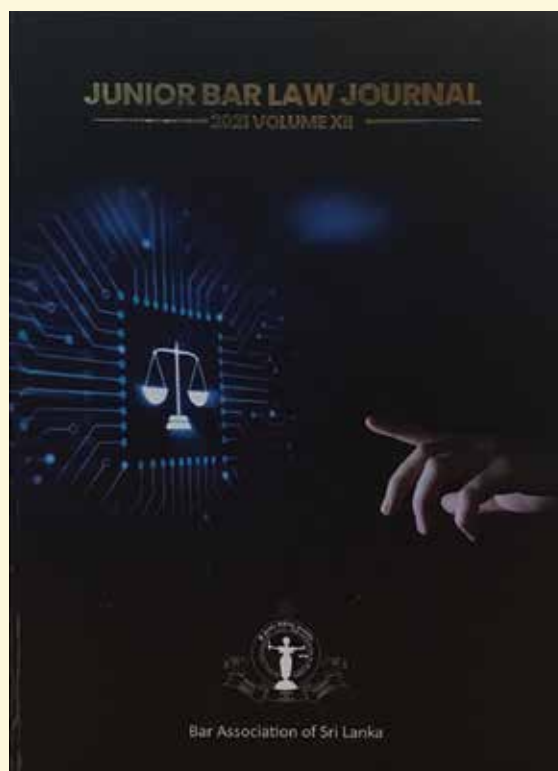
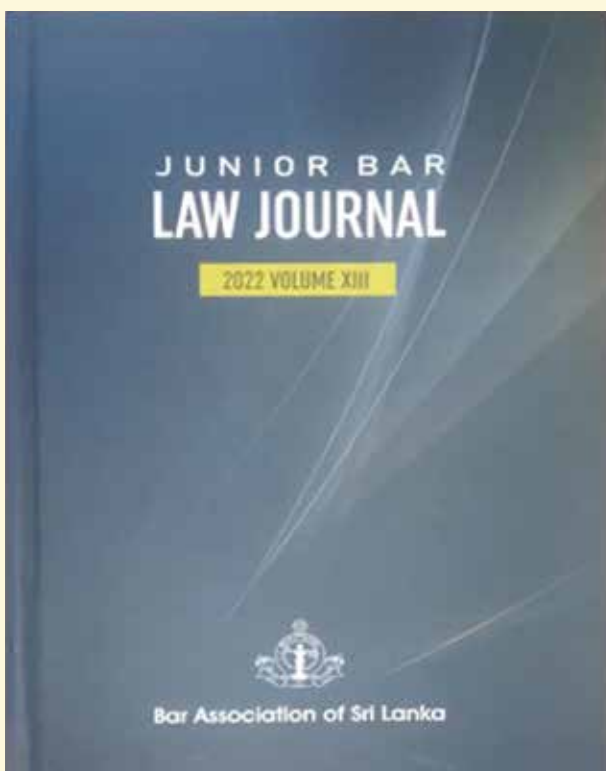
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WEBINARS

Webinar Series 2022

PROPOSALS OF THE BASL TO RESTORE POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC STABILITY IN THE COUNTRY

Haroon Mohamed PC, Chaminda Jayawardena PC, Raliya Perera PC, Pulasthi Rupasingha

Sunday, 8th May 2022
5.30pm - 7.00 pm on [zoom](#)

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CHANGES PROPOSED BY THE INLAND REVENUE (AMENDMENT) BILL

Suresh Perera, Thanuja Perera, Charmaine Tilekeratne, Rakintha Jayanthunga

Friday, 21st October 2022
6.00pm - 7.30 pm on [zoom](#)

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LAW RELATING TO PRESIDENTIAL PARDON

Prasanth Lal De Alwis PC, Nalinda Indurita PC, Shanika Jayawardena, Pulasthi Rupasingha

Saturday, 25th June 2022
6.30pm - 8.00 pm on [zoom](#)

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Salient features of latest amendments to

1. Notaries Ordinance
2. Registration of Documents Ordinance
3. Powers of Attorney Ordinance
4. Wills Ordinance
5. Prevention of Frauds Ordinance

Shirantha Gunawardena Attorney-at-Law, G.G Arupragasam Attorney-at-Law, Felician Fernandopulle Attorney-at-Law, Nirodha Kalansooriya Attorney-at-Law

Thursday, 3rd November 2022
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AMENDMENTS TO THE NOTARIES ORDINANCE

Shirantha Gunawardena Attorney-at-Law, G.G Arupragasam Attorney-at-Law, Felician Fernandopulle Attorney-at-Law, Nirodha Kalansooriya Attorney-at-Law

Saturday, 6th August 2022
7.00pm - 8.30 pm on [zoom](#)

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BASL CERTIFICATE COURSES - ONLINE

CERTIFICATE COURSE IN CONVEYANCING ONLINE

Areas Covered

- Office of Notary, Duties, Obligations and Nature of Deeds
- How to do a Title Search and relevant statutes for Notaries
- Ms. Shiranthi Gunewardena, AAL
- Practical Issues in Title Registration
- Trust Ordinance and Conditional Transfer
- Best Practices, Ethics and Disciplinary Procedure
- Ms. Neville Aberyatne, PC
- Laws relating to Title Registration and Stamp Duty
- Ms. Nirodha Kalanooriya, AAL
- Laws relating to Registration of Deeds and Instruments
- Representative from Registrar General

Commencement Date 23rd June 2022 **Time** 03:00 PM to 05:30 PM **Duration** 10 Weeks (Every Thursday)

Course Fee : BASL Members above 5 yrs Rs. 13,500/- Non Members Rs. 17,500 /- BASL Members below 5 yrs / Apprentices / Law Students Rs. 10,000/-

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CERTIFICATE COURSE IN COMMERCIAL ARBITRATION ONLINE

Areas Covered

- Arbitration Act Part I - Introduction - Mr. Avindra Rodrigo, PC
- Arbitration Act Part II - Arbitration Agreement - Mr. Surendra De Silva, AAL
- Arbitration Act Part III - Composition of the Arbitral Tribunal
- Mr. Malathi Ewan Wickremesinghe, PC
- Arbitration Act Part V - Conduct of Arbitration Proceedings - Dr. Asanga Gunawansa, AAL
- Overview of International Arbitration - Mr. Vasantha Gajjanayake, PC
- Arbitration Act Part VI - Awards - Mr. Geoffrey Alagaratnam, PC
- Arbitration Act Part IV - Jurisdiction of the Arbitral Tribunal - Mr. Chandaka Jayasundera, PC
- Arbitration Act Part VII - Application to Courts relating to Awards (including recognition and enforcement of Foreign Award) - Mr. Chandaka Jayasundera, PC
- Panel - Mr. Chandaka Jayasundera, PC, Dr. Asanga Gunawansa, AAL
- Workshop - Practical aspects of conducting an Arbitration - Mr. Shanaka Cooray, AAL

Commencement Date 15th July 2022 **Time** 03:00 PM to 05:00 PM **Duration** 10 Weeks (Every Friday)

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CERTIFICATE COURSE IN TAXATION

Resource Persons

- Ms. Nimal Gunewardena, Attorney-at-Law, MBA, CPA, ACA, ACHA (UK)
- Dr. Shingali Raju, Attorney-at-Law, LL.B. (Hons) (London), LL.B. (Hons) (Colombo), Ph.D. (London), FRSAL (London), FRSAL (London), FTI
- Ms. Sarah N. Perera, Attorney-at-Law, LL.B. (Hons) (UK), CGMA, ACHA
- Principal - Tax and Regulatory KPMG in Sri Lanka
- Ms. Thaniya Perera, Attorney-at-Law, Senior Deputy Commissioner of Inland Revenue
- Ms. Chandra Talakumbura, Attorney-at-Law, ACHA (UK), CGMA, ACA
- Partner & Tax Leader at PricewaterhouseCoopers
- Ms. Suresh Fernando, Attorney-at-Law, LL.B. (Hons)
- Ms. Rukshita Jayasinghe, Attorney-at-Law, ACCA (UK), MBA (Hons) (UK), LL.B. (Colombo), BSC (Hons) in Applied Accounting (UK)
- Ms. Santhusha Chandrasekara, Attorney-at-Law, ACHA, CGMA, CTA

Income Taxation - Module I

- Rights & obligations of tax payers & powers of CGR
- Registration payments, SET return, time bar
- Call for information, assessments
- Other powers of CGR in relation to administration
- Power to grant extensions for filing returns, payments
- Dispute Resolution & Tax appellate procedure
- Appeal/Admission review under VST & SJA
- Appeal to Tax Appeals Commission
- Appeal to Court of Appeal of Sri Lanka
- Appeal to the Supreme Court of Sri Lanka
- Individual and Partnership Tax
- Charge
- Calculation
- Payments
- Return filing obligations
- Corporate Taxation
- Charge
- Calculation
- Payments
- Return filing obligations

Commencement Date : 24th August 2022
Time : 03:00 PM to 06:00 PM
Duration : 6 weeks (Every Wednesday)

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- Certificate Course in Conveyancing
- Certificate Course in Arbitration
- Certificate Course in Taxation
- Certificate Course in ICT Law
- Certificate Course in Contract Drafting

The Online certificate course for this year was launched in June 2022, on the topic of 'Conveyancing'. The BASL thanks the panel of lecturers, resource persons and all of those who were involved in making these courses a resounding success.

CERTIFICATE COURSE IN ICT LAW ONLINE

Areas Covered

- Introduction to ICT Law
- Transnational E-Commerce Law
- Legal Impact on E-Transactions
- Computer Crime & other Computer-related Offences
- Subject Computer Crime Convention
- Role of the Police relating to Computer Crime
- Application of ICT to detail Criminal offences under the criminal justice system
- Use of Evidence in ICT cases and Criminal Defence
- IP Rights relating to the ICT industry
- Data Protection and Privacy Policies under Cyber Space with Panel Discussion
- Right to Information Law
- Law relating to electronic Technology (Cloud Computing, Big Data, AI and Social Media)
- Electronic Commerce Relationship under Information Society and new Civil Procedure for the seizure of Electronic Evidence
- Computer Dispute Resolution under Information Society
- Alternative Dispute Resolution under Information Society
- Resolution of Disputes
- Role of the lawyer in the future under Information Society for system change
- Legal Education & Development
- Admissibility of Electronic Evidence and Forensic issues and dispute resolution methods

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- Overview of the Principles of Sri Lankan Contract Law
- Applicable Law in Commercial Contract Drafting and its Impact on Contracts
- Basics of Contract Drafting / Defined Terms, Recitals / Drafting Language
- Covenants, Conditions, Representations and Warranties and Indemnities
- Essential Terms of the Contract
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27th to 29th January 2023

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- With not more than 15 years at the Bar
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Application deadline : 23rd January 2023
Medium : English

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"Applicability of Buddhist Buddhist law in Civil, Criminal cases & pertaining to Gender"

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Marriott Resort
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"Pursuing the Law Practitioner why is it important?"

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Huwara Elaya

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"Pre trial Conference: Balancing the interest of parties in criminal litigation"

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JUDGMENTS

SC/HC/LA/45/2021

FAITH PHARMACEUTICALS (PVT) LTD, MOHAMED ZAFRULLAH MARIKKAR VS MATRIX LIFECARE (PVT) LTD, HEALTHTRUST PHARMACEUTICALS (PVT) LTD, PEER MOHAMED ABDUL RAHUMAN, MOHIDEEN RAMEEZ PEER MOHAMED and SEYAD MOHAMED SITHY SHAHEENA

Decided on - 1.12.2022

Hon. B.P. Aluwihare PC, J, Hon. L.T.B. Dehideniya, J and Hon. E.A.G.R. Amarasekara, J;

“When the matter was taken up for support for leave on the 25th March 2022, the Learned President’s Counsel for the Plaintiff-Respondent raised two Preliminary Objections on following grounds:

- a) The affidavit filed along with the Petition of the 2nd and 5th Defendant-Petitioners is bad in law as it was attested by a Commissioner for Oaths who was working at the same law office in which the Registered Attorney for the 2nd and 5th Defendant-Petitioners was working, which is contrary to the Oaths and Affirmations Ordinance, and that is an incurable defect in terms of the law, and is fatal to this Application
- b) Material documents that were produced before the Commercial High Court had not been filed or provided to the Court docket. As the complete case record had not been filed, such failure is contrary to statute/ Rules of the Supreme Court/ case authorities, and so, is fatal to this Application.

When written submissions were tendered to court, the Plaintiff Respondent placed certain factual and legal positions in support of the preliminary objections raised. The Plaintiff Respondent drew the court’s attention to the Section 12(2) of the Oaths and Affirmations Ordinance which reads as follows;

“A Commissioner for Oaths appointed under this Ordinance may administer any oath or affirmation or take any affidavit for the purpose of any legal proceedings or otherwise in all cases in which a Justice of Peace is authorized by law so to do, and in all cases in which an oath, affirmation, or affidavit is commonly administered or taken before a Justice of the Peace; and any oath or affirmation or affidavit administered or taken by a Commissioner for Oaths shall in all legal proceedings and for all other purposes have the same effect as an oath, affirmation, or affidavit administered or taken before a Justice of the Peace; and all enactments relating to oaths, affirmations, and affidavits administered before a Justice of the Peace shall with the necessary modifications, apply thereto. Provided that a Commissioner for Oaths shall not exercise the powers given by this section in any proceedings or matter in which he is the attorney-at-law to any of the parties, or in which he is otherwise interested.”

The Plaintiff Respondent further cited decisions such as Seybest (Private) Limited and another Vs Thebuwanna Don Waruna Rathnasekara WP/HCCA/Col/88,89,90 and 91/2019, Seylan Bank PLC Vs Christobel Daniels CA (PHC) APN 58/2014, Airport and Aviation

Services (Sri Lanka) Limited Vs Buildmart Lanka (Private) Ltd (2000) 1 Sri. L.R 292 and M A Samantha Kumara Vs T. A. C. N. Thalangama and Others SC/SPL/LA/2021, in support of its stance.

The Plaintiff Respondent indicated to court that, even though, a Commissioner for Oaths is empowered by the said section 12(2) of the Oaths of Affirmations Ordinance to administer an oath or affirmation or to take any affidavit similar to a Justice of the Peace, there is a prohibition created by the Section itself not to exercise such powers in any proceedings or matter in which he is the Attorney-at-Law or in which he is otherwise interested.

Therefore, the position of the Plaintiff Respondent was that, as the affidavit tendered in support of the Petition of this application is attested by Ms. D. Nishanthani, Commissioner of Oaths who is a member of the team of lawyers in the same law office, namely KVS LAW CHAMBERS, under K V S Ganesharajan, Attorney-at-Law and is bad in law.

The Supreme Court held

“Section 12(2) proviso is more concerned with the credibility of the affidavits that are to be tendered in Judicial Proceedings rather than for to avoid conflict of interest between different clients who come to the same law firm or a lawyer or between different parties in an action as has been argued by the 2nd and 5th Defendant Petitioners. If a person makes a statement and he himself attests that such statement is made under oath or an affirmation, there will not be any evidential value in that statement since the attestation has not emanated from an impartial or unbiased or neutral person. It will be the same if it is done before his own lawyer as he is his representative for the litigation. Similarly, if it is attested by a lawyer of another party or a lawyer who has some interest in the proceedings, such attestation may be tainted with bias and partiality.....

Proviso to section 12(2) of the Oaths and Affirmations Ordinance contain a prohibition and not merely a formality. A prohibition enacted to make that the affidavits tendered in court proceedings to be credible by making them to be attested by impartial and independent persons authorized for that purpose.

If the credibility is in breach, the affidavit has no value.

The other way to cure a defect caused by an invalid affidavit is to tender a new affidavit with the permission of Court. Firstly, there was no such application when the objection was raised. Secondly, it cannot be done now since there is time bar to tender a leave to appeal application. As per section 757 (1) of the Civil Procedure Code, it has to be tendered within 14 days from the impugned order by a petition supported by an affidavit. This is a mandatory requirement. If the affidavit tendered within those 14 days is not valid, there is no valid application for leave- vide Foreign Employment Bureau Vs Suraj Dandeniya C A L A 324/2004, C A minute dated 12.01.2004, and Yogaratnam V Naheem and Others [2004] 3 Sri L R 212.

Hence, the Supreme Court upheld the preliminary objection raised

with regard to the validity of the affidavit and the application for leave.”

SC SD 01 -09 2022

Vijith K. Malalgoda, PC J, Murdu N. B. Fernando, PC J, Yasantha Kodagoda, PC J;

Facts

A Bill titled 'special Goods and Services Tax' was been published in the Gazette dated 7th January 2022 and subsequently placed on the Order Paper of Parliament on 20th January 2022. Petitions numbered SC SC SD 01 -09 2022 were presented to the Supreme Court in terms of Article 121(1) of the Constitution, challenging the constitutionality of the afore-stated 'Special Goods and Services Tax Bill' (hereinafter referred to as 'the Bill' or as 'the SGST Bill') were taken up together for consideration by the Supreme Court, since the learned counsel for the Petitioners and the learned Deputy Solicitor General (DSG) who appeared for the Respondents agreed that having a composite hearing was meaningful as grounds of constitutionality raised in the nine Petitions were similar.

Objectives sought to be realized by the enactment of the proposed law

Explaining the purpose of the proposed enactment of the 'special Goods and Services Tax Bill' learned Deputy Solicitor General submitted that the existing tax system in Sri Lanka is complex and comprises of over twenty national taxes and levies. He submitted that the Bill which is the subject matter of these Petitions was introduced in Parliament by the Minister of Finance for the purpose of enacting a law that would introduce a composite tax in respect of three specified goods, namely alcohol, cigarettes and vehicles, and two specified services, namely betting and gaming, and telecommunication. The proposed composite tax to be named 'Special Goods and Services Tax' would replace the existing taxes in respect of those goods and services (hereinafter sometimes referred to as 'the specified goods and services').

The Court was further appraised of the main taxes that are presently applicable to these specified goods and services. They are the following:

- (i) Excise Duty under the Excise Ordinance
- (ii) Excise Duty under the Excise (Special Provisions) Act No. 13 of 1989
- (iii) Telecommunication Levy under the Telecommunication Levy Act, No. 21 of 2011
- (iv) Cellular Tower Levy, Luxury Tax on motor vehicles, Levy on Mobile Short Messages Services, and Vehicle Entitlement Levy introduced through certain amendments made to the Finance Act, No. 35 of 2018
- (v) Levy on gross collection under the Betting and Gaming Levy Act, No. 40 of 1988
- (vi) Customs Duty under the Customs Ordinance
- (vii) Cess under the Sri Lanka Export Development Act, No. 40 of 1979
- (viii) Port and Airport Development Levy under the Ports and Airports Development Act No. 18 of 2011
- (ix) These taxes are referred to in the Schedule to the SGST Bill

The Supreme Court Held

- i. Clauses 2,3 and 4 of the Bill are jointly and severally inconsistent with Article 148 read with Article 76(I) of the Constitution.
- ii. Clauses 2,3 and 4 of the Bill are inconsistent with Article 3, read with Article 4(a) and 4(d) of the Constitution.
- iii. Clauses 2, 3 and' 4 of the Bill are inconsistent with Article 12 (1) read with Articles 3 and 4(d) of the Constitution.

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It has been the tradition that every year the BASL recognises senior members who have completed 50 years at the Bar at a Felicitation Ceremony. However the event which was planned for March 2020 could not be held due to the Covid-19 pandemic.

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12. Mr. Kanagaratnam Kanesayogan	1972/06/20	60. Mr. Devindra Tissa Wijesinghe	1972/12/11
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19. Mr. Don Victor Piyadasa Jagodaarachchi	1972/07/07	67. Mr. Ahamed J. Abdul Hadi	1972/12/14
20. Mr. Pettagam Asoka Weerasinghe De Silva	1972/07/11	68. Justice Chandra Nihal Jayasinghe	1972/12/14
21. Mr. Sivagnanam Kanagasabapathy	1972/07/12	69. Ms. Priyani Thalatha Elayaperuma	1972/12/15
22. Mr. Gamladdalage Piyadasa Mahinkanda	1972/07/12	70. Mr. Alagan Santhana Arumugan	1972/12/18
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26. Mr. Joseph Hugh Wikkramatilleke	1972/07/12	74. Mr. W. don John. Seneviratne	1972/12/22
27. Mr. Iswara Kankanamge Sunil Jayasena	1972/07/13	75. Mr. B. Balasingham	1973/01/01
28. Mr. P. K. T. Perera	1972/07/13	76. Ms. Linda A. S. Phillips	1973/01/01
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30. Mr. A. R. Rahim	1972/07/14	78. Mr. Upali Samaraweera	1973/01/04
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34. Mr. Arachchige Piyasena Kulatilleke Ranatunga	1972/07/22	82. Mr. B. Cyril A. Mendis	1973/01/25
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44. Mr. Chelliah Sanmugam Arunachalam	1972/08/22	92. Mr. Sivasamy Sivadasan	1973/03/01
45. Mr. G. A. D. Lalith Hilary Ganlath	1972/08/27	93. Mr. Kurukulasooriya Joseph Michael Fernando	1973/03/08
46. Mr. Piyadasa Wimalasiri. Abeyasinghe	1972/09/14	94. Mr. D. J. De. S. Balapatabendi	1973/03/15
47. Profeser J. W. Wickramasinghe	1972/09/20	95. Mr. Romel Abeyasinghe	1973/03/15
48. Mr. Cyril Abeykoon	1972/10/01		

STATEMENTS RELEASED / REPRESENTATIONS MADE BY THE BASL ON VARIOUS ISSUES

1. Statement by the Executive Committee of the Bar Association of Sri Lanka on the declaration of emergency on the 2nd April 2022.
2. Statement by the Bar Association of Sri Lanka on the ban on social media on the 3rd April 2022.
3. Statement of the Executive Committee of the Bar Association of Sri Lanka on the ongoing protests on the 5th April 2022.
4. Statement of the Executive Committee of the Bar Association of Sri Lanka on the current economic and political crises in Sri Lanka 7th April 2022.
5. Statement by the Bar Association of Sri Lanka on the incident at Rambukkana on the 19th April 2022.
6. Proposals of the Bar Association of Sri Lanka (BASL) to restore political and economic stability in the country on the 23rd April 2022.
7. Statement on the escalation of the situation in the vicinity of the protest at Galle Face today on the 24th April 2022.
8. Proposals to restore political & economic stability in the country handed over to the Mahanayake Thero of the Malwatte and Asgiriya chapters on the 3rd May 2022.
9. Escalation of the situation in the vicinity of the Parliament today. (4th May 2022)
10. Statement on the meetings with H. E. The President, Hon. Prime Minister and political leaders and groups (8th May 2022)
11. BASL statement on the situation at Galle Face today. (9th May 2022)
12. BASL statement on the 10th May 2022.
13. BASL statement on the 17th May 2022
14. Statement on remarks made by the Prime Minister on the 9th June 2022.
15. BASL statement on the Executive Committee of the Bar Association of Sri Lanka on the fuel shortage and its impact on the people. (27th June 2022)
16. Removal of protesters from the ramparts of the Galle Fort. (30th June 2022)
17. Statement of the Executive Committee of the Bar Association of Sri Lanka on the abuse of the prevention of terrorism act to detain protesters. (23rd August 2022)
18. Summary of the statement of the Executive Committee of the Bar Association of Sri Lanka on the proposed 22nd amendment of the government of Sri Lanka. (8th July 2022)
19. Statement on July 9th protest.
20. The need to adhere to constitutionalism and the rule of law. (12th July 2022)
21. Media statement of the bar association of Sri Lanka. (13th July 2022)
22. Statement of the Bar Association of Sri Lanka (BASL) on the resignation of president Gotabaya Rajapakse. (15th July 2022)
23. Statement by the Executive Committee of the Bar Association of Sri Lanka on the declaration of emergency. (18th July 2022)
24. BASL Statement on the "Attacking protesters at Galle Face in the vicinity of the Presidential Secretariat"
25. Statement of the Bar Association of Sri Lanka on the declaration of high security zones under the official secrets act. (24th September 2022)
26. Statement of the Bar Association of Sri Lanka on the passage of the 21st amendment to the constitution and the establishment of the constitutional council and independent commissions. (27th October 2022)
27. Statement of the Bar Association of Sri Lanka attempts by the government to interfere in the exercise of franchise by the people at the elections to local authorities (11th January 2023)
28. Statement by the Bar Association of Sri Lanka on the attempts by state authorities to interfere with the franchise of the people. (18th February 2023)

The full text of these statements / representations has been previously circulated amongst the members. Furthermore, BASL members can also access same by following this link - bit.ly/3R7C9gY

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2022 Webinar Series

A series of webinars were also conducted on the zoom platform organized by the BASL Committee of 2022/2023, headed by Mr. Isuru Balapatabendi, Secretary to BASL.

It covered many topics already from laws relating to presidential pardon to recent developments to land law. The episodes are conducted in all languages. Distinguished guests from many areas of law shared their knowledge in these Webinars and added immeasurable value for young members of the BASL.

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BASL Website : www.basl.lk

BASL invites and encourage members to make use of this opportunity for Continuous Professional Development.

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