

LIST OF ATTORNEYS

In the Consular District of Colombo

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Geographic Area of

Practice : All Island.

Areas of Legal

Practice : All areas of Commercial Law including Banking, Intellectual Property, Investments, Joint Ventures, Telecommunications and IT, Securities/ Tax/ Insurance, Infrastructure Projects, Mergers and Acquisitions, Project Finance, Real Estate, Litigation-Arbitration, Corporate and Employment.

General Information: Senior Partner; U.L. Kadurugamuwa. Founded by F.J. de Saram (Snr.) on 13th May 1841, is the oldest law firm in Sri Lanka. We are the exclusive member for Sri Lanka of Lex Mundi, the world's leading association of independent law firms. Several partners of our firm are members of the International Bar Association (IBA), Institution of Trade Mark Attorneys (ITMA) and Asian Patent Attorneys Association (APAA). Our firm is a member of the International Trade Marks Association (INTA).

Many leading business houses in Sri Lanka, the majority of transnational corporations engaged in business in Sri Lanka, including Fortune 500 companies and multilateral agents are our clients. American Home Products, American Insurance Group (AIG), GTECH Corporation, Caterpillar, Cessna, Citigroup, Dell, 3M, Nike, JP Morgan chase and Walt Disney are few of our American clients. Also many leading law firms refer their work in Sri Lanka to us.

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Geographic Area of
Practice : Does not handle any cases outside of the city of Colombo.
Areas of Legal
Practice : Does not handle criminal cases. contracts, agreements, real estate,
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Geographic Area of
Practice : Colombo
Areas of Legal
Practice : Criminal Appeals- Administrative Law & Constitutional Law-
Extradition- Investment Law

General Information : I am a Senior President's Counsel practising in the Appellate Courts in
Colombo and counts over 40 years practice. I have appeared in almost all
the cases of public importance in my areas of practice and am considered
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Geographical Area of

Practice : All Island

Areas of Legal

Practice : Documentation of local and international; trade and marketing, contracts, agreements, MoU, BoI and other project proposal and approval, company formation and trade mark. Representation for clearance from various Government and Provincial Government Organisations. Handles Civil matters such as adoption, child custody, civil damages, injunction orders, marriage/maintenance/divorce, foreign/local investments, auto accidents, estates, debt/money recovery and others upon request. Handles all criminal matters, human rights (fundamental rights) and labour relations.

General Information : Handles representations from Government Organisations asuch as; Airport and Aiation Authority, Board of Investment of Sri Lanka, Central Enviromental Authority, Ministry of Internal Security Law and Order, Ministry of Finance, Urban Development Authority, other relevant Local Government Bodies, Registrar of Companies, Ministry of Social Services and Welfare, Ministry of Tourism, Attorney General's Department, Criminal Investigation department, Department of Customs, Fraud Bureau, immigration and Emigration Department, Police, Prisons Department, Labor Tribunal, Industrial Court, Commissioner of Labour, Employees Trust Fund, Employees Provident Fund and others upon request.

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Geographic Area of

Practice : The firm undertakes cases both in Colombo and the outstation.

Areas of Legal

Practice : Admiralty and shipping matters; administrative law and writ matters; adoptions; agency, distribution, franchise and representation agreements; banking and finance; capital markets; civil litigation, dispute resolution, arbitration and debt recoveries; company law and practice and company secretarial services; competition and trade; construction law; conveyancing, notarial work and real estate; corporate and commercial law; branch and liaison offices; family law including divorces and matrimonial matters, custody matters, trusts and international child abduction (Hague Convention) matters; general counsel and advice; foreign investment and Board of Investment of Sri Lanka matters; immigration matters, residence and work visas and permits; intellectual property (industrial property - trademarks, patents, industrial designs and copyright); ICT (information communication technology), broadcasting and legal aspects of e-commerce; joint ventures; labour law and industrial disputes; legal consultancy, legal opinions and due diligence reports; personal injury claims; powers of attorney; private client work; privatization; probate and trust; project finance; regulatory affairs and matters including proceedings and applications to all government bodies, authorities and ministries including the Department of Inland Revenue, Department of Excise, Department of Immigration and Emigration and Sri Lanka Customs; service of process and court documentation; sworn translation services; taxation.

General Information : Founded in 1920 by the late Senator John Wilson, the Firm is an established legal practice in Sri Lanka, providing service in the areas of intellectual property, civil litigation, commercial law and notarial practice to corporations, companies, financial institutions and individuals, both Sri

Lankan and foreign. The partners are John Wilson (Sr.) and John Wilson (Jr.) assisted by a team of Professional Assistants. The firm has represented Tyco Corporation, Nike Inc and acts for Dole Asia Inc. The firm/its partner(s) is/are a member of INTA (the International Trademark Association), APAA (Asian Patent Attorneys Association); AIPPI (the International Association for the Protection of Intellectual Property; Licensing Executives Society; IPBA (the Inter Pacific Bar Association), IBA (the International Bar Association); MacIntyre Strater International (MSI) a worldwide multidisciplinary association of independent professional firms and the International Chamber of Commerce's COUNTERFORCE network of law firms specializing in intellectual property and anti-counterfeiting work. The firm has handled numerous American owned trademarks including NIKE, SUBWAY, GRAMMY, LARAS, MAG and MAG-LITE.

JULIUS AND CREASY

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Areas of Legal
Practice

: The Firm boasts of the largest Intellectual Property practice in the country with a large market share of multinationals conducting their patent, industrial design and trademark activities through the Firm.

In the areas of corporate law, the Firm provides advice and litigation services in all company related matters including, Tax, Insurance, Banking, Restructuring, Mergers and Acquisitions, Due Diligence, Derivatives Transactions, Listing and De-listing, Securities, Anti-Money Laundering and Aircraft Leasing.

Being primarily a civil law firm Julius and Creasy's litigation practice extends to areas of Constitutional and Administrative law, Tort, Contracts, Sale of Goods, Money Recovery, Family law and Property law. The Firm also represents its clients at Arbitrations.

Due to the extent of its practice Julius and Creasy has specialized departments dealing exclusively with Maritime and Shipping law, Conveyancing and real estate transactions, as well as Industrial Law, Insurance, Corporate Law, Litigation and Taxation.

General Information : With over 125 years of practice Julius and Creasy is the largest law firm in Sri Lanka and function as lawyers in advisory capacity and litigation, to a host of national and multinational clients including Banks and Corporates. It is led by its 13 partners namely, N.H. Gunaratna, R. Senathi Rajah, J.M Swaminathan, S. A. Cader, Ms. A.L. Wanigasekera, T.G. Gooneratne, Ms. J. Kumaraguru, Ms. M.D.L. Perera, Ms. A.M. Fernando, Ms. A.K. Gunawardhana, Ms. M.T.C. Fernando, M.J.B. Adihetty and Ms. S. David. Several of the Firm's Associates have overseas experience and are members of the Bar in New York, England and Wales.

K.KANAG-ISVARAN

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Geographic Area of Practice : Colombo. Original and Appellate Courts.

Area of Legal

Practice : Corporate Law, Intellectual Property,
Banking, Shipping and Maritime Law

General Information : Called to the English Bar in June 1964. Called to the Sri Lanka Bar in July 1966. Commissioner, Law Commission of Sri Lanka. Chairman, Advisory Commission on Company Law, Visiting Lecturer, Law Faculty, University of Colombo and Ceylon Law College.
Clients include, The Central Bank of Sri Lanka, The Monetary Board, Blue Chip Companies of Sri Lanka, Commercial Banks etc.,

Foreign clients include, Viacom, G-Tech, Taisei Corporation, Prudential Assurance, Oberoi hotels, Apollo Hospitals, Shipping Firms .
Lipton , Unilever, Colgate and several others.

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Geographical Areas of Practice : Colombo and outstation
Areas of Legal Practice : Adoptions, child custody, civil damages, estates, government relations, marriage/divorce, taxes, aeronautical/maritime, banking/financial, collections, contracts, corporations, foreign investment, insurance, investment in raw materials, labor relations, marketing agreements, mining/petroleum, patents/trademarks/copyrights, auto accidents, immigration, narcotics, theft/fraud/embezzlement. Provides the services of a certified translator, court reporter/stenographer or notary. Handles criminal cases

General Information : Proprietor Storer Duraisamy Yogendra. Represents U.S. Law firms/companies, arbitrations.

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Geographical Area
of practice : Colombo & Outstations (All Island)

Area of Practice : (Areas of Law) General Civil/ Commercial Practice- Commercial & Corporate Law, International Business Transactions / International Trade Law, Intellectual Property Law, Trade Marks Law, Family Law, Telecommunications Law, Criminal Aspects of Intellectual Property Law (Pirating etc.), Migration, Law of Banking, Land Law, Property Law, Human Rights/Fundamental Rights, Public Law, Adoption.

(Areas of Practice) Litigation, Arbitration, Advisory / Opinions, Consultancy, Settling Commercial Agreements, Taking Part in Commercial Mediation / Corporate Negotiation, Obtaining Approvals , Clearances / Registrations from Government Organizations, Ministries, Public Bodies, including Board of Investment (BOI), Registrar of Companies, Director General Intellectual Property, Customs.

General Information : Serves as Legal Consultant/Counsel/Representative to numerous US organizations including INGO's. Advises on legal compliance

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Geographic Area of
Practice

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Areas of Legal
Practice

: Criminal and Civil matters, Immigration matters, handles adoptions, child custody, marriage and divorce, Criminal prosecution in Intellectual Property Law, Motor accident cases, Fraud, theft and similar criminal offences, title clearance in purchase of property and Arbitration matters.

General Information : Counsel in active practice since 1984 and legal consultant to many leading Companies and local government Authorities. The law chamber is assisted by Junior counsels in active practice

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Geographic area of
Practice

: Colombo and outstations

Area of Legal
Practice

: Corporate and commercial law including mergers and acquisitions, corporate restructuring and joint ventures, Aviation, Shipping, Insurance, Foreign investment, General corporate representation, employment, dispute resolution, arbitration, litigation, conveyancing

General Information : Number of partners -6
Senior Partner – Paul Ratnayake
Specialising in corporate and commercial areas of law including mergers and acquisitions, maritime, aviation and insurance law.

Partners

Punyakanthi Navaratne – Administration and Foreign Investments
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Geographic Area of

Practice : Colombo and Out Stations

Areas of Legal

Practice : Criminal and Civil matters, arbitration (local and international), extradition, human rights (fundamental rights), labor relations, writ petition in the Court of Appeal and the Supreme Court, representations for clearance from Government institutions and provincial government institutions, BOI projects and auto accidents.

General Information : Representations to Government institutions, Cabinet Ministers, Attorney General's Department, Criminal Investigations Department, Debt Recovery, International Law.

SUDATH PERERA ASSOCIATES

International Legal Consultants, Solicitors, Attorneys-at-Law and Notaries Public, Brand Protection and Anti-counterfeiting Consultants

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Geographic area of

Practice : Colombo, and all the other jurisdictions of Sri-Lanka (Commercial High Courts, High Courts, District Courts, Magistrate Courts, Court of Appeal and Supreme Court, Labor Tribunals, Arbitration Tribunals

Areas of Legal

Practice : Commercial Law, Arbitration and Dispute Resolution, Finance and Banking Law, IT Law, Telecommunication Law, Aviation and Shipping Law, Intellectual Property Law, Brand Protection and Anti-Counterfeiting, Industrial Law, Real Estate and Conveyancing, Foreign Investment, Family Law, Civil, Corporate and Criminal Litigation

General Information : Firm was established in July 2002, and is headed by Sudath Perera, an Attorney since 1991.

The firm is known for its energetic and enterprising legal practice, and superior, personalized customer service, and is today a forerunner in the legal field. The firm has an impressive client base- consisting of local companies, multi-nationals (Fonterra, Shell, Coats, Mitsubishi, Toyota) as well as many foreign firms. Whilst the firm excels in all areas of operation, the growing strength of the firm in recent times has been the Intellectual, Trademark and Anti-counterfeiting practice, with clients including Nike, Ralph Lauren, Victoria Secret, Colombia

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Geographic Area of Practice : Colombo & Outstation

Areas of Legal Practice : General with specialisation in Criminal, Immigration, Extradition, Labor etc

General Information : (Re: Self) Formerly Secretary-General, Asian Legal Research Institute, Japan; Deputy Secretary-General IBA, Exucutive Council Member LAWASIA, Secretary, Vice Presodent and President, Bar Association of Sri Lanka.

International Observer at the trial of Anwar Ibrahim (ex-PM) in Malaysia
Formaerly Lecturer & Examiner, now Hony. Chairman, Board of Examiners (Attorney-at-Law Final Examination) Sri Lanka Law College.

(Re: Professional Practice) Clientele handled includes foreign Embassies in Sri Lanka, their citizens and businesses, the State, Deutsche Bank, Nestle (Lanka) Ltd, Securities & Exchange Commission (SL), A. Baur & Co. Ltd., Merchant Bank of Sri Lanka, Hatton National Bank, Sri Lanka Medical Council, Smart Shirts (Lanka) Ltd.

Banking Facilities in Sri Lanka

There is one branch of an American bank in Colombo at present. It is:

Citibank N.A.

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Credit reports can be obtained from the as well as from the following banks:

The Bank of Ceylon - Central Office,

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The Standard Chartered Bank

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Commercial Bank Limited

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Hong Kong and Shanghai Banking Corporation

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Mercantile Merchant Bank Ltd.

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There are only three banks in the Republic of Maldives. They are:

The State Bank of India, Male, Republic of Maldives

Habib Bank Ltd., Male, Republic of Maldives

The Bank of Ceylon, Male, Republic of Maldives

Postage Rates from Sri Lanka to the United States are:

Airmail

Letter rate	:Rs. 33.00 for 10 gms.
Registered mail	Each additional 10 gms Rs.17.00 an additional Rs.50:00 to the normal Postage rates
Aerogram	:Rs.18.00
Post Cards	:Rs.17.00
Printed Matter	:Rs. 28.00 up to 20 gms. Additional 20 gms Rs.17.00 each
Air Parcels (Small Packets):	Up to 100 grams Rs. 110.00 Above 100 grams up to 250 grams Rs. 200.00 Above 250 grams to 500 grams Rs. 350.00 Above 500 grams to 1000 grams Rs. 725.00

The estimated transit time for airmail between the United States and Sri Lanka is from ten to fourteen days, and that of surface mail from three to four months.