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### Educational / Professional Memberships

- Doctor of Philosophy (National University of Singapore)
- Master of Law in International Economic Law (University of Warwick, United Kingdom)
- Attorney-at-Law (Sri Lanka Law College)

# **Current Positions**

- Lead Counsel, Colombo Law Alliance.
- Chairman, Sri Lanka International Arbitration Centre.
- Legal Consultant, Ministry of Urban Development, Sri Lanka.
- Member of the Board of Studies, Council of Legal Education.
- Visiting Professor, University of Moratuwa.
- Legal Consultant, Chamber of Construction Industry.
- Legal Consultant, Institute of Architects.
- Legal Consultant, Independent Redress Mechanism, Green Climate Fund, South Korea

# Professional Experience

- Head of Colombo Law Alliance, a law chamber specializing in Commercial Law. Areas of specialization and practice include: Contracts, Construction Law, Legal Aspects of Project Financing and Foreign Investment, Public-Private Partnership, Arbitration and Environmental Law.
- Have over 28 years of experience in the field of law. Have worked in the past for the United Nations Organization (Geneva, Jordan and Jerusalem) as a Legal Officer; as a Professor at



National University of Singapore; as a State Counsel attached to the Department of the Attorney General of Sri Lanka.

 An International Arbitrator and a member of the Panels of Arbitrators of the Asian International Arbitration Centre (AIAC, Malaysia), Thailand International Arbitration Centre (THAC), SAARC Arbitration Council (SARCO), and Shenzhen Arbitration Commission (South China International Economic and Trade Arbitration Commission).

### Arbitration/Mediation Experience

- Over 10 years of experience as an Arbitrator and have sat as a Member of a Tribunal or as a Sole Arbitrator in more than 25 Arbitrations.
- Currently sitting as a member of two international Arbitrations (under SIAC Rules and under ICC Rules).
- Over 15 years of experience teaching Arbitration and ADR Law.
- Over 25 years of experience as a Legal Counsel in Mediations and Arbitrations.

### **Publications**

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#### Languages

• English