



**ASSOCIATION OF
CORPORATE LAWYERS
SRI LANKA**

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VISION, MISSION AND OBJECTIVES

VISION

To be the pioneer Association of Lawyers who are employed in the corporate sector by providing effective and innovative services to members and their respective organizations.

MISSION

“The Mission of the Association of Corporate Lawyers Sri Lanka is to be recognized as the sole professional association for corporate lawyers, providing an effective range of benefits and services that will advance their professional growth and development and meet their individual needs and requirements”

OBJECTIVES

- ⇒ To represent members before their constituent bodies and other forums by providing a voice for corporate lawyers.
- ⇒ To assist the corporate lawyers in providing continuing legal education.
- ⇒ To enhance corporate/legal knowledge by organizing conferences, seminars and social events and publications of Corporate Lawyers.
- ⇒ To support institutions providing specific courses beneficial to corporate lawyers.
- ⇒ To promote corporate lawyers within the business and legal communities.

ABOUT THE ASSOCIATION

The present day Corporate Lawyer, who is employed by an organization 'manages' the legal affairs of such organization and plays a vital and an integral role. His/her role is not limited any more to drafting and preparing of court documents and attending to court cases as an 'instructing attorney' and/or drafting conveyances and attesting same. Today's Corporate Lawyer must possess a fair amount of knowledge in all areas of law and must be ready and prepared to give advice to the top management of the organization as and when required. Hence today's corporate lawyer has to be fully aware of the recent developments in all aspects of law in order to perform his/her duties confidently and in an effective manner.

In order to add value to the corporate lawyers, the Association of Corporate Lawyers Sri Lanka (ACL) has played a vital role. The ACL in successive years supported and encouraged the corporate lawyers by organizing numerous seminars, workshops, conferences and other forums in order to keep the corporate lawyer up to date with various aspects of law.

While ACL has performed to the best of its ability in the past by bringing the corporate lawyers up to date with law, it has also strived continuously to bring the corporate lawyers face to face with fellow lawyers in a lighter vein. The social gatherings and outings organized by the ACL have given the corporate lawyers an opportunity to get acquainted with his/her fellow lawyers and network.

Presently ACL is in the process of updating the database of membership while welcoming the employed lawyers as members in order to extend the services to all corporate lawyers.

Now the opportunity is available to all of you to become members of ACL and to reap the benefits it offers you.

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Association Of Corporate Lawyers Sri Lanka

The 'Association of Corporate Lawyers Sri Lanka' (ACL) was formulated in year 1987 as a forum of lawyers who were employed mainly in Banks and other financial institutions. The initial name was 'Association of Lawyers in Employment' and even today the eligibility criteria to be a member is 'employment'. Today the membership of ACL consist of corporate lawyers employed in private and public companies, government organizations, statutory bodies, law firms and other organizations operate in number of areas, in addition to above mentioned banks and financial institutions.

The 'Lawyers in employment' or 'Corporate Lawyers' represent identifiable segment from the lawyers with specialized objectives and professional goals. For example, a Corporate Lawyer would give very much higher preference towards the contribution for profit maximization or cost minimization of an organization while ensuring that all transactions are handled in legally acceptable manner without creating any adverse impact. Further such a Corporate Lawyer works with other professionals of an organization as a member of a team focusing on common goals. This 'vision' of Corporate Lawyers, which has now been highly recognized and appreciated by a large number of organizations, has created a win-win situation, bringing number of benefits not only to corporate lawyers and said organizations, but to the economy of the country as well.

ACL operates on defined objectives formulated and updated by members who represent organizations which operate in different segments. 'Professional Development' and 'Networking' among members are two key objectives among such defined objectives.

In addition to the organizing seminars, workshops and conferences, ACL has made specific contribution towards organizing 'Post-attorney Advanced diploma in corporate law', in order to ensure that all ACL members are equipped with all necessary skills. Further ACL very closely works with other professional organizations in Sri Lanka to promote the concept of 'Corporate Legal Counsel', the most suitable definition in the modern context for an in-house or employed lawyer.

The main Annual Event of ACL is the 'Corporate Law Conference' and ACL has organized five very successful conferences since 2005. Further this is the first law conference of the year

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Association Of Corporate Lawyers Sri Lanka

In addition to the above, ACL is in the process of developing effective relationships with other similar international associations of in-house lawyers or corporate counsels in different countries. As an initial step, ACL entered into a 'Regional Memorandum of Cooperation' (RMOC) with associations of corporate counsels from Singapore, Malaysia and South Korea. This provides very unique opportunities to members to be aware of modern global trends and utilizations of such trends for the benefit of respective organizations where such members are employed.

I strongly believe that ACL will be a very successful forum with a lot of interactions and networking among all employed lawyers.

I sincerely appreciate contribution of all members, the organizations where all such members are employed and other supporting organizations in achieving the said objectives of ACL.

Ravi Thilakawardana
President

MESSAGE FROM THE SECRETARY

Association Of Corporate Lawyers Sri Lanka

Association of Corporate Lawyers Sri Lanka (ACL) is privileged have a membership of well over 500 representing members of all sectors of the corporate world. It is also the intension of the ACL to develop a comprehensive date base of membership information enabling the members to network.

We invite all corporate lawyers to join us and be a part of this Professional Organization.

As per the Constitution of the ACL, the eligibility criteria would be as follows;

“Any **Attorney-at-Law** of the Supreme Court of Sri Lanka who is in the **employment** of any Government organization, a Public Corporation, a private or public Company (incorporated under the laws of Sri Lanka), or any body of persons (whether corporate or non-incorporate) will be eligible for membership of the Association”.

Life membership fee is Rs. 1,000/- (Rupees One Thousand only)

Please fill the attached ‘Membership Application Form’ and forward to us.

You may contact President, Secretary or any other office bearer for further information, if necessary.

Anita Thrimawithana
Secretary

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Year 2009/2010

President	- Mr. Ravi Thilakawardana (Dialog TeleInfrastructures)
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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Year 2009/2010

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ACTIVITY REPORT

Activity Report – Year 2007/2008

1. Annual General Meeting and Guest Lecture – February 2007
2. “Corporate Law Conference – 2007” – March 2007
3. Seminar on New Companies Act No 7 of 2007 – June 2007
4. Seminar on 'Commercial Legal Documents – Drafting and Connected Matters' - July 2007
5. Seminar on 'Customs Law' – September 2007
6. Seminar on 'Legal Aspects of Credit Transactions' – October 2007

Activity Report – Year 2008/2009

1. Annual General Meeting and Guest Lecture – January 2008 – Hilton Colombo
2. “Corporate Law Conference – 2008” – February 2008 – Hilton Colombo
3. Seminar on 'Commercial Contracts, Transactions and Legal Documents – May 2008 - Galadari Hotel Colombo
4. Members Annual Get-together – June 2008 – Jetwing Seashells - Negombo
5. Members Day – August 2008 – Trillium - Colombo
6. Seminar on 'Property Law and Conveyancing I' - September 2008 – Trans Asia – Colombo
7. Seminar on 'Property Law and Conveyancing II' - November 2008 – Trans Asia – Colombo
8. Members Forum – November 2008 – SLFI - Colombo

Activity Report – Year 2009/2010

1. Annual General Meeting and Guest Lecture – January 2009 – Galadari Colombo
2. “Corporate Law Conference – 2009” – February 2009 – Cinnamon Grand Colombo
3. Seminar on 'Property Law and Conveyancing III' - May 2009 – Hilton – Colombo
4. Members Annual Get-together – June 2009 – Jetwing Tropical Villas – Beruwala
5. Conference on 'Transnational Perspectives of Arbitration' (Jointly organized with 'Singapore International Arbitration Centre' (SIAC) – June 2009 - Cinnamon Grand Colombo
6. Members Forum – August 2009 – Hilton Colombo
7. Seminar on 'Commercial Contracts, Transactions and Connected Issues – August 2009 - Hilton Colombo
8. Seminar on 'Legal Aspects of Credit Transactions' – October 2009 - Hilton Colombo
9. Seminar on 'Secured Transactions, Securitizations and Recent (2009) amendments to SEC Act' – November 2009 - Hilton – Colombo
10. 'Members Annual Dinner – 2009' – December 2009 – Hilton Colombo

MAIN ANNUAL EVENT OF ACL

Corporate Law Conference



Corporate Law Conference (CLC) creates an effective platform open to all members and the commercial sector to discuss certain current trends in law.

This is the main annual event of ACL and organized during the month of February each year as the first event of the new Executive Committee. Further this is the first law conference of any year.

This one day conference starts with an Opening Ceremony graced by the Honourable Chief Justice of Sri Lanka as the Chief Guest and President Bar Association of Sri Lanka as the Guest of Honour.

CLC specially focuses on current trends in law and eminent lawyers and professionals join the CLC as speakers and panelists.

The first CLC held in year 2005 and Five (5) very successful conferences have been held up to now.

INTERNATIONAL EVENT

International Corporate Law Conference – 2010

Thursday 18th and Friday 19th March 2010 at Hilton Colombo

As part of enhancing international relations with various similar associations of corporate lawyers or corporate counsels, ACL joined with 'Singapore Corporate Counsel Association' (SCCA) as a supporting organization of the 'Inaugural SCCA Regional Conference' held on 2nd and 3rd April 2009 in Singapore. At this conference ACL entered into a Regional Memorandum of Cooperation (RMOC) with other similar associations represented Singapore, Indonesia and South Korea.

Pursuant to this RMOC, ACL won the opportunity of hosting the next International Conference in Colombo in year 2010.



ASSOCIATION OF CORPORATE LAWYERS SRI LANKA

Membership Application Form

Full Name ; Mr/Ms.....

.....
(please underline surname)

Preferred Name ;

.....
(please underline surname)

Designation ;

Name of the Organization ;

Office Address ;

Telephone Nos : Office

Home

Mobile

E-mail address/s : Office

Home

Date of enrolment as Attorney at Law

I have attached cheque No.....datedfor Rs. 1,000/- being the Life Membership Application fee.

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Date

.....
Signature

Membership Fee Life - Rs. 1,000/-

Please forward duly completed membership application forms to,

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'After forwarding a duly filled Membership Application Form to ACL, please give this profile to another corporate lawyer and contribute towards membership development'



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