

## Curriculum Vitae of Dr. Asanga Gunawansa, President's Counsel

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<b>1. Date of Birth</b>	24 <sup>th</sup> December 1967	<b>Nationality</b>	Sri Lankan
<b>2. Education</b>	<b>School, college and/or University Attended</b>	<b>Degree/certificate or other specialized education obtained</b>	<b>Date obtained</b>
	National University of Singapore	PhD in Law (Specializing in Investment Law)	2005
	University of Warwick, United Kingdom	Master's in Law (LLM in International Economic Law)	1997
	Sri Lanka Law College	Attorney-at-Law	1992
<b>3. Professional Certification/ Membership in Professional Associations:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Fellow, Singapore Institute of Arbitrators</li> <li>▪ Arbitrator, Singapore International Arbitration Centre</li> <li>▪ Arbitrator and Mediator, WIPO ADR Centre</li> <li>▪ Distinguished Panel Member, Thailand International Arbitration Centre</li> <li>▪ Arbitrator, Asian International Arbitration Centre</li> <li>▪ Arbitrator, South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation Arbitration Council</li> <li>▪ Arbitrator, Shenzhen Court of International Arbitration (SCIA)</li> <li>▪ Member of the Advisory Panel, Gujarat International Maritime Arbitration Centre</li> <li>▪ Fellow, Prime Dispute</li> <li>▪ Member, Board of Studies, Council of Legal Education, Sri Lanka</li> </ul>		

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Executive Member, Asia Pacific Center for Environmental Law, National University of Singapore</li> <li>▪ International Research Associate, Institute of Water Policy, National University of Singapore</li> <li>▪ Fellow, Brown International Advance Research Institute, University of Brown, USA</li> <li>▪ Member, Singapore Academy of Law</li> <li>▪ Member, Society of Construction Law, Singapore</li> <li>▪ Life Member, Bar Association of Sri Lanka</li> <li>▪ Member of the Editorial Advisory Committee of the International Journal of Law in the Built Environment.</li> <li>▪ Member of the Editorial Advisory Committee of the Journal of Built Environment Project and Asset Management.</li> </ul>
<p><b>4. Other Relevant Training</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Fellowship on International Law and Sustainable Development, Brown International Advance Research Institute, University of Brown, USA.</li> <li>▪ Certificate on International Trade Law, The United Nations Institute for Training and Research, Geneva, Switzerland.</li> <li>▪ Certificate on International Investment Law, The United Nations Institute for Training and Research, Geneva, Switzerland.</li> <li>▪ Certificate on Arbitration and Alternative Dispute Resolution, The United Nations Institute for Training and Research, Geneva, Switzerland.</li> <li>▪ Certificate on International Environmental Law, The United Nations Institute for Training and Research, Geneva, Switzerland.</li> <li>▪ Diploma in Shipping, Institute of Shipbrokers, London, United Kingdom.</li> </ul>

<b>5. Countries of Work Experience</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Sri Lanka</li> <li>▪ Singapore</li> <li>▪ Israel</li> <li>▪ Jordan</li> <li>▪ Palestine (Gaza and West Bank)</li> <li>▪ United Kingdom</li> <li>▪ Switzerland.</li> </ul>			
<b>6. Languages</b> <i>(good, fair, or poor in speaking, reading, and writing)</i>		<b>Read</b>	<b>Write</b>	<b>Speak</b>
	<b>English</b>	Proficient	Proficient	Proficient
	<b>Sinhala</b>	Native	Native	Native
<b>7. Employment Record</b>				
<u><b>Current Positions:</b></u>				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Lead Counsel, Colombo Law Alliance</li> <li>▪ Member, National Procurement Commission</li> <li>▪ Director General (Honorary), Interim Secretariat for Truth and Reconciliation</li> </ul>				
<u><b>From: March 2013 To: Ongoing</b></u>				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Member, National Procurement Commission</li> <li>▪ Director General, Interim Secretariat of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Sri Lanka</li> <li>▪ Visiting Judge of the Court of Appeal, Republic of Fiji</li> <li>▪ Lead Counsel, Colombo Law Alliance</li> <li>▪ Independent Legal Counsel/ Consultant and Arbitrator</li> <li>▪ Lecturer and Examiner, Sri Lanka Law College</li> <li>▪ Adjunct Associate Professor, Department of Building Economics, University of Moratuwa</li> <li>▪ Visiting Lecturer, Faculty of Law, General Sir John Kotelawala Defence University</li> <li>▪ Visiting Lecturer, University of West London</li> <li>▪ Visiting Lecturer, Institute of Commercial Law and Practice</li> <li>▪ Legal Consultant, The Green Climate Fund (since 2017)</li> </ul>				

**From: 2013 To: 2019**

**Employer: Green Climate Fund, Songdo, South Korea**

**Position Held:** Consultant, Independent Redress Mechanism

**From: 2013 To: 2015**

**Employer: Asian Development Bank**

**Position Held:** Consultant on Public Private Partnerships

**From: 2007 To: 2013**

**Employer: National University of Singapore**

**Position Held:** Asst. Professor and Director of Research Studies

**From: 2005 To: 2007**

**Employer: United Nations Relief and Works Agency**

**Position Held:** Legal Officer (Contracts)

**From: 2001 To: 2005**

**Employer: United Nations Compensation Commission**

**Position Held:** Legal Counsel

**From: 1993 To: 2001**

**Employer: Attorney General's Department, Sri Lanka**

**Position Held:** State Counsel

**Honorary Positions (Current):**

- Chairman, Sri Lanka International Arbitration Centre
- Member of the Experts Committee Appointed by the Ministry of Justice to Amend the Arbitration Act No. 11 of 1995

## **8. Scholarships/Fellowships/Rankings and Awards (Selected)**

- Best Contract and Construction Lawyer 2024 – Sri Lanka, APAC Insider
- Award for Outstanding Global Achievement in International Arbitration, awarded by Prime Dispute in 2023.
- A-List Lawyer in Sri Lanka by the Law Asia Business Law Journal 2022.
- International Research Fellowship (BIARI Fellow), Brown International Advanced Research Institute, University of Brown, USA – 2012.
- Best Research Paper Award (Research Paper Title “Legal Considerations for Building Ecocities”), International Conference on Construction, University of Pennsylvania, USA – 2011.
- Lee Kuan Yew Postgraduate Scholarship, National University of Singapore – 2000 – 2005.

## **9. Publications (Selected)**

- ‘Rivers Weep and Trees Hurt – Recent Legal Developments in South Asia Concerning Rights Relating to Nature’, Conference Proceedings, 28<sup>th</sup> Annual International Sustainable Development Research Society Conference, 2022.
- ‘Pathological Arbitration Clauses: Diagnosis, Treatment and Prevention’, Junior Bar Law Journal, BASL, 2021.
- ‘Applicable Rules of Evidence in Arbitration’, Junior Bar Law Journal, BASL, 2021
- “Water Governance: An Evaluation of Alternative Architectures”, Edward Elgar Publishing House, UK (2014).
- “The Use of the Public Private Partnership Concept in Singapore” in “Taking Stock of PPP and PFI Around the World”, The Association of Chartered Certified Accountants (ACCA), London (2012).
- “Public-Private Partnerships for Major Infrastructure Projects in Developing Countries”, Contemporary Issues in Construction in Developing Countries, Ofori, G. ed., Rutledge (2011).

- “Contractual and Policy Challenges to Developing Eco-cities”, Sustainable Development, Vol. 19, Issue 6 (2011).
- “Water Governance Options for Developing Countries: Quo Vardis PPP” Water Leader, Issue 3, IWP, LKYSPP, NUS (2012).
- “Private – Public Partnerships in Urban Water Supply Sector: A Study of the Regional Trends”, Lee Kuan Yew School Public Policy Research Paper No. LKYSPP 12-04.
- “Climate Change and the Construction Industry: Sustainability Challenges for Singapore”, in Green Buildings and the Law, Adshead, J., ed., Rutledge (2011).
- “Policy and Legislative Architecture to Deal with Climate Change and Sustainable Development in a Post-Kyoto Framework”, Progress in Industrial Ecology, Vol. 7, Issue 1 (2010).
- “Pure Economic Loss Relating to Construction Defects: A Comparative Analysis”, Construction Law Journal, Vol. 26, Issue 6 (2010).
- “A Review of Some Key Climate Change Legislations and Policies: Lessons for Singapore’s Construction Industry”. Progress in Industrial Ecology, Vol. 7, Issue 1 (2010).
- Asia Pacific Construction Law Case Book, Lexis-Nexis (2007).
- Asia Pacific Construction Law Case Book, Lexis-Nexis (2008).

#### **10. Brief Description of Expertise**

I hold a Ph.D. in law from the National University of Singapore and an LL.M in International Economic Law from University of Warwick, England. I am an Attorney-at-Law of the Supreme Court of Sri Lanka and have over 30 years of experience as a legal counsel.

I have expertise in Commercial Laws, Project Financing, Public Private Partnerships, Public Procurement Law, Construction Law, Environmental Law and Arbitration. My clientele includes both private sector and public sector corporations from Sri Lanka as well as overseas. I am often consulted by foreign investors and International Organizations in connection with the legal aspects of developing infrastructure development projects in Sri Lanka and other parts of South Asia and in connection with resolution of international commercial disputes.

I recently drafted the proposed new Public Procurement Guidelines for Sri Lanka and in 2019, I drafted the PPP Guidelines for Sri Lanka. I am one of the members of the drafting committee appointed by the Minister of Justice of Sri Lanka to draft a new Arbitration Act

for Sri Lanka. In the past, I drafted the PPP Laws for the States of Sindh and Rajasthan, as a Consultant to the Asian Development Bank.

Recently, I acted as the Chief Legal Consultant in connection with the largest Foreign Development Investment Project in Sri Lanka to date, namely, the Colombo Port City Project. I was also a member of the negotiation team appointed by the Sri Lankan Government for the first Build Operate Transfer project in Sri Lanka, namely, the Queen Elizabeth Key Development Project.

Currently I am a member of the Cabinet Appointed Negotiation Committee (CANC) for negotiating a settlement in relation to the disputes that have arisen between the Government of Sri Lanka and a Japanese entity following the termination of the JAICA funded Light Railway Transit (LRT Project). I was also a Member of the Steering Committee appointed by the Government of Sri Lanka to establish the Colombo International Financial Centre in the Port City.

I act as an International Arbitrator and am a member of the Panel of Arbitrators of the following institutions: Singapore International Arbitration Centre, Asian International Arbitration Centre, Thailand International Arbitration Centre, Shenzhen Court of International Arbitration, and SAARC Arbitration Council.

I am also a Visiting Judge of the Court of Appeal of The Republic of Fiji.

### **Certification**

I certify that (1) to the best of my knowledge and belief, this CV correctly describes me, my qualifications, and my experience.

Full Name : Akurugoda Gamage Pubudu Asanga Gunawansa

Signature:



Date: 26<sup>th</sup> September 2024