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**CONFERRING THE HONOUR OF SENIOR INSTRUCTING ATTORNEYS-AT-LAW**

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**BILL**

**to provide for the Conferment of the Honour of Senior Instructing Attorneys-at-Law with a view to recognizing and appreciating the service rendered by Attorneys-at-Law practicing as Instructing Attorneys who have demonstrated eminence and high standards in the legal profession; and to provide for matters connected therewith or incidental thereto**

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| *Conferring the Honour of Senior Instructing* | 1 |

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L.D.-O. 13/2023

AN ACTTOPROVIDEFORTHE CONFERMENTOFTHE HONOUROF SENIOR INSTRUCTING ATTORNEYS-AT-LAWWITHAVIEWTORECOGNIZING ANDAPPRECIATINGTHESERVICERENDEREDBY ATTORNEYS-AT-LAW PRACTICINGAS INSTRUCTING ATTORNEYSWHOHAVEDEMONSTRATED EMINENCEANDHIGHSTANDARDSINTHELEGALPROFESSION; ANDTO

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BE it enacted by the Parliament of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka as follows: -

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| 5 | **1.** This Act may be cited as the Conferring the Honour of Senior Instructing Attorneys-at-Law Act, No. ……. of 2023. | | Short title |
| **2.** (1) His Exellency the President may, after obtaining observations from the Chief Justice and the Minister assigned the subject of Justice, confer the honour of Senior Instructing Attorney-at-Law on any Attorney-at-Law of the Supreme Court of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka who- | | Conferring |
| 10 | the honour |
| of Senior |
| Instructing |
| Attorneys-at- |
| Law |
| 15 | (*a*) | has been in active practice as an Instructing Attorney for a period not less than thirty-five years as at the date of conferring such honour; |
| (*b*) | has reached eminence in the legal profession and has maintained high standards of conduct and professional rectitude; |
| 20 | (*c*) | has not been found guilty of any criminal offence under any written law; |
| (*d*) | has not been found guilty of any professional misconduct under the Supreme Court (Conduct of and Etiquette for Attorneys-at-Law) Rules 1988 and the provisions of the Judicature Act, No. 2 of 1978; and |
| (*e*) | has been a person of good character and repute. |

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(2) His Excellency the President shall, upon conferring the honour of Senior Instructing Attorney-at-Law to any Instructing Attorney, hand over a certificate to that effect to such Instructing Attorney.

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| 5 | **3.** In this Act, unless the context otherwise requires- | Interpretation |

“Instructing Attorney” means an Attorney-at-Law   
whose main practice is to instruct a Counsel   
to appear in court on the instructions of such   
Attorney-at-Law.

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| 10 | **4.** In the event of any inconsistency between the Sinhala | Sinhala text to |
| prevail in case |
| and Tamil texts of this Act, the Sinhala text shall prevail. |
| of |
| inconsistency |

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