



**PARLIAMENT OF THE DEMOCRATIC  
SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF  
SRI LANKA**

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

**A**

**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  
Attorneys-at-Law*

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AN ACT 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

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

1. This Act may be cited as the Conferring the Honour of Senior Instructing Attorneys-at-Law Act, No. .... of 2023.

Short title

- 5      2. (1) His Excellency 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
- 10 who-
- (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;
- 15      (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
- 20      (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.

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.

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

