

NOTICE

All cases came before Court Number 302, will be taken up in Court Number 303, until further direction from the President of the Court of Appeal.

CONSTITUTION OF BENCHES FROM THURSDAY 23RD JANUARY 2025 ONWARDS

- (A) The Constitution of Benches of the Court of Appeal from 23rd January 2025, which shall be operative until further notice, is set out in the Schedule hereof.
- (B) In all matters, the Rules of the Court of Appeal shall be applied and followed in a uniform, consistent and fair manner.
- (C) Once an argument commences, all Counsel shall endeavour to conclude oral submissions on the same day. However, if conclusion of the argument cannot be reached on the same day, further argument shall be fixed for a date within the shortest possible time, and if that is not possible, within the following three weeks, and not beyond.
- (D) Where a Specially Constituted Bench has been nominated to hear and determine a matter, and anyone or more of the Judges of that Bench have been elevated to the Supreme Court, such matter shall be referred to the President of the Court of Appeal, who may refer such matter to the Division of this Court which has now been assigned the hearing of such matter in terms of this Notice, or who may nominate a new Special Bench to hear and conclude such matter.
- (E) All other matters where a specially constituted Bench has been nominated shall be taken up before the same Bench or same presiding Judge in the Court Room in which the Presiding Judge of that Bench is sitting in terms of this Notice.
- (F) All new applications filed on extremely urgent basis will be accommodated at the discretion of the presiding Judge of the relevant court and may be mentioned on a desired day only if such application is duly filed (with proof of dispatch of notice to the Respondents) at least before 10.00 a.m. on the day prior to such desired date.

By Order of the

PRESIDENT OF THE COURT OF APPEAL.

W.E.F. – 23.01.2025 (Thursday)

Court Room No.	Bench	Nature of Work
01 (301)	Hon. Justice N. Bandula Karunaratna,(P/CA) Hon. Justice K.M.S. Dissanayake	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Writ applications filed from 1st September 2022 onwards • Transfer Applications • Expulsion Cases • All Contempt of Court Applications • Inland Revenue Cases stated by the Tax Appeals Commission filed from 1st January 2023 onwards • Election Petition Cases • Any other matters not referred to in this Notice.
06 (206)	Hon. Justice M.T. Mohommed Laffar	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All Writ applications filed in 2019, 2020 & 2021 (odd numbers) • Appeals, Revisions and Leave to Appeal Applications from the Wakfs Board and Quazi Courts. • Writ Applications, transferred from Court 301 on the directions of His Lordship the President of the Court of Appeal, whenever necessary.
02 (302)	Hon. Justice S.U.B. Karalliyadde	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All Inland Revenue Cases stated by the Tax Appeals Commission filed in 2019 and 2022. • Writ Applications, transferred from Court 301 on the directions of His Lordship the President of the Court of Appeal, whenever necessary.
05 (205)	Hon. Justice R. Gurusinghe Hon. Justice Chamath Morais	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All remaining Final Appeals from District Courts. • All Restitutio in Integrum applications. • All Admiralty matters. • All Injunction applications • All Habeas Corpus applications. • All Appeals under the Right to Information Act. • Writ Applications, transferred from Court 301 on the directions of His Lordship the President of the Court of Appeal, whenever necessary.

<p>07 (109)</p>	<p>Hon. Justice Dhammika Ganepola Hon. Justice Damith Thotawatta</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All Writ Applications filed from 2004 to 2018 (odd numbers and even numbers) • All Writ Applications filed in 2019 and 2020 (even numbers) • Writ Applications, transferred from Court 301 on the directions of His Lordship the President of the Court of Appeal, whenever necessary.
<p>03 (303)</p>	<p>Hon. Justice Mayadunna Corea Hon. Justice Mahen Gopallawa</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All Writ Application filed in 2021 (even numbers) • All Writ Applications filed from 1st January 2022 to 31st August 2022. • All Inland Revenue cases stated by the Tax Appeals Commission filed in 2009 up to 2018 December. • Writ Applications, transferred from Court 301 on the directions of His Lordship the President of the Court of Appeal, whenever necessary.
<p>09 (107)</p>	<p>Hon. Justice P. Kumararatnam Hon. Justice Gihan Kulatunga</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All High Court Criminal Appeals (odd numbers) • All Bail Applications • Bail Appeals from High Court (BAA)
<p>10 (110)</p>	<p>Hon. Justice Sasi Mahendran Hon. Justice Amal Ranaraja</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All High Court Criminal Appeal (even numbers) • Appeals and Revision applications from the Provincial High Court (Criminal Cases) • Extradition Cases • Leave to Appeal Applications (Criminal) • MCR Application • Miscellaneous Applications (Criminal).
<p>04 (204)</p>	<p>Hon. Justice M.A.R. Marikar Hon. Justice R. Pradeep Hettiarachchi</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Appeals and Revision Applications from the Provincial High Court (Civil Cases) • Land Acquisition Board of Review cases • Leave to Appeal Applications (Civil) • Miscellaneous Applications (Civil) • Inland Revenue Cases stated by the Tax Appeals Commission filed during 2020 and 2021 • Writ Applications, transferred from Court 301 on the directions of His Lordship the President of the Court of Appeal, whenever necessary.