

**CONSTITUTION OF BENCHES FROM MONDAY 01.06.2026 ONWARDS**

- (A) The Constitution of Benches of the Court of Appeal from 01<sup>st</sup> June 2026, 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 endeavor 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 any one or more of the Judges of that Bench have been elevated to the Supreme Court, retired or the Bench cannot be properly constituted for any other reason, 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 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 the 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 an 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 stating in the motion the reasons for such urgency and with proof of dispatch of notice to the Respondents at least before 10.00 a.m. on the day prior to such desired date.
- (G) Where argument has been concluded and judgment has been reserved before a Bench of which one or more of the Judges have since been elevated to the Supreme Court, retired or the Bench cannot be properly constituted for any other reason, such matter shall be mentioned before the remaining Judge before whom that matter was argued. The remaining Judge shall inquire from the parties whether they wish to re-argue the matter or whether they would acquiesce with the remaining Judge pronouncing the judgment by himself. In the event of the parties indicating that they wish to re-argue the matter, such matter shall be referred directly to the Division of this Court which has been assigned the hearing of such matter in terms of this Notice.
- (H) Where a matter has been partly heard or is to be resumed before a particular division, the Judges who heard the matter may continue to hear such matter, with the consent of the parties, despite the changes envisaged by this notice, provided the presiding Judge still adjudicates in the same Court.
- (I) Court No. 206 and 302 will cease to function until further notice.

- (J) All matters pending before a particular bench prior to the prevailing constitution of benches will remain in the same court.
- (K) Matters transferred from Court No 206 and Court No 302 will first be mentioned before the new bench and will be re-fixed for the necessary next action.

By order of the  
**PRESIDENT OF THE COURT OF APPEAL**

<b>Court Room No.</b>	<b>Bench</b>	<b>Nature of Work</b>
301	Hon. Justice Rohantha Abeysuriya PC (P/CA) Hon. Justice K.P. Fernando	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Writ applications filed from 01/01/2023 onwards</li> <li>• Transfer Applications</li> <li>• Expulsion Cases</li> <li>• Contempt of Court Applications</li> <li>• Election Petition Cases</li> <li>• High Court Criminal Appeals assigned/ transferred for hearing</li> <li>• Any other matters not referred to in this Notice.</li> </ul>
205	Hon. Justice R. Gurusinghe Hon. Justice Annalingam Premashankar	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All remaining Final Appeals from District Courts.</li> <li>• All <i>Restitutio in Integrum</i> applications.</li> <li>• All Admiralty matters.</li> <li>• All Injunction applications.</li> <li>• All Habeas Corpus applications.</li> <li>• All Appeals under the Right to Information Act.</li> <li>• Writ Applications filed from 01/09/2022 to 31/12/2022</li> <li>• Cases previously heard in Court No 302 (<b>even numbers</b>)</li> <li>• <b>Writ Applications transferred from Court 301 or allocated on the directions of His Lordship the President of the Court of Appeal.</b></li> <li>• <b>Contempt of Court Applications transferred from Court 301 or allocated on the directions of His Lordship the President of the Court of Appeal.</b></li> </ul>
109	Hon. Justice Sasi Mahendran Hon. Justice Adithya Patabendige	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All Writ Applications filed from 2004 to 2020 (<b>odd numbers</b>)</li> <li>• Taxation related cases including writ applications (<b>even numbers</b>)</li> <li>• <b>Writ Applications transferred from Court 301 or allocated on the directions of His Lordship the President of the Court of Appeal.</b></li> </ul>
303	Hon. Justice Mayadunna Corea Hon. Justice Mahen Gopallawa	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All Writ Application filed in 2021 (<b>even numbers</b>)</li> <li>• All Writ Applications filed from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2022 to 31<sup>st</sup> August 2022.</li> <li>• All writ applications previously heard in Court No 206.</li> <li>• <b>Writ Applications transferred from Court 301 or allocated on the directions of His Lordship the President of the Court of Appeal.</b></li> </ul>

107	<p>Hon. Justice P. Kumararatnam Hon. Justice R. Pradeep Hettiarachchi</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All High Court Criminal Appeals <b>(odd numbers)</b></li> <li>• All Bail Applications</li> <li>• <b>Bail Appeals from High Court (BAA)</b></li> </ul>
110	<p>Hon. Justice Amal Ranaraja Hon. Justice Dr. Sumudu Premachandra</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All High Court Criminal Appeal <b>(even numbers)</b></li> <li>• Appeals and Revision applications from the Provincial High Court <b>(Criminal)</b></li> <li>• Extradition Cases</li> <li>• Leave to Appeal Applications <b>(Criminal)</b></li> <li>• MCR Application</li> <li>• Miscellaneous Applications <b>(Criminal).</b></li> <li>• All Writ Applications filed from 2008 to 2020 <b>(even numbers)</b></li> <li>• <b>Writ Applications transferred from Court 301 or allocated on the directions of His Lordship the President of the Court of Appeal.</b></li> </ul>
108	<p>Hon. Justice Chamath Morais Hon. Justice Dr. D. F. H. Gunawardena</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Taxation related cases including writ applications. <b>(odd numbers)</b></li> <li>• Appeals, Revisions, Leave to Appeal Applications from &amp; writs or any other matter related to the Wakfs Board and Quazi Courts.</li> <li>• Cases previously heard in Court No 302 <b>(odd numbers)</b></li> <li>• <b>Writ Applications transferred from Court 301 or allocated on the directions of His Lordship the President of the Court of Appeal.</b></li> </ul>
204	<p>Hon. Justice Damith Thotawatta Hon. Justice K.M.S. Dissanayake</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Appeals and Revision Applications from the Provincial High Court <b>(Civil Cases)</b></li> <li>• Land Acquisition Board of Review cases</li> <li>• Leave to Appeal Applications <b>(Civil)</b></li> <li>• Miscellaneous Applications <b>(Civil)</b></li> <li>• <b>Writ Applications transferred from Court 301 or allocated on the directions of His Lordship the President of the Court of Appeal.</b></li> </ul>