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THE NOTICE

Supreme Court will not function on 5th and 6th August 2020 as the Supreme Court staff will be engaged in Parliamentary Election duty. The cases that are listed for 5th and 6th August 2020 will be listed as to be mentioned matters on 07th August at 2.00 P.M.

N.B. As these matters are due to be mentioned for purpose of re-fixing, Counsel/Attorneys-at-Law are requested to be ready with agreed dates convenient to them.

PRADEEP MAHAMUTHUGALA.
Add. Magistrate/ Registrar of the Supreme Court
31st July 2020.

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The Notice

THE SUPREME COURT OF THE DEMOCRATIC SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF SRI LANKA

Reschedule of Cases (4/6/2020)

As the Court will not function on 4th June 2020 due to the Island wide Curfew, the cases that are listed for 4th June 2020 will be relisted as given below.

1. All the cases which were originally scheduled on the **1st April 2020** will be mentioned on **1 8th June 2020**

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2. The rest of the cases (the cases that were originally scheduled for 4th June 2020) will be mentioned on 23rd June 2020
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N.B. As these matters are due to be mentioned for purpose of refixing, Counsel/Attorneys-at-Law are requested to be **ready with agreed dates** convenient to them.

Registrar,
Supreme Court
29th May 2020.

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The Notice

THE SUPREME COURT OF THE DEMOCRATIC SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF SRI LANKA

Reschedule of Cases

All the cases that were scheduled to be taken up from 23rd March 2020 to 6th May 2020 will be mentioned on dates as shown in the table.

	Previous date	New "To Be Mentioned" date
1.	23/3/2020	29/5/2020
2.	24/3/2020	30/5/2020
3.	25/3/2020	30/5/2020
4.	26/3/2020	30/5/2020
5.	27/3/2020	30/5/2020
6.	30/3/2020	30/5/2020
7.	31/3/2020	30/5/2020
8.	1/4/2020	4/6/2020
9.	2/4/2020	9/6/2020
10.	3/4/2020	11/6/2020
11.	27/4/2020	13/6/2020
12.	28/4/2020	13/6/2020
13.	29/4/2020	13/6/2020
14.	30/4/2020	13/6/2020
15.	4/5/2020	13/6/2020
16.	5/5/2020	13/6/2020
17.	6/5/2020	16/6/2020

N.B. As these matters are due to be mentioned for purpose of refixing, Counsel/Attorneys-at-Law are requested to be ready with agreed dates convenient to them.

Registrar,
Supreme Court
20th May 2020.

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The Notice

THE SUPREME COURT OT THE DEMOCRATIC SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF SRI LANKA

Reschedule of Cases

All the cases which were originally listed on the 20th March 2020 were re-listed to the 6th May 2020.

As the Court did not function on 6th May 2020 due to CoViD 19 Pandemic those cases originally listed on the 20th March 2020 will be mentioned on 22nd May 2020.

Registrar
Supreme Court
14th May, 2020

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The Notice

THE SUPREME COURT OT THE DEMOCRATIC SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF SRI LANKA
Marking Appearance in Court

Please be informed that the common case list that was used to MARK THE APPEARANCE will not be used from today until further notice.

Hereby request all Attorneys-at-Law to provide a document with the relevant information to the court officials.

Date:
Case Number:
Appearance by:
Party:

Registrar
Supreme Court
13th May, 2020

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NOTICE

THE SUPREME COURT OF THE DEMOCRATIC SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF SRI LANKA

FILINGS (Supreme Court)

1. The Registry will receive all new filings from Monday the 11th May between 9.30 am and 1.00 pm. until further notice.
2. All persons including attorneys-at-law who attend the Registry for filing of fresh matters or otherwise are requested to follow government health advisories, in particular guidelines on social distancing.
3. The public is informed that the number of staff members available at the Registry at a given time to provide regular services will depend on the relevant government guidelines and health advisories relating to combating COVID – 19 pandemic, until such time the said guidelines / health advisories are in force.

Registrar,
Supreme Court
11th May 2020.

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The Notice

THE SUPREME COURT OF THE DEMOCRATIC SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF SRI LANKA

Court Sittings and Rescheduling Cases

To the attention of all Counsel, Registered Attorneys, Litigants and the Public

The Court Sittings will be resumed on Monday 11th May 2020. All those cases that were/are to be taken in open courts from 27th April to 6th May 2020 are to be rescheduled and new dates will be duly notified.

Registrar,
Supreme Court
3rd May 2020

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NOTICE

Supreme Court

Commencement of the 2nd Term, 2020.

1 The Supreme Court is scheduled to commence its sittings for the 2nd Term of 2020, on Monday 27th April, 2020. It is observed that the location where the Supreme Court is situated has become a high-risk area where Covid -19 virus has commenced spreading. Thus, it has become important and necessary in the interest of public, to co-operate with the guidelines and advices issued from time to time from the authorities working hard to control the spreading of the said virus. Therefore it is hereby notified to the public that the following measures are to be taken depending on the prevailing situation at the time Supreme Court is scheduled to commence sittings on 27-04-2020 and thereafter.

2. In the event the situation in the locality of the Superior Courts Complex continues to be identified as an area unsafe for public to access and move around, Court sittings will not take place.

3. However, upon an application to hear a case on the basis of urgency, after considering the merits and the circumstances, if Court is satisfied on the availability of such circumstances, Court in its discretion would make an appropriate order in that regard.

4 A notice published under the hand of the Registrar in due course will specify the dates on which the Registry will be open for filing new matters that had not been able to satisfy the procedural time limitations due to the closure of the Registry by reason of the imposition of curfew and other restrictions following the COVID -19 pandemic.

5. The Registry will be open from 9.00 am to 1.00 pm to accept new filings other than the filings referred to hereinbefore, if the situation in the locality where the Supreme Court is situated permits.

6 However, a party or an attorney may contact the Registrar in advance and schedule a time and date to open the registry to accept any new filings in any urgent matter, in the event the Registry remains closed due to adverse conditions.

7 In order to ensure effective compliance with the Government health advisories including advisories on social distancing; and to avoid congestion, no person other than the Counsel / or the Attorney of a party or a person who is an unrepresented party will be allowed presence in court rooms unless prior permission had been granted by Court on an application by a Counsel / Attorney.

8 Taking into account the number of cases scheduled for a particular day, listing of cases may be made on staggered basis. In such an instance, only the Counsel / Attorney and unrepresented parties of such cases that are listed for a particular time slot would be permitted to remain in the court room during the said time period, unless the court directs otherwise.

Registrar,

Supreme Court

23rd April 2020

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The Notice

THE SUPREME COURT OF THE DEMOCRATIC SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF SRI LANKA

I am directed by His Lordship, The Chief Justice to bring the following notice to the attention of all Counsel, Registered Attorneys, Litigants and public.

All the cases that were scheduled to be taken up on 16th to 20th March 2020 will be mentioned on dates as shown below.

Previously Scheduled date

New “	To be Mentioned	” date
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20	/03/2020
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16/03/2020

13/05/2020

17/03/2020

20/05/2020

18/03/2020

27/05/2020

19/03/2020

03/06/2020

Registrar

Supreme Court

01 April 2020

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The Notice

THE SUPREME COURT OF THE DEMOCRATIC SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF SRI LANKA

I am directed by His Lordship, The Chief Justice to bring the following notice to the attention of all Counsel, Registered Attorneys, Litigants and public.

The Supreme Court Registry will notify the dates of accepting new cases once the curfew is lifted.

Registrar
Supreme Court
31st March, 2020

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The Notice

THE SUPREME COURT OF THE DEMOCRATIC SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF SRI LANKA

I am directed by His Lordship, The Chief Justice to bring the following notice to the attention of all Counsel, Registered Attorneys, Litigants and public.

All the cases that were scheduled to be taken up on 20/03/2020 will be mentioned on 6th May 2020.

Registrar
Supreme Court
20th March, 2020

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The Notice

THE SUPREME COURT OF THE DEMOCRATIC SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF SRI LANKA
Measures in View of Preventing the Spread of COVID -19 Virus
(From 20th to 27th March 2020)

I am directed by His Lordship, The Chief Justice to bring the following matters to the attention of all Counsel, Registered Attorneys, Litigants and public.

1. Filing of New Cases and Motions for cases other than already scheduled cases from 23rd to 27th March

The Registry of Supreme Court will accept new cases and motions only till 1.30 PM.

2. The Admission as Attorneys at Law which is to be held on 25th March 2020 is postponed and new date will be notified later

Registrar
Supreme Court
20th March, 2020

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The Notice

THE SUPREME COURT OF THE DEMOCRATIC SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF SRI LANKA
Measures in View of Preventing the Spread of COVID -19 Virus
(From 20th to 27th March 2020)

I am directed by His Lordship, The Chief Justice to bring the following matters to the attention of all Counsel, Registered Attorneys and Litigants.

1. No Cases to be called in open courts and all cases are to be rescheduled.

Above restrictions will not be applicable to:

- a) All matters relating to bail
- b) Any other matter where the Judge is of the view that it should be attended to without delay.

2. Any Party or an Attorney At Law who desires that any matter to be taken up on the basis of urgency, such Party/Attorney At Law is required to file a motion to that effect before 10 AM for the consideration of the Judge.

Registrar
Supreme Court
19th March, 2020

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The Notice

THE SUPREME COURT OF THE DEMOCRATIC SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF SRI LANKA

I am directed by His Lordship, The Chief Justice to bring the following matters to the attention of all Counsel, Registered Attorneys and Litigants.

1. The mention matters : All the mention matters that are to be taken up in open court from 17th to 20th March will be rescheduled and the new dates will be notified during the 1st week of April 2020.
2. All other matters : Hearings will be restricted to urgent and essential matters based on the applications of the parties concerned.
3. Entrance to Courts : The litigants will not be permitted to enter the court unless the Counsel requires the presence of the litigants.

Registrar
Supreme Court
16th March, 2020

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N O T I C E

There will be a Ceremonial Sitting of the Supreme Court at 9.30 a.m. on Friday the 28th of February 2020, in the Ceremonial Court (Court No.501) to enable the Bar to welcome The Honourable Yasantha Kodagoda P.C, as a Judge of the Supreme Court.

Pradeep Mahamuthugala.
REGISTRAR OF THE SUPREME COURT

18th February 2020

CEREMONIAL SITTING OF THE SUPREME COURT

There will be a Reference for the late Justice Hon. Prasanna S Jayawardena President's Counsel, Judge of the Supreme Court on Monday, 20th January 2020 at 9.30 a.m. in the Ceremonial Court of the Supreme Court. (Court No.501)

Pradeep Mahamuthugala.
REGISTRAR OF THE SUPREME COURT

08th January 2020.

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Special Notice

Date :- 2019.08.09

Hearing of Reference 01/2019

will be at 10.00 A.M on Friday 23rd August 2019.

The Letter sent to the President of Bar Association is pasted hereto.

09th August 2019

The President,

Bar Association of Sri Lanka

Colombo 12.

SUPREME COURT REFERENCE NO. 01/2019

I have been directed by His Lordship the Chief Justice to inform you that His Excellency the President in terms of Article 129 (1) of the Constitution, has referred to this Court the following questions for its consideration and for an opinion to be submitted to His Excellency on or before 30th August. 2019.

(a) In view of the Review Committee failing to submit its report to me in accordance with sub sections (13) and (14) of Section 3A of the Provincial Councils Elections Act No. 2 of 1988 as amended by Act No. 17 of 2017, whether, I, as President, can by proclamation forthwith publish the new number of electorates, the boundaries and names assigned to each electorate so created in terms of the report of the Delimitation Committee submitted to the Minister Assigned the subject of Provincial Councils?

(b) Whether, the Provincial Councils Elections can be held under the Provincial Councils Elections Act No. 2 of 1988 as amended by Act No. 17 of 2017, once the Proclamation referred to in (a) above is published?

(c) Whether in the absence of such inability to hold such Provincial Council elections in terms of the present law, the said provincial council elections can be held under the law that was in force prior to the enactment of the Provincial Councils Elections (Amendment) Act No. 17 of 2017 in view of section 6(2) of the Interpretation Ordinance?

I have been further directed to request you to inform the membership, that written submissions (original with five copies) in respect of the above questions along with a written notice of intention to intervene will be entertained at the Registry of the Supreme Court until 12.00 noon of Wednesday 21st August 2019 and a Hearing for oral submissions of Counsel (maximum of thirty minutes each), will be held at 10.00 A.M on Friday 23rd, August 2019.

Registrar of Supreme Court