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BAR ASSOCIATION OF SRI LANKA

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**STATEMENT OF THE BAR ASSOCIATION OF SRI LANKA PERTAINING TO CERTAIN OBSERVATIONS
MADE IN RELATION TO ATTORNEYS-AT-LAW**

The Bar Association of Sri Lanka (BASL) has observed several recent instances where individuals have threatened legal action / complaint against Attorneys-at-Law pertaining to the professional work carried out on behalf of clients.

The BASL emphasizes the independent role and function of Attorneys-at-Law which is to professionally represent the rights and interests of a client and further reiterates the principle, convention and practice which unequivocally enables a Legal Practitioner to Practice his / her Profession in the best interest of one's client and within the framework provided by Law.

Whilst the BASL is cognizant of the specific mechanism in the legal system for reviewing and supervising the professional conduct of Attorneys-at-Law, the BASL invites attention to the Judgment of the Supreme Court in Supreme Contempt Application No. 3/2016 delivered on 15th July 2021, where the Supreme Court convicted and sentenced a person under contempt provisions for making false representations to the Supreme Court in relation to an Attorney-at-Law, as it directly impacted on the system of administration of justice.

In this relation, the BASL emphasizes the important need for all stakeholders to act with restraint, responsibility and accountability in matters in relation to the system of administration of justice. The BASL will robustly defend these professional rights in any forum, if the need arises.

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