

We are very pleased to share our rankings for Sri Lanka in the Legal 500 Asia Pacific 2019 guide:

TIER 1 **Intellectual Property** "Specialising in the fields of intellectual property and brand protection, 'the skills and the services provided by Sudath Perera Associates are of a very good standard'. Leading the practice is Himani Perera, who can also call on the expertise of managing partner Sudath Perera and counsel Manoj Bandara." **Dispute Resolution** "The 'excellent and highly rated' dispute resolution team at Sudath Perera Associates is experienced in handling litigation but also in helping defuse disputes before they reach the litigation stage. Deshan Hewavithana jointly heads the practice along with Sudath Perera and Lakshana Perera. They bring 'court craft and in-depth knowledge' and preside over a growing team that includes 'very good litigator' Manoj Bandara, associates Thivanka Hettiarachchi and Thiyagaraj Rushani, and recently arrived senior associate Savithru Wijeratne.' TIER 2 Corporate and M&A 'Knowledgeable, proactive and very fast in responding,' Sudath Perera Associates specialises in, among others things, foreign direct investment, public-private partnerships, M&A, and corporate restructurings. In 2017/2018, the firm has acted on a number of highprofile, high-value acquisitions, particularly in the manufacturing, trading, agriculture and tourism industries. 'Great negotiator' Dushyantha Perera heads the team and 'has in-depth knowledge of the subject', 'providing fast, good solutions'. **Real Estate and Construction** "Sudath Perera Associates handles due diligence for a range of real estate and construction work. The department also assists domestic and overseas banks, corporates and individuals obtain plan approvals and updated certificates of ownership from the relevant local authorities. Dharshika Gunaratne heads an experienced team that includes consultant Preethie Abeyesekera, who is engaged in the drafting of legal instruments covering a variety of transactions pertaining to land." TIER 3 **Banking & Finance** "The team at Sudath Perera Associates delivers an integrated service with a wealth of knowledge and experience. The firm works with