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Chatura is a partner in Afridi & Angell's award-winning dispute resolution team. His practice spreads across on-shore litigation, DIFC Court litigation, and international and domestic arbitration. Chatura also sits as an arbitrator.

Chatura regularly acts for clients in high value commercial disputes, and his advice is regularly sought by clients particularly in relation to complex and cross-border disputes. He also advises on construction, maritime and shipping, banking, and employment disputes, and has been involved in several first-in-kind cases both in the DIFC Courts and the onshore courts. He is a regular speaker at workshops and conferences on dispute resolution in the UAE and internationally, and has contributed the UAE chapter on dispute resolution for several global publications. He is also known for his *pro bono* work involving young families and children.

Prior to joining Afridi & Angell in 2008, Chatura was in practice in one of the leading commercial law chambers in Sri Lanka, and was a visiting lecturer in law at the Faculties of Law and Management at the University of Colombo.

Chatura is ranked as a dispute resolution practitioner in leading directories since 2018. He is ranked in Chambers Global and Legal 500 EMEA identifies him as a 'Next Generation Partner'. Asian Legal Business (a Thompson Reuters company) lists him among the MENA region's 50 most outstanding lawyers, based on client surveys. He is also recognised in the Legal 500 Arbitration Powerlist - Middle East since the inception of the publication.

Clients' comments include: "*he is very knowledgeable and effective and with him handling a matter I have every assurance that the job will get done and typically he exceeds expectations*", "*he is one of the brightest and most innovative lawyers I have met in the UAE. His ability to manage complex disputes across several jurisdictions and to navigate the local courts and dispute resolution mechanisms of the local jurisdiction are rare*", "*extremely knowledgeable on local and international law*", "*my go-to lawyer in the UAE*", "*a very able lawyer with excellent analytical skills and very quick to see the weaknesses in the opposition's case*" and is "*practical in his advice and attentive.*"

Areas of Practice

- Litigation and ADR
- Commercial Dispute Resolution
- Construction
- Shipping, Maritime and Transport

Admissions and Affiliations

- Attorney-at-Law of the Supreme Court of Sri Lanka, called to the Bar in 2006

Education

- LL.M., Harvard Law School, Fulbright Scholar, 2007
- LL.B. (Honours) University of Colombo, Sri Lanka, 2004

Languages

- English
- Sinhalese