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Chatura's practice focuses primarily on dispute resolution. He advises and represents clients in arbitration, and has represented clients in DIAC, ADCCAC, ICC and *ad hoc* arbitrations. He also works with local advocates on matters before the UAE Federal Courts, including the Federal Supreme Court in matters of national security, as well as the Courts of Dubai and Ras Al Khaimah.

Chatura regularly acts for clients in high value construction disputes. He also advises on maritime and shipping disputes, banking disputes, employment disputes, as well as complex disputes relating to commercial transactions. Much of his work has strong cross-border elements. He is a regular speaker at workshops and conferences on dispute resolution in the UAE. He is also known for *pro bono* work involving young families and children.

Prior to joining Afridi & Angell in 2008, Chatura was in the private bar of Sri Lanka practicing in the Law Chambers of Dr Harsha Cabral, President's Counsel. He was also a visiting lecturer in law at the Faculties of Law and Management at the University of Colombo.

Chatura is recommended in dispute resolution in legal directories, and is ranked in Chambers Global and is identified as a recommended practitioner and a next generation partner in dispute resolution by Legal 500 EMEA. 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*" "*very diligent in the advice given*", "*a very able lawyer with excellent analytical skills and very quick to see the weaknesses in the opposition's case*", "*good attention to detail*", "*provides strong common-sense guidance and exhibits broad local knowledge*" and is "*practical in his advice and attentive to new laws and legal angles*".

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