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Mevan Bandara is a Partner in the Dispute Resolution practice at Afridi & Angell. With over a decade of experience practising in the UAE, he is a Legal 500 and Chambers Global recognised litigator and dispute resolution specialist, with a practice spanning international arbitration, litigation before the DIFC and ADGM Courts, and complex on-shore disputes.

Mevan acts for a diverse range of clients, from multinational corporations and financial institutions to regional businesses and high-net-worth individuals, across the full spectrum of high-value commercial disputes. His practice has particular depth in construction and infrastructure, shareholder and company disputes, banking, insolvency and restructuring, maritime and shipping, insurance, employment, and cross-border investment disputes. He also advises on the structuring of joint ventures, franchise arrangements, distributorship agreements, and registered agency relationships.

A significant proportion of Mevan's work carries a cross-border dimension. He has represented clients in international arbitrations seated in London, Dubai, Singapore, and Sri Lanka, bringing procedural command and substantive breadth to complex multi-jurisdictional matters. His contributions to leading legal publications — including the Lexology Panoramic (Shipping and Arbitration UAE chapters), the Thomson Reuters Practical Law Global Guide, and the Chambers Global Practice Guide on Banking & Finance — reflect the depth of his technical expertise and his standing as a thought leader in the region.

Clients and independent legal directories describe Mevan in the following terms:

"Mevan Bandara is prompt and available at short notice. He will work towards providing a holistic solution to the client." — Legal 500 2025

"His approach was to provide solutions to my matter by giving an objective path, rather than to get the business by giving partial one-sided advice. I also valued his in-depth knowledge in financial matters which helped a lot in forming the strategy." — Legal 500 2025

"We closely work with Mevan Bandara. He stands out for responsiveness, clear communication, and deep understanding of our business. He doesn't just give legal advice — he offers solutions that are practical and strategic. What sets him apart is his consistency and personal commitment to our matters." — Legal 500 2025

"Mevan Bandara is charming, massively hard-working and very clever." — Chambers Global

Mevan is a recipient of the Australian Government's DEEWR Scholarship (2009), awarded by the Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations. He served as a visiting lecturer in Business Law at the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Sri Lanka and as an examiner at the Sri Lanka Law College, and is a regular speaker at industry events and seminars on developments in UAE dispute resolution, arbitration, and commercial law.

Areas of Practice

- Construction and Infrastructure
- Arbitration and Dispute Resolution
- Bankruptcy and Restructuring
- Shareholder Disputes
- Insurance
- Employment
- Agency and Distributorship
- Shipping, Maritime and Transport

Admissions and Affiliations

- Attorney-at-Law of the Supreme Court of Sri Lanka
- DIFC Courts – Part I

Education

- LL.B. (Hons.) University of Colombo, Sri Lanka, 2010

Languages

- English
- Sinhalese