

Consultant

Mr. Lasantha De Alwis

Personal Details:

Age: 44

Sex: Male

Nationality: Sri Lankan

Marital Status: Married

Key Accomplishments

Lasantha De Alwis is an Attorney-at-Law and holds a Master in Business Administration. He is also an Associate Member of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators.

Lasantha was appointed as the Corporate Secretary of the Commonwealth Telecommunications Organisation (CTO) in July 2004 and currently works in the capacity of Corporate Secretary and Senior Manager, Programmes. In the course of his duties Lasantha acts as the legal counsellor to the CTO Council and the CEO of the organisation. In his capacity as the Senior Manager, Programmes, Lasantha manages the consultancy and research functions of the CTO. One of the key research projects carried out under his management is a research on Local E-Content on behalf of a multi-national commercial organisation. In addition, Lasantha has been associated with projects and initiatives in several fields including ICT policies & regulations, online & distance learning and rural communications. Currently Lasantha is planning a project to study and map Cyber Laws with particular emphasis on Cyber Security, of selected developed countries with the objective of building a best practices guide for the use of developing countries. Lasantha was instrumental in launching the CTO Alternate Dispute Resolution Centre which was set up to help member countries resolve their ICT related disputes through the use of ADR mechanisms, primarily mediation. The CTO ADR Centre also delivers training to members and has already conducted 2 training courses for the African region and Caribbean region.

Prior to joining the CTO, Lasantha worked as the Acting Chief Administration Officer and Head of Legal for Sri Lanka Telecom Ltd. Lasantha's role with SLT, Sri Lanka's main ICT provider, provided him an opportunity to liaise with policy makers, regulators and the other stakeholders in the field of ICTs in Sri Lanka. As the Head of Legal, his main functions included advising the strategic management on legal issues in the face of changing ICT and regulatory environment. As the Actg Chief Administration Officer, he managed 8 divisions including human resources, training and procurement. Lasantha was instrumental in negotiating several procurements of IT systems, both in-

country and cross border and assisting in their implementation for the company.

In 1999 Lasantha worked as the Manager, Corporate services of Nations Trust Bank, a newly established bank in Sri Lanka, and, in that capacity, was involved with the procurement of a banking system and setting up of internet banking aspects.

Key Qualifications

1986 - Attorney at Law, Sri Lanka Law College

2002 - M.B.A, University of Sri Jyawardanapura, Sri Lanka

1996 - Investment Banking Certificate, PDCP Bank, Philippines

2005 – Associate Member of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators