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To all Judges and Judicial Officers,

**Function of the Department of Debt Conciliation Board.**

Having considered a letter dated 06.09.2022 by Mrs. Wasantha Perera, Secretary Ministry of Justice, Prison Affairs and Constitutional Reforms addressed to Secretary Judicial Service Commission on the subject referred to above, Commission directed me to bring the same to the attention of all Judges and Judicial Officers.

02. A copy of the letter dated 06.09.2022 is annexed hereto.

Under the command of the Judicial Service Commission,

  
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### Function of the Department of Debt Conciliation Board

Ministry of Justice, Prison Reforms and Constitutional Affairs with a view to enhance access to justice to the aggrieved parties opened new Branch Boards in Galle, Gampaha, and Kurunegala Districts while Debt Conciliation Board (Main Board) is operating in Colombo. The said main Boards and the Branch Boards are empowered to receive applications by a debtor or a creditor from the following Districts.

Branch	Districts
Colombo	Ratnapura, Badulla, Ampara, Batticaloa, Nuwara Eliya, Monaragala, Kaluthara, Colombo
Galle	Galle, Matara, Hambanthota
Gampaha	Gampaha
Kurunegala	Puttalam, Chillaw, Kurunegala, Matale, Kandy, Polonnaruwa, Anuradhapura, Trincomalee, Vauniya, Kegalle, Jaffna, Mannar, Kilinochchi,

Further, as per section 45 of the Debt Conciliation Ordinance, “*where an action has been instituted in a court by a secured creditor to enforce a right of sale under a mortgage or to obtain a decree for the payment of money in satisfaction of claim arising under a mortgage and at any time before the decree is entered the parties agree that the matter in dispute between them be referred to the decision of the Board, the court shall refer the matter to the Board*”.

Hence, it is much appreciated if you could bring this to the notice of the Judicial Service Commission to consider issuing instructions to the relevant Judicial officers to implement the above provisions of the Ordinance.

Wasantha Perera

Secretary

Ministry of Justice, Prison Affairs and Constitutional Reforms