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5. I annex hereto a printout of the article which appeared in Lankaenews of 16th September 2014 marked "X", and plead as part and parcel of this Affidavit which contains defamatory and contemptuous articles about His Lordship Dilip Nawaz. I certify that I myself obtained copies of these printouts from the internet. This article and other articles which are filed separately have attacked both the judiciary conduct as well as the private lives of the judges and caused embarrassment not only to the judges, but to the entire judiciary.
6. Through the contents of the said articles the web site / face book owner/operator has insulted, defamed, and ridiculed the judges whose names are referred to therein and there is direct and indirect intimidation on judges as well as the judiciary as a whole.
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5. I annex hereto a printout of the article which appeared in Lankaenews on or about the 29th of September 2014 marked "X-2", and plead as part and parcel of this Affidavit. I certify that I myself obtained copies of these printouts from the internet. This article specially refers to the following judges and magistrates:-
 01. Hon. Sisira Ratnayake
 02. Hon. Kanishka Wijerathne
 03. Hon. Gihan Pilapitiya
 04. Hon. Thilina Gamage and
 05. Hon. Ranga Wimaljasena

According to this article they are "thieving judges".[විනි-සොරුන්]

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5. I annex hereto a printout of the article which appeared in Lankaenews of 24th October 2014 marked "X-3", and plead as part and parcel of this Affidavit. I certify that I myself obtained copies of these printouts from the internet. This article specially refers to 75 High Court Judges who were given a special tour of the Amaya Hotel and the name of his Lordship Buwenaka Aluvihara is mentioned and also mentions that these 75 judges, would be beholden to the State, as this was sponsored by the former President Mahinda Rajapaksha.
6. Through the contents of the said articles the web site / face book owner/operator has insulted, defamed, and ridiculed the judges whose names are referred to therein and there is direct and indirect intimidation on judges as well as the judiciary as a whole.
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5. I annex hereto a printout of the article which appeared in Lankaenews of 7th November 2014 marked "X-4", and plead as part and parcel of this Affidavit. I certify that I myself obtained copies of these printouts from the internet, wherein the entire Supreme Court Judges have defamed for sitting secretly to consider whether the former President Mahinda Rajapaksha could contest for another period of 6 years.
6. Through the contents of the said articles the web site / face book owner/operator has insulted, defamed, and ridiculed the judges whose names are referred to therein and there is direct and indirect intimidation on judges as well as the judiciary as a whole.
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5. I annex hereto a printout of the article which appeared in Lankaenews of 11th May 2015 marked "X-5", and plead as part and parcel of this Affidavit. In the aforementioned article the present judge of the Court of Appeal Mr. Lalith Jayasuriya has been defamed. I certify that I myself obtained copies of these printouts from the internet.
6. Through the contents of the said articles the web site / face book owner/operator has insulted, defamed, and ridiculed the judges whose names are referred to therein and there is direct and indirect intimidation on judges as well as the judiciary as a whole.
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5. I annex hereto a printout of the article which appeared in Lankaenews of 21st of August 2015 marked "X-6", and plead as part and parcel of this Affidavit. In this article the Judiciary Commission Service has been defamed in the manner in which they conducted interviews, recruited and appointed judges. I certify that I myself obtained copies of these printouts from the internet.
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5. I annex hereto a printout of the article which appeared in Lankaenews of 20th September 2015 marked "X-7", and plead as part and parcel of this Affidavit, wherein High Court judge Ms. Kusala Sarojini Weerawardena has been utterly defamed and certify that I myself obtained copies of these printouts from the internet.
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5. I annex hereto a printout of the article which appeared in Lankaenews of 19th May 2016 marked "X-8" and X-9 dated 21st of May 2016, and plead as part and parcel of this Affidavit, wherein these 2 articles have defamed Chief Justice Hon. K Sripavan, Magistrates Mr. Gihan Pilapitiya, Mr. Thilina Gamage, Minister of justice Mr. Wijedasa Rajapaksha and Asst. Secretary of the Judicial Commission Mr. Pamila Ratnayake, Defence Secretary Mr. Karunarathne Hettiarachchi and the IGP of Police Mr. Pujitha Jayasundera. I certify that I myself obtained copies of these printouts from the internet.
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5. I annex hereto a printout of the article which appeared in Lankaenews of 10th June 2016 marked "X-10", and plead as part and parcel of this Affidavit. I certify that I myself obtained copies of these printouts from the internet, wherein an Attorney-at-law of the Supreme Court of Sri Lanka Chandrasiri Senevirathne, practicing at Bangalawatte (Dias watte), Lewella, Kandy defames, judges Mr. Thilina Gamage and Mr. Kanishka Wijerathne and the entirety of the Judicial Commission as a whole.
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5. I annex hereto a printout of the article which appeared in Lankaenews of 31st July 2016 marked "X-11", and plead as part and parcel of this Affidavit. In this article the Gampaha Magistrate Ms. Kavindra Nanayakkara has been defamed. I certify that I myself obtained copies of these printouts from the internet.
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5. I annex hereto a printout of the article which appeared in Lankaenews of 7th September 2016 marked "X-12", and I plead as part and parcel of this Affidavit in which the contents is highly defamatory of High Court Judge Mr. Sumudu Premachandra. I certify that I myself obtained copies of these from the internet.
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 - b) Mr. Sumudu Premachandra
 - c) Mr. Lasantha Kumara
 - d) Ms. Menaka Wijesundera &
 - e) Ms. Deepali Wijesundera

In this article heading says, "Another Lady High Court Judge commits Professional Prostitution during day time", referring Ms. Menaka Wijesundera. I certify that I myself obtained copies of these from the internet.

6. Through the contents of the said articles the web site / face book owner/operator has insulted, defamed, and ridiculed the judges whose names are referred to therein and there is direct and indirect intimidation on judges as well as the judiciary as a whole.
7. These articles have attacked on both the judicial conduct as well as the private lives of the judges and caused embarrassment not only to the judges but also to the entire judiciary.
8. "Lankaenews" is a web site/face book owned and maintained by one Mr. Sandaruwan Senadheera from London, United Kingdom, and his telephone number as appears in the web site / face book is 00 447 400927826 and email address is info@lankaenews.com
9. I state that the contents in the said articles are derogatory of the judiciary and the judges and tantamount to contempt of court punishable under law.
10. The articles continuously published in the said web site /face book is a threat to the independence of the judiciary and harmful to the wellbeing of the general public.
11. I am advised that this is a fit and proper matter to be dealt with by the Supreme Court by exercising the inherent jurisdiction vested in it and impose and implement adequate punishment on the wrongdoer Sandaruwan Senadheera.

The deponent having understood the contents
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I, Owitigala Vithanage Madhura Vithanage of No. 148, Kalapaluwawa Road, Rajagiriya being a Buddhist do hereby solemnly, sincerely and truly declare and affirm as follows;

1. I am the deponent above named, a Law Graduate of University of Sri Lanka and an Attorney-at-Law of the Supreme Court of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka, enrolled on the 6th of July 1999.
2. I am a law abiding citizen of this country and I firmly believe that all the citizens shall have the protection of law and to live in an environment where the State ensures the upholding of Rule of Law while respecting the democratic values and principles.
3. I strongly believe that our lives as well as our rights could be secured and protected only if an independent judiciary prevails in the country.
4. During the recent past I have observed that there had been a series of articles published /appeared in the social media web site/face book named "Lankaenews" in which the judges and the Judicial Institutions had been critically ridiculed and intimidated and at certain instances there had been scathing attacks on judges commencing from Magistrates to the Hon. Chief Justice.
5. I annex hereto a printout of the article which appeared in Lankaenews of 11th September 2016 marked "X-14", and I plead as part and parcel of this Affidavit. In this article Lankaenews refers to Mr. Shiran Gunerathne High Court Judge in utter contempt and in the same article, High Court Judge Mr. Damith Thotawatte and High Court Judge Mr. Mohan Senevirathne too has been defamed. I certify that I myself obtained copies of these from the internet.
6. Through the contents of the said articles the web site / face book owner/operator has insulted, defamed, and ridiculed the judges whose names are referred to therein and there is direct and indirect intimidation on judges as well as the judiciary as a whole.
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5. I annex hereto a printout of the article which appeared in Lankaenews of 10th November 2016 marked "X-15", and I plead as part and parcel of this Affidavit. In this article Lankaenews has defamed 2 judges of the Court of Appeal, Hon. Mr. Dehideniya and Ms. Madawala.
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