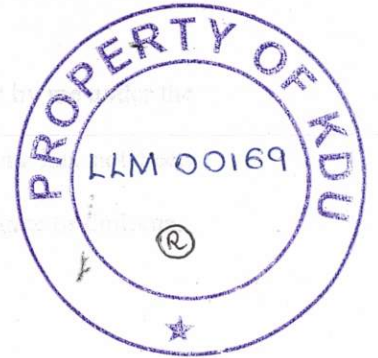


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### **Abstract.**

Recently, there has been a significant discussion surrounding the topic of the law relating to Contempt of Court in Sri Lanka. Society has directed its attention towards understanding what constitutes the law of contempt of court, why the country necessitates such a legal framework, and how this law maintains a balance between freedom of speech and expression and the dignity of the judiciary, as recognized by the constitution. Periodically, discussions have arisen regarding the need to address gaps in the law concerning contempt of court, leading to the proposal of an act introduced as a personal proposal by a parliament minister. The present Constitution, Judicature Act, Civil Procedure Code and Criminal Procedure Code all touch on matters related to the law of Contempt of Court in Sri Lanka. Thus far, it remains challenging to pinpoint a specific law, singular act, or precise definition for the law of contempt of court in the Sri Lankan context. In jurisprudence, legal scholars emphasize the necessity for specificity in laws. When laws are ambiguous, it poses a direct threat to the security of human rights. This research primarily aims to evaluate the existing law concerning Contempt of Court in Sri Lanka and to propose more effective means of accessing domestic law, the research methodology primarily relies on library-based research utilizing existing statutes and established case laws. Secondary sources have been utilized for analysis. Furthermore, this research proposal primarily focuses on discussing the proposed act pertaining to contempt of court in Sri Lanka. Comparing and contrasting it with the practices in India and the United Kingdom. Additionally, it seeks to assess freedom of speech and freedom of expression within the framework of the United Nation's Declaration of Human Rights, the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights and European Convention on Human Rights.

**Keywords** - Contempt of court, right to freedom of speech, right to freedom of expressions, Sri Lanka.