

Criminal Proceedings of Drunk Driving Cases in Sri Lanka: An Analysis of Law and Practice

KC Munasinghe

Sudath Perera Associates, Nawala, Sri Lanka

kasunchamaramunasinghe@gmail.com

It is reported that, in Sri Lanka, there are almost 8000 road accidents take place per year and out of them a considerable number of accidents are occurred due to drunk driving. There are many rules and regulations presented as to how charges to be framed and the procedure of breathalyser tests shall be carried etc. in relation to drunk driving cases in Sri Lanka. Consequently, every person in the country reached into the attitude that the judicial system has failed to administration of justice over the parties of the drunk driving cases. This study follows the qualitative approach while analysing the existing legislative enactments, regulations, and case laws with the objective of evaluating the substantive and procedural aspects of the Sri Lankan legal framework relating to drunk driving, while inviting relevant stakeholders to revisit their approach towards drunk driving cases.

Keywords: *drunk driving, Breathalyzer test, criminal charges, penalties, admission of guilt*