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Educational/Professional Memberships

Tertiary Qualifications:

- 1974 B.Com(Hons.) from Delhi University, India.
- 1975 Diploma in Company Law from Indian Law Institute, New Delhi.
- 1976 Diploma in Administrative Law from Indian Law Institute, New Delhi.

Professional Qualifications

- 1977 LL.B. from Faculty of Law, Delhi University
- 1980 LL.M. from Faculty of Law, Delhi University.

Have been conferred Doctorate of Laws i.e. LLD Honoris Causa by Dr. Ram Manohar Lohia National Law University, Lucknow in November, 2013.

Current Positions

- 1. Appointed as International Judge ("IJ") of the Singapore International Commercial Court ("SICC") w.e.f. 1 August 2019
- 2. Chairman of the National Court Management Systems (a comprehensive Court Management Systems constituted by the Supreme Court of India for the country, established to enhance quality, responsiveness and timelines of Courts)
- 3. Chairman, News Broadcasting Standards Authority (NBSA)
- 4. Ombudsman, Indian Federation of Sports Gaming (IFSG)
- 5. Director, Board of Directors, INSOL International
- 6. Visiting Professor of National Law University (NLU), Delhi and Rajiv Gandhi National University of Law, Patiala

Professional Experience

Enrolled as an Advocate in July, 1977 with Bar Council of Delhi and started practicing in Delhi. Conducted cases of all types with specialization in Constitutional cases, Labour – Service Matters and Arbitration Matters. Was counsel for numerous Public Sector Undertakings, Educational Institutions, Banks & Financial Institutions and various Private Sector Corporations. Was also a law teacher in Campus Law Centre, Delhi University from 1984-89. Was Vice-President, Delhi High Court Bar Association during 1994-95. Was member of the Governing Body of various colleges from time to time. Designated as Senior Advocate by Delhi High Court on 30th September, 1997.

- Appointed as Judge of High Court of Delhi w.e.f. 7th July, 1999. Became the Acting Chief Justice of Delhi High Court w.e.f. 10th October, 2011 and was elevated as the Chief Justice of Punjab and Haryana High Court w.e.f. 23rd September, 2012. Elevated as Judge, Supreme Court of India on 12th April, 2013. As a Judge, dealt with all kinds of jurisdictions and given many landmark judgments. Has attended/ chaired various national and international seminars and workshops and presented number of papers therein. Many articles are published in various magazines. Has authored about two thousand reported judgments in his judicial career. I have also authored many landmarking judgments in the area of human rights viz., Transgenders, Euthanasia, Disability, Child trafficking, Sentencing, Child Labour, Juvenile Delinquents, etc.
- Has also rendered numerous judgments in the field of commercial and arbitration laws, tax laws, Intellectual Property matters and economic laws. In arbitration law itself, judgments are more than 200 in the High Court and Supreme Court.
- Was chosen as one of the 50 most influential persons in Intellectual Property in the world in the survey conducted by prestigious international organisation viz. Managing Intellectual Property Association (MIPA) for the year 2007 in recognition to his contribution to the growth of Intellectual Prosperity Laws through his judgment.

Teaching Experience

Was appointed as part-time teacher in Faculty of Law, University of Delhi and worked in that capacity during 1984-89. Even after elevation to the Bench, continued to visit various law schools for giving special lectures. Has been a resource person for imparting training to the Judges in National Judicial Academy (India) as well as State Judicial Academies.

Arbitration Experience

Ever since his retirement from the Supreme Court of India on 6th March 2019, he is actively involved in in Opinion work and in Arbitration Proceedings as Presiding Arbitrator, Co-arbitrator as well as Sole Arbitrator. In 3 to 4 months' time, he has already concluded four Arbitration cases in which Awards are reserved, which would be pronounced shortly.

Publications

A number of publications in various fields, including human rights, commercial laws, etc. However, Articles written in Arbitration/Mediation only are given below:

- 1. Resolving Investment Treaty Disputes: Arbitration or Mediation or Else?
- 2. Has Arbitration achieved its Goal in India?
- 3. Arbitral Tribunals and Courts: Eve of a New Era in India (Presentation at 4th ICC Asia Conference in Hong Kong, 2018)
- 4. Trends and Developments in Arbitration in India and the Region
- 5. Reforms in Commercial Arbitration: Need of the Hour
- 6. Plea Bargaining-A New Form of ADR in Criminal Cases
- 7. Mediation: Making Life Easier
- 8. Spirituality and Alternate Dispute Resolution
- 9. Mediation Advocacy
- 10. Mediation: Time to Spread Wings and Fly High
- 11. Mediation: Means of Achieving Real Justice in Consumer Disputes
- 12. Mediation: New Dimension of Access to Justice
- 13. How not to use Mediation
- 14. Mediation and Spirituality
- 15. Mediation Advocacy
- 16. Mediation: Facilitating Access to Justice

Languages

Written: English and Hindi Spoken: English, Hindi & Punjabi