

## FAREWELL SPEECH ON 21.09.2016

- Hon'ble the Chief Justice, my esteemed brother and sister Judges, Mr. Rajiv Khosla, President, Mr. Jatan Singh, Vice President, Mr. Abhijat, Hony. Secretary and other office bearers of Delhi High Court Bar Association, Mr. Sanjay Jain, learned Additional Solicitor General, Mr. A.S. Chandok, former Additional Solicitor General, Mr. J.P. Singh, former Vice President and Senior Advocate, Mr. D.K. Sharma, former Secretary, Mr. Rahul Mehra, Standing Counsel, Government of NCT of Delhi, other Standing Counsel and Additional Standing Counsel of the Government, the office bearers of Delhi Bar Council, Advocates and Senior Advocates, Ladies and Gentlemen.

- I am extremely grateful and humbled by the nice words spoken about me by all the speakers. Many thanks for the same and I accept this honour bestowed on me with all the humility at my command.
- While demitting my office today I would like to extend greatest thanks to all of you. Believe me I have learnt a lot during this journey of judgeship of prestigious Court for more than eight years and my biggest thanks to all the members of the Bar which includes Civil, Criminal, Arbitration and IP and all other Advocates who have addressed before me in several cases which enabled me to contribute towards the dispensation of justice.

➤ Going in the flash back of my career as an Advocate, I would like to share with you all that I practised for almost 28 years mainly in the field of Intellectual Property before I was appointed as a Judge of this Court in the year 2008. I was merely a mediocre student and an advocate, having simple personality and no background, still, I was recommended as a judge by the collegiums of Three Hon'ble Senior Judges of this court. I am grateful to them for reposing faith in my ability to improvise and perform well in the Justice Delivery System. In fact, let me tell you that the confidence reposed by them has always acted as a morale booster for me which has made me feel duty bound not to shake the confidence of my elders and

seniors who have trusted me and provided me with this chair of rendering justice. I feel this can happen only in our great country. It was only with the Blessings of Almighty, My Mother and good wishes of all the well-wishers that I became a Judge of this Court.

- I had the opportunity to work in several jurisdictions of this Court i.e. Tax Bench, Criminal Division Bench, Civil Division Bench, Criminal Single Bench, Rent Control, Service Law and Original Side which includes. Commercial Bench, Civil Bench and Arbitration Bench.
- First of all, I would like to thank Hon'ble the Chief Justice for having treated me always like her brother with full affection and kindness. It

has always been a pleasure to talk to her. I extend my gratitude to the respected Chief Justice for her kindness and compassion.

- I have received a lot of love and affection of every Judge of this Court. Infact I have learnt so many things from them. Hon'ble Judges of this Court always are concerned with the progress of the Court. They always believe in early disposal of the matters and further progress of this Court. At the same time, it is also a matter of fact that from the side of the Bar, full cooperation is being received for the purpose of disposal of matters. They are always ready with briefs and show their readiness and keenness to argue the even complicated matters where they not only argue matters but also file the brief

synopsis. In many seminars attended by me in overseas countries, I had seen that the judgments rendered by our Court were being discussed. Not only that, several times such judgments are relied upon also in their respective Courts. It is a matter of great pride for me to practice in this Court and becoming a member of judicial family of this Court.

- I am also thankful to Hon'ble Mr. Justice Badar Durrez Ahmed, Hon'ble Mr. Justice S. Ravindra Bhat, Hon'ble Dr. Justice S. Muralidhar and all other Hon'ble Judges who are part of electronic courts team for giving me this opportunity to operate the e-court. Working with them was another boon for me. I have operated the

system of e-court for more than two years and I must say that it is very beneficial for me.

- Further I would like to state that in my 28 years of practice, 90 percent of my practice was confined to intellectual property and 10 percent was on other subjects of law. In contrast to the same, after elevation in the year 2008 as a Judge, my work profile became just the opposite wherein I had decided 10 percent IPR matters and 90 percent on other subjects. I shall give the full credit of this to the institution as a whole which includes all my eminent brother and sister colleagues.
- My advice to all the young lawyers gathered here today is to keep your humility alive, be sincere to your profession and follow the path of

morality and ethics. Further I would like to share with you the example of Baba Sheikh Farid who was a famous Sufi-Sant born in Punjab. His compositions are included in Guru Granth Sahib. On human social behaviour he says that a man must endeavour to become a worthy object of his grace and it is our good deeds in this world that will stand by us. He advises us never to be rude to anyone. A person is known for his humility and forgiveness. That is what Guru Nanak Dev, Lord Krishna, Prophet Mohd. and Christ have said to the entire world.

- I am of the firm view that for rightful cause one must help the rightful person who needs help. Your kindness to the rightful and needy



person sometimes may be treated as your weakness, still be kind, your kindness and help may be unnoticed still you help and sometimes you may face embarrassment but it does not matter still be helpful to the needy person because at that time it is the relation between you and God. I believe that it does not matter if the God is not visible but my perception always in life about the God is that **"Tu Dikhta Nahi To Kya Hua, Har Dil Mei Tera Naam To Hai"**. I can give you the best example of my uncle Mr.Anup Singh Ji, Advocate. If he would not have helpful and kind to me I may not have become an Advocate and a Judge of this Court.

- Coming on to the personal front, I owe a deep sense of gratitude towards my mother who was

my strength, my hero and a role model as I had never seen my father. There is no substitution in the entire galaxy for a role which a mother plays in a child's life. Without her struggle and guidance I could not have achieved any position in my life.

- Further I take this opportunity to thank my entire Staff members particularly my Private Secretary Mr.Shakeel Ahmed, Senior Personal Assistants Mr. Jitender Kumar and Mr. Kamal Kumar, Court Master Mr. Paramjeet Singh, Restorer Mr. Prakash Chandra Tiwari, my Law Researchers and Interns for their support. Whenever I required them for official work, even on festival days, they all always supported and

helped me to perform my duties. I acknowledge their invaluable contribution.

- Many thanks for the support extended by the Staff of the Registry in carrying out my duties as well as Staff of Judges Lounge, Protocol and P & P.
- I request everyone to smile always in life when an opportunity is available, as the life is a celebration. Many thanks to my wife Jasmeet who has always been a pillar of support for me, so as my son, my daughter and daughter-in-law.
- Many thanks to all for attending the Full Court and for listening to me. I also thank all remaining members of the Bar who are not able

to make it. I pray for the good health and prosperity of all members of the Bar.

- As a child, as a law student, as an Advocate and as a sitting Judge, I have and I will always consider all Courts as a temple of justice. Even after retirement, I will repeat that **Insaaf Ka Mandir Hai Ye Bhagwan Ka Ghar Hai Ye.**
- I also wish and pray to God to rain down beautiful flowers every day on this beautiful Court. Thanks.