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JUSTICE SATISH CHANDRA SHARMA, CHIEF JUSTICE, HIGH

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JUSTICE NAJMI WAZIRI, JUDGE, HIGH COURT OF DELHI

Brother Justice NajmiWaziri,

His gracious wife Rakhshanda Waziri, Aaliaya and Insha, daughters and family members,

My esteemed sister and brother Judges at the High Court,

Justice Vipin Sanghi, Chief Justice, Uttarakhand High Court

Shri Chetan Sharma, Additional Solicitor General of India,

Shri K.K. Manan, Chairman, Bar Council of Delhi,

Shri Mohit Mathur, President, Delhi High Court Bar Association,

Shri Jatan Singh, Vice-President, Delhi High Court Bar Association,

Shri Sandeep Sharma, Secretary, Delhi High Court Bar Association,

Shri Sanjay Lao, Standing Counsel (Criminal), Govt. of NCT of Delhi,

Shri Santosh Tripathi, Standing Counsel (Civil), Govt. of NCT of Delhi,

Standing Counsels of the Central and State Government,

Executive Members of the Delhi High Court Bar Association,
Office Bearers of Bar Council of Delhi and other District Bar
Associations,
Senior Advocates,
Members of the Bar,
Members of Print and Electronic Media,
Ladies and Gentlemen,
A very Good Afternoon to all of you.

We have assembled here to bid farewell to Hon'ble Justice Najmi Waziri,
who has been serving on the bench of this Court since 2013.

Justice Waziri finished his schooling from Boy's High School, Allahabad.
In 1983, he graduated in Philosophy Honours from St. Stephens College,
University of Delhi. In the same year, he enrolled in the LL.B. course at
Campus Law Center, University of Delhi. He completed LL.B. in 1986
and enrolled as an advocate with the Delhi Bar Council in 1987. Later, he
also completed his LL.M. from Brussels, Belgium in 1994-95.

Justice Waziri's practice as an advocate was spread across diverse subject matters and foras. He was an active practitioner before the Hon'ble Supreme Court, Delhi High Court, other High Courts and various tribunals across the country. As a counsel, his work was acknowledged by the state and central governments. He was appointed as Standing Counsel for Civil side by Government of NCT of Delhi. He was also appointed as the Central Government Pleader at the Delhi High Court, and as Standing Counsel by the Delhi Wakf Board and Municipal Corporation of Delhi. With a rich experience at the Bar, Justice Waziri responded to the call of duty in 2013 and accepted judgeship.

After his elevation as a Judge of this Court, Justice Waziri contributed immensely across a wide spectrum of subject matters. He has been compassionate, firm and sensitive while dealing with the causes before him. Judgeship provides a great opportunity to enrich the lives of people in more ways than one can imagine. It is rightly said that a Judge's work is essentially a reflection of his social outlook. I have had the opportunity to look at some of his work and I can confidently say that social justice has been the hallmark of Justice Waziri's judicial outlook. Brother, I am certain that your work would leave a lasting impact on the society.

As we bid farewell to you today, I, on my behalf and on behalf of my colleagues on the bench, congratulate you for a long and successful career in the profession. I can confidently say that with your services rendered in different capacities, the system has benefitted immensely. Today, you are leaving the system better than you had found it. **Ralph Emerson**, a 19th century poet had once said that you have succeeded if even one life has breathed easier because you lived. Referring to your conscious efforts for maximum plantation of trees in Delhi, I can confidently say that not only one life, rather multiple generations will breathe easier because you lived.

I also congratulate and extend my best wishes to your esteemed family members. I am sure they would have waited for this day, to be able to have more of your company and a larger pie of your time at home.

On behalf of this Court, I wish you the best for all your future endeavors.

We pray for your good health for all times to come.

Thank you.