

**FAREWELL REFERENCE ADDRESS BY HON'BLE MR.**  
**JUSTICE SATISH CHANDRA SHARMA, CHIEF JUSTICE,**  
**HIGH COURT OF DELHI ON THE RETIREMENT OF**  
**HON'BLE MS. JUSTICE POONAM BAMBA, JUDGE, HIGH**  
**COURT OF DELHI**

Justice Poonam Bamba,

Esteemed family members of Justice Bamba who are present amongst us today,

My esteemed sister and brother Judges of the High Court,

Shri Chetan Sharma, Additional Solicitor General of India,

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

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,

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,

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 Poonam Bamba, who has been serving on the bench of this Court since 28<sup>th</sup> March, 2022.

Justice Bamba was born on 1<sup>st</sup> September, 1961 in Delhi. She finished her schooling from Delhi and graduated in Botany Honours from Hansraj College, University of Delhi in the year 1980. She enrolled for the LLB course in the same year and completed LLB degree in 1983 from Faculty of Law, University of Delhi. Thereafter, Justice Bamba pursued LL.M. from the same faculty in the year

1988. She also holds a Diploma in Administrative Law from the Indian Law Institute, New Delhi.

Justice Bamba had a diverse professional experience. She practiced as an advocate in the District Courts and High Court of Delhi from 1983 to 1987. From 1987 to 1996, she worked as a Law Officer in Punjab National Bank and as Deputy Chief Law Officer in the Central Bank of India. From 1996 to 2002, Justice Bamba worked in the Securities and Exchange Board of India as Division Chief and Joint Legal Advisor. During these engagements, Justice Bamba frequently represented these banks and SEBI before various fora in the country, including the Securities Appellate Tribunal.

Along with professional engagements, Justice Bamba always endeavoured to expand her knowledge by indulging in academic programmes. She attended various international training programmes, such as Programme on Capital Markets at Baruch College, New York; Programme on Investigation and Enforcement of Securities Laws at the Securities & Exchange Commission,

Washington, USA; and various conferences at International Organization of Securities Commissions.

In 2002, Justice Bamba rose to the Bench and joined the Delhi Higher Judicial Service. During her tenure of over 19 years in the District Judiciary, she presided over various jurisdictions, including Family Court, Matrimonial Court, Land Acquisition Court, Sessions Court and Special Judge, CBI. For a period of almost five years from 2016 to 2021, Justice Bamba worked in the capacity of District & Sessions Judge in different districts of Delhi, including the South District, South-East District and New Delhi District. In 2022, Justice Bamba was elevated to the Bench of this Court.

In addition to her roles as an advocate, followed by Law Officer and Judge, Justice Bamba is also the author of four books. Her books titled -- *Perfect Marriage- Not a Mirage; How to Save Your Marriage; Temple of Justice- A School of Life* and *Parents at War- Custody Battles in Indian Courts* – are an outcome of Justice Bamba's sensitive and compassionate approach towards the cause of

justice. She also published various articles in the Delhi Judicial Academy's Journal and other publications including those of the National Stock Exchange and Central Bank of India. Justice Bamba also devoted her time towards legal education by imparting training at various organizations including the Bankers Staff Training College, Institute of Capital Markets and Delhi Judicial Academy.

Justice Bamba has also been vocal about self management at various fora and has taken a keen interest in the subject. She is a trained mediator and still likes to call herself a student of the dynamics of human relationships.

In her long and illustrious career, Justice Bamba has contributed immensely towards the advancement of the cause of justice. Justice Bamba brought a diverse and rich experience on the Bench and the society has benefitted from her services during the last 40 years. I am certain that Justice Bamba's career would be an inspiration for many practitioners in the profession.

As we bid farewell to you Sister Poonam Bamba 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.

I also congratulate and extend my best wishes to your esteemed family members.

On behalf of this Court, I wish you all the very best for all your future endeavors. We pray for your good health for all times to come.

Thank you.