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## **FAREWELL REFERENCE: JUSTICE H.R. MALHOTRA**

Hon'ble the Chief Justice, Mr. Justice A.P. Shah, Hon'ble Judges, Hon'ble Mr. Justice H.R. Malhotra, Mr.P.P.Malhotra, Additional Solicitor General, Standing Counsels, Delhi Government and Central Government, Senior Advocates, Mr.J.P.Sengh, Vice President, Mr.D.K.Sharma, Hony. Secretary, Members of the Executive of Delhi High Court Bar Association, fellow members, Ladies and gentleman:

We bid farewell to Justice H.R. Malhotra, with a heavy heart but the same is inevitable. He has created his own space in the Bar. He has been magnanimous enough not to disappoint or discourage an advocate in the court. An advocate has a crucial role in the justice dispensation system. A passionate hearing with humbleness is the basic key for imparting justice which Justice Malhotra has been following religiously. We have no words to appreciate about his politeness and legal acumen.

Justice Malhotra belongs to a well known family of lawyers originally from Pakistan. His father was a renowned and illustrious advocate at Lahore. Later, he shifted to District Amritsar, where also he was a leading advocate on the civil side. His father was keenly interested in social and political activities and became the Chairman of the Municipality. It was on the inspiration of his father that Justice Malhotra also joined the legal profession and with his blessings, he was elevated as an additional Judge of this court on 26.08.2002.

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Justice Malhotra has varied experience as a part time lecturer in Delhi University before joining the Delhi Higher Judicial Services in November, 1985. As Registrar of this court, he discharged his duties and responsibilities to the best of his ability. He was sent for a special training in United Kingdom for 6 weeks on "Gender Bias", which is a burning issue in contemporary society. He was excellent as a legal professional as well as a Judge. He dealt with various matters including that of financial institutions of various banks and Delhi Financial Corporation.

Judge strength keeps on changing with the retirement and appointment, but we are not oblivious of our duties and responsibilities to expedite disposals despite all odds. We are proud to say that our disposals have improved and presently it extends the filing. We are sure that if we focus on time and case management, we can certainly fulfil the expectations of the people for speedy justice.

I on my own behalf, on behalf of the Executive Committee and the members of the Bar extend our best wishes to Justice Malhotra to have a healthy and wonderful post-retiral life. We welcome him back in our fold. We would also look at him for his valuable guidance. We hope and trust that Justice Malhotra will be always available for the Bar. All the very best to him.

(K.C. MIITTAL) PRESIDENT