

**FAREWELL REFERENCE OF HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE VIDYA
BHUSHAN GUPTA, JUDGE, DELHI HIGH COURT**

Hon'ble Justice V.B. Gupta, my esteemed peers on the Bench, Mr. A.S. Chandhiok, learned Additional Solicitor General and President of Delhi High Court Bar Association, Mr. Rakesh Tiku, Chairman, Bar Council of Delhi, learned members of the Bar and family members of Justice Gupta.

Today we have assembled here to bid farewell to Justice V.B. Gupta who had in early part of his life experimented with the pursuit of prosecuting a course in hotel management and had taken up a job but the inspiration of logic and law compelled him to abandon the job and take up law, the noble profession and eventually his ability bloomed into action when he qualified for Delhi Judicial Service and got appointed in the early part of 1973.

With the passage of time, he became a Metropolitan Magistrate and while dealing with economic offences, rent cases and motor accident cases, he exhibited excellent dispassionate judicial acumen and which is eloquently being spoken of quite frequently. As a Special Judge of CBI for a span of eight years he assiduously and astutely dealt with the corruption cases and his specialization in the said field was appreciated while he was

appointed by the Hon'ble Supreme Court to deal with the "Jain Hawala" case.

Justice Gupta while functioning as a Matrimonial Judge had endeavoured immensely to bring harmony in broken family life through the process of reconciliation as the statute mandates and his delineation was appreciated by all concerned. His role as the first Director of the Judicial Academy is still appreciably talked about. It is because role of a teacher is sacred and his name is writ in the minds of the trainees and they immediately sit in the time machine and get back to the past as the impression is totally indelible. While he was the Director of the Delhi Judicial Academy a Journal got published under his editorship. A Journal from an Academy has its own significance as it spreads knowledge and information to the members of the judicial community.

The administrative capability of Justice Gupta was recognized by this Court when he was appointed as the Registrar General of this Court. After serving as District & Sessions Judge, he was elevated on 9.1.2007 to the Bench. Later on, despite his ill-health, he treated the duty with respected sacrosanctity. Despite my short acquaintance, both at the personal and the institutional level, I can state with certitude that he is a man of amiability and a tremendous sense of humility. I have had the

privilege of reading a few of his judgments and as a student of law I can state without any fear of contradiction that they reflect requisite delineation of facts, discussion of law, apt ratiocination and clarity of ratio.

My colleagues and I would miss Justice Vidya Bhushan Gupta but I am sure his services will be utilized in due course of time.

We wish him good health and long life so that he can serve the institution and the society.

Thank you,

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