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## Reference by Rajiv Khosla, President, Delhi High Court Bar Association in the Full Court reference to bid farewell to Hon'ble Mr. Justice <u>Kailash Gambhir</u>

Hon'ble the Chief Justice G. Rohini, Hon'ble Justice Kailash Gambhir and All the Hon'ble Judges of this court, Sh. K.K. Manan, Chairman, Bar Council of Delhi, Sh. Sanjay Jain, Additional Solicitor General, Sh. Rahul Mehra, Senior Standing Counsel, Government of NCT of Delhi, Sh. Raman Duggal, Standing Counsel, Government of NCT of Delhi and Other Government Counsels and Public Prosecutors, Sh. Jatan Singh, Vice-President, Sh. Abhijat, Secretary, All members of the Executive, Delhi High Court Bar Association, All leaders of the different Bar Associations, Senior Advocates, Members of the Bar, family members of Justice Kailash Gambhir and friends.

Justice Kailash Gambhir has been an excellent leader both as a member of the Bar and as a judge of this Hon'ble Court. As a leader of the Bar he always espoused the cause of the members of the legal fraternity and stood like a rock against injustice to the members of the Bar in any form and from any quarters. As a Secretary, Delhi Bar Association, he successfully organized centenary celebration of the Delhi Bar Association and it was because of his untiring efforts, all the Judges of the Supreme Court and this Hon'ble Court came to participate in the said function. As a President also, he continued his struggle for the welfare of the members. Justice Gambhir was elevated as a Judge of this court in the year 2006 and throughout his tenure, he encouraged

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young members of the Bar to advance arguments instead of taking Passovers and gave relief in deserving matters. Justice Gambhir had no airs as a Judge of the High Court and was happy in getting him addressed in social gatherings as "Pradhan Ji" or by first name by the Senior Advocates. He remained very social but his relationship with lawyers did not reflect in his judgements. He always believed in uniting the family rather than separation and the same belief led him to passing of unprecedented judgment whereby he gave directions to curb the misuse of the powers by the police in cases filed under 498-A/406 IPC. He remembered the name of almost all advocates whether appeared before him or met him in social gatherings and would address them by their first name. Justice Gambhir was so much concerned with the welfare of the members of the Bar that few days before he was instrumental in the increase of the remuneration of Public Prosecutors in High Court as well as District Courts. He initiated seminar under the name of "Learning to Share" which has benefited the members of the Bar immensely. Justice Gambhir popularly known as "Kailash Bhai" or "Pradhan Ji" has been and would remain darling of the Bar for all times to come. I, on my behalf, on behalf of the entire Executive Committee of the Bar Association and on behalf of all the members of the Bar, wish Justice Kailash Gambhir good health, long life and a bright future.

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President