

**SPEECH OF HON'BLE THE CHIEF JUSTICE ON THE OCCASION
OF FAREWELL OF HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE J.M. MALIK**

My esteemed colleagues, Mr. P. P. Malhotra, Additional Solicitor General, Mr. K. C. Mittal, President and other office bearers of Delhi High Court Bar Association, learned members of the Bar, Special Invitees including family members of Justice J. M. Malik, ladies and Gentlemen.

We have assembled here today to bid farewell to our esteemed colleague Justice J. M. Malik, who is laying down office of Judgeship of this court after an illustrious career.

Justice Malik was appointed to this Court on 28th February, 2006 as an additional Judge and was made permanent on 25th April, 2007. He had come to this court with a very wide experience. After doing his Law from Punjab University, he enrolled himself as an Advocate with Bar Council of Punjab & Haryana in the year 1968. He practiced at Kaithal for a period of four years. In the year 1972, he joined Delhi Judicial Service and was promoted to Delhi Higher Judicial Service on 17th January, 1989. During his tenure as a Judicial Officer, he worked in various capacities such as Magistrate, Sub-Judge, Rent Controller, Additional Chief Metropolitan Magistrate, Additional District & Sessions Judge. He was also the sole Member of Sales Tax Appellate

Tribunal, on deputation. Before his elevation to this Court he worked as Judge In-charge, Karkardooma Courts.

During my brief tenure so far I have found Justice Malik to be a sincere, hard-working and humane person. As a Judge of this court, his contribution to the cause of justice will always be remembered and cherished.

Justice J. M. Malik is parting company with us but only as a sitting Judge of this Court. He shall always be in our hearts as a member of our family. I am sure that even after retirement, he would always be eager to lend his helping hand whenever this institution requires his services.

We wish him good health and a good long life. We also put on record our deep appreciation for his contribution to the justice delivery system of Delhi and particularly to this institution.

(Ajit Prakash Shah)
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