

OBITUARY REFERENCE SPEECH BY RAMESH GUPTA, CHAIRMAN – BAR COUNCIL OF DELHI DELIVERED ON 15th MARCH, 2007.

My Lord Dr. Justice M. K. Sharma Chief Justice of Delhi High Court and His Companion Judges.

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Former Judges of this Court

Hon'ble members of the Bench and Bar.

Ladies & Gentlemen

Born on 25th of February 1936, Justice P.K. Jain was a practicing lawyer for a brief period between 1958 to 1964 at Hissar Haryana when he joined the prestigious Public Civil Service of the erstwhile Punjab and became a sub-Judge on 26.12.1964. Soon destiny got him absorbed to Delhi Judicial Service in 1965 where he served in various capacities as Sub Judge. Judge small cause, Insolvency Judge, Guardianship Judge, Additional Senior Sub Judge and was eventually made Chief Metropolitan Magistrate of Delhi in the year 1977 and had the distinction of handling numerous sensitive and important cases with great efficiency and competence.

Before joining as Chief Legal Advisor of D.D.A. where he served for three years between 1981 to 1984, Justice P K Jain worked as additional Sessions Judge between 1980 to 1981, and again worked as ADJ between 1985 to 1987 when he was made Secretary to JJ N.N. Goswami and D.P. wadhwa committee of Inquiry till 1990.

In 1990 Justice P K Jain became the District and Sessions Judge of Delhi and was elevated as an additional Judge to this Hon'ble Court on 10.11.1994. Justice Jain was soon transferred to Punjab and Haryana High court on 09.01.1995.

After retirement Justice Jain was working in the panel of Arbitrators in Indian Council of Arbitration, FICCI and National Stock Exchange

The loss of Justice Jain is loss for our entire fraternity especially as he was a guiding force for many aspirants to the Judicial Service as he has written books for Judicial Service examinations for the state of Delhi, Punjab, Haryana and Himachal Pradesh.

Justice Jain in his inimitable articulate style has written a compact and handy commentary on Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act with great efforts so that the same can be understood by one and all. His unusual way of writing and his eloquent style justifies and serves the purpose of said commentary for the Bench, the Bar and the Prosecution. This work has been included in the centralised cataloguing programme at the library of Congress in Washington.

I quote Justice D. P. Wadhwa, who said "Justice Jain in this work has enunciated the law on the subject of an extremely lucid Manner. A great deal of effort has obviously been put in by Justice Jain in bringing out such a book. The law on the subject has been analysed in a manner which is easily understood and grasped. Only an author with an analytical mind could have brought out such a commentary."

Justice Jain is survived by his wife, three married daughters and one son all of whom have inherited great virtues of their father two of whom are working as Doctor and Architect at Delhi and the other daughter is a professor in Toronto, Canada whereas the son is also a qualified M Tech and MBA.

Justice Jain was very humble in approach and modest in attitude in not only holding the court but in his personal life as well.

Justice Jain's departure is a great loss not only to his family, our legal community but to both bench and the bar.

I on behalf of myself and on behalf of members of Delhi Bar Council share our grief with family members of Justice Jain and pay our heart felt condolences and homage on this occasion.