

FAREWELL SPEECH ON THE TRANSFER OF HMJ  
V.P. VAISH DELIVERED ON 20.05.2016

Justice V.P. Vaish

My esteemed brother and sister colleagues,

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Senior Advocates,

Members of the Bar,

Family members of Justice V.P. Vaish,

Ladies and gentlemen,

We have assembled here today to bid farewell to Justice Ved Prakash Vaish on his transfer to the High Court of Meghalaya.

Justice Vaish was born on 27<sup>th</sup> June, 1959. He finished his schooling from Delhi in 1975 and graduated from Delhi University.

It has been almost three decades ago, that Justice Vaish had chosen this noble profession as his career.

In the year 1984, soon after obtaining the Degree in Law from University of Delhi, Justice Vaish enrolled himself with the Bar Council of Delhi and began his practice on Civil side in Delhi District Courts as well as at this Court.

After a distinguished standing at the Bar for almost 13 years, Justice Vaish appeared for the Delhi Higher Judicial Examination held in the year 1997 and secured the second rank.

He was posted as Additional Sessions Judge (NDPS) in the years 2000-2003 and as a Special Judge (CBI) in the year 2006.

As a practising lawyer, Justice Vaish had gained vast and rich experience in the field of civil laws, and after adorning the office of Additional Sessions Judge, Justice Vaish had the opportunity of dealing with every branch of law. In his distinguished tenure as an Additional Sessions Judge, Justice Vaish had extensively dealt with matters pertaining to criminal laws, family laws and appeals under Delhi Rent Control Act.

Justice Vaish had been twice assigned the duties of Registrar (Vigilance) of this Court and later on in the year 2010, he was appointed as Registrar General of this Court.

Before being appointed as the Registrar General, Justice Vaish had also served as District Judge-II cum Addl. Sessions Judge, North District in 2009 and dealt with the matters pertaining to Probate cases under Indian Succession Act, The Hindu Adoptions and Maintenance Act, 1956, The Guardians and Wards Act, 1890, The Public Premises (Eviction of Unauthorized Occupants) Act, 1971 and Mental Health Act.

During his tenure of about 15 years in the Higher Judicial service, Justice Vaish had proved himself as a hardworking and sincere Judge with utmost commitment towards his duties. His normative perception paved way for success and he was appointed as the Additional Judge of this Court on 17.04.2013. He was made permanent Judge on 18.03.2015 and I had the privilege of administering the oath to him. He is one of the few distinguished Judges elevated from service and adorned the Bench of the High Court for a long period.

The fine years of working as District Judge had nurtured Justice Vaish into a great thinker capable of understanding the finer points of law. The experience he gained during this period by analytically and critically assessing the fact situation in each case helped him later in discharging his functions remarkably as the Judge of the High Court.

His pleasing manners, patient hearing and courtesy to the Bar and his long experience in the district Courts enabled him to get a good grasp of the case coming up before him in all its manifestations quickly and counsels who appeared before him always had the satisfaction of being allowed to present their points without any undue interruptions from the Bench.

His distinguished tenure as a Judge of the Delhi High Court is dotted with landmark and path breaking judgments on procedural as well as substantive laws including Constitutional Law, Criminal Law, law relating to Rent Control, and etc.

I do admit that justice to be rendered is to be within and not outside the law but much depends on the judge's attitude of mind and the way in which he has developed his judicial conscience.

In the short span of service rendered by Justice Vaish at this Court, he has discharged his duties as a judge with an admirable skill and patience and has rendered an outstanding service to this great institution.

In my two years of acquaintance with Justice Vaish, I can say that he is an embodiment of courtesy, kindness and affection. He is a simple person instilled with the virtues of compassion and commitment towards the pursuit of justice.

On behalf of my brother and sister Judges and on my own behalf, I take this opportunity to extend my gratitude to Justice Vaish for his contribution to the cause of administration of justice which will be remembered for ever. We should be happy for his bright career and future which is taking another great leap as a Judge of Meghalaya High Court. We all hope and believe that Justice Vaish will achieve remarkable success in all his endeavours in Meghalaya High Court and will keep the flag of Delhi High Court flying high.

I sincerely hope that his passion for hard-work, rich experience and vast knowledge will continue to benefit the High Court of Meghalaya.

I wish him a long life of good health and May the choicest blessings of the Almighty be showered on him for more successful and glorious career.