

**OBITURY reference speech on behalf of Bar Council of Delhi by  
Shri O.P.Faizi, Former Chairman and Senior Most member of the  
Bar Council of Delhi.**

My Lord Hon'ble Mr. Justice Badar Durej Ahmed, Acting Chief Justice of Delhi High Court and His Companion Judges of this Hon'ble Court.

Mr. A.S. Chandiok, President of Delhi High Court Bar Association and Additional Solicitor General of India along with his team of Office bearers of the Association.

Mr. Rajiv Mehra Additional Solicitor General of India  
Learned Standing Councils of NCT of Delhi, on both Civil as well as Criminal sides.

Members of the Bar Council of Delhi in general and <sup>including</sup> particularly Mr. Ramesh Gupta Senior Advocate, \_\_\_\_\_ who are present here today.

Hon'ble Members of the Bench and Bar and members of bereaved families of Late Shri Madan Bhatia Senior Advocate and Late Shri S.C. Dhanda another Senior Member of the Bar.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

On 27<sup>th</sup> June, 2013 Late Shri Madan Bhatia, Senior Advocate of this Court left for his heavenly abode, leaving behind his wife. In the year 1955, Late Mr. Bhatia was enrolled in the Cambridge University as a student of English Literature and later he moved to London and became a barrister in Lincoln Inn before landing in Delhi in the year 1961, and in this period Mr. Madan Bhatia got enrolled himself as an

Advocate with Bar Council of Delhi; and he became member of Delhi High Court Bar Association in the year 1965 and was designated as Senior Advocate in the year 1993.

In between Late Mr. Bhatia was <sup>became</sup> ~~nominated as~~ Member of Rajya Sabha twice in the year 1982 and 1988.

Mr. Bhatia was a versatile lawyer, a socially oriented ~~figure~~ a true human being who believed that integrity, courage, perseverance and **Industry** are the pillars of a successful human life and lived his life well on his own terms.

Another greater quality, Late Bhatia possessed was his simplicity and gratitude to others particularly who stood with him. Yet another basic quality with him was his willingness and readiness to help his colleagues in need without any show of publicity. He considered that he had to fulfill his obligations to others without ever seeking anything in return for himself. He was man of simple taste and habits without pretence bitterness and resentment and did not speak ill of anyone. When once was asked how he could he remain so humble, his response was "I am always aware of my own limitations"

My Bhatia's leap to triumph was in 1979 in the <sup>famous</sup> ~~favour~~ Maneka Gandhi passport case when the Constitutional Bench of Hon'ble Supreme Court of India broadened the definition of fundamental rights; the case remains one of the classics of Indian Judicial System till date.

Another land mark to his credit is ~~is which~~ Yet in any other land mark case which he contested and Court vide judgment delivered in March, 2011 by Hon'ble Mr. Justice Badar

Durez Ahmed, granted damages to the tune of Rs.5.00 crores of rupees to an Australian woman who became paralysed from below the waist after slipping in a swimming pool in a hotel in the Capital, 3 years ago. Mr. Bhatia pursued the case since 1982.

On 14.07.2013 Shri S.C. Dhanda Advocate of this Court left for his heavenly abode leaving behind his wife Mrs. Roop Dhanda and daughter Mrs. Sagari Dhanda Advocate wife of Mr. Prashant Dhanda Advocate

Late Mr. S.C. Dhanda was born on 19<sup>th</sup> October, 1930 in Ludhiana. The early years of Late Mr. Dhanda took him from school at Lahore to Government College Ludhiana and then to Law Faculty, Delhi University. He got enrolled with the Bar Council of Delhi in 1958,

Alongwith Hon'ble Mr. Justice Harish Chandra Aggarwal, Late Mr. Dhanda launched law firm Chandra and Dhanda Advocates, about 45 years ago.

After Justice Chandra was elevated to the Bench of this Hon'ble High Court, Late Dhanda managed the said law firm. He was standing counsel for Jawahar Lal Nehru University since its inception. He was also counsel for ~~almost all~~<sup>many</sup> insurance companies till 10 years ago. He was also counsel for many leading corporate houses like Union Carbide of India, Siddhartha Group of Hotels Limited. He handled all kinds of original, **civil, commencing property matters** ~~relating to~~ accident tribunals service and education matters. An eminent lawyer, late Mr. Dhanda will be remembered for many important and landmark judgments. There are around 85 judgments reported in different journals in his name. Apart from Delhi High Court, Late Mr. Dhanda

appeared before Hon'ble Supreme Court of India and other High Courts.

Apart from his legal practice late Mr. Dhanda was a <sup>avid</sup> reader a Persian and urdu Scholar, he had interest ~~from~~ <sup>in</sup> history, drama and Urdu Poetry.

Shri Dhanda had good and full life. He was loved and respected by one and will be greatly ~~missed.~~ <sup>missed.</sup>

The loss of Mr. Bhatia and <sup>my</sup> S.C. Dhanda is a loss <sup>to</sup> ~~for~~ our entire fraternity especially as they were a guiding force for many members of the Bar as well as Judges. Mr. Bhatia's and Mr. Dhanda's departure is a great loss not to their respective families but to the legal fraternity as well. I on behalf of myself and on behalf of Shri Surya Prakash Khatria, Chairman and other members of Bar Council of Delhi share our grief with members of both the bereaved families and pay our heart felt condolences and homage on this occasion. <sup>and I</sup> ~~am~~

request my Lord Hon'ble Chief  
to convey our condolences to  
the bereaved families.

Mr. Prakash  
Khatria,  
Chairman,  
Bar Council  
of Delhi