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**PERSONAL DATA**

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DATE OF BIRTH : 6<sup>TH</sup> June 1961

EDUCATION : Bachelor of Law  
(University of Rajasthan, Jaipur, India)

CALL TO THE BAR : November 1986

PUNJAB AND  
HARYANA BAR : P-786/1986  
COUNCIL  
ENROLMENT NO.

LANGUAGES : Proficient in English, Punjabi & Hindi.

LEGAL EXPERIENCE : Practises in:-  
1) The Supreme Court of India, New Delhi.  
2) Punjab & Haryana High Court at Chandigarh.  
3) National Human Rights Commission New Delhi.  
4) Punjab State Human Rights Commission.  
5) Appointed as special counsel for the "Peoples Commission, constituted by "Committee for Disappearances in Punjab" which comprised of a retired Supreme Court of India Judge, Justice Kuldip Singh and three other Hon'ble

retired Judges of High Court Justice D.S.Tiwatia, Justice Suresh, Justice Jaspal Singh and represented the cases of Human Rights violation.

- 6) After registering as a "Foreign Legal Consultant", with Law Society of British Columbia, worked in Association with Kang Abrahams Chahal, Barristers and Solicitors, Vancouver, Canada, from September 2001 till March 2002.
- 7) Worked on the defense team of AIR INDIA CRASH trial in Vancouver, Canada from August 2001 till March 2002 as an Indian Lawyer .

AFFILIATIONS : Member:-

- 1) Punjab & Haryana Bar Association, Chandigarh.
- 2) Supreme Court of India Bar Association, New Delhi.
- 3) General Secretary , Lawyers for Human Rights International.

COURT APPEARANCES:

- a) Conducted nearly 2000 cases relating to detenus detained under the provisions of National Security Act and Terrorist & Disruptive Activities Prevention Act of India. Also conducted matters relating Bails, Habeas Corpus Petitions, including petitions on matters relating to custodial violence, illegal detentions, extra judicial Executions. Also filed petitions in which compensations were sought for victims of State repression.

- b) Practice in Family Laws, Marriage law and Adoption Act.
- c) Also conducted various Public Interest Petitions on Pro-Bono basis in matters relating to Human rights violations, environment pollution and ecological imbalance.

EXPERIENCE OF INTERACTION  
WITH INTERNATIONAL HUMAN  
RIGHTS BODIES:

Besides being actively associated with International Human Rights Bodies i.e. Amnesty International, Asia Watch, Article IX, Physicians for Human Rights.

Attended United Nations Sub Committees on Enforced and Involuntary Disappearances at Geneva, Switzerland in September 1991 and 1992. Then in New York, U.S. in June 1995 and 1996.

ATTENDANCE OF INTERNATIONAL  
AND NATIONAL CONFERENCES:

- 1) Attended Common Wealth Lawyers Conference at Vancouver, Canada, in September 1996.
- 2) Represented Lawyers for Human Rights International, in a National convention "CAMPAIGN AGAINST DEATH PENALTY" on 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2000 in New Delhi, India.
- 3) Attended International convention hosted by "India Centre for Human Rights and Law" at Panchgani (Maharashtra) India from 24<sup>th</sup>-31<sup>st</sup>

December 2000 and also held training session for young Lawyers/Human Rights activists.

- 4) Participated in " National Conference on Security Legislation and Human Rights on 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> August 2002 at New Delhi by the Indian chapter of Amnesty International .
- 5) Participated as a speaker at a conference organized by Committee Against (POTA ) Prevention of terrorism Act at Hyderabad in Andhra Pradesh on 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> march 2003.
- 6) Participated with a group of members of "Lawyers For Human Rights International", in a conference on "Self Determination for Kashmiris" at Kashmir held on 20<sup>th</sup> April 2005 and extended support to their demand
- 7) Organised a signature campaign on behalf of Sikhs Against The Death Penalty in association with World Coalition Against death Penalty on 10<sup>th</sup> October 2005
- 8) Participated as a penalist on a talk show on mercy killing(Euthanasia) on 18<sup>th</sup> November 2005 in Government college for Girls at Chandigarh.
- 9) Organised a seminar on Death Penalty at Punjab University Chandigarh on 9<sup>th</sup> December 2005 on behalf of Punjab Rights Forum.
- 10) Organised a demonstration on 17<sup>th</sup> January 2006 at sector 17 Plaza, Chandigarh to focus the world attention to the campaign against abolition of Death Penalty as well as release of Sikh

Political detenus languishing in Indian jails.

- 11) Organised a seminar for "Lawyers For Human Rights International "on the topic "Challenges before the Human Rights Defenders" at Punjab University Chandigarh on 14<sup>th</sup> April 2006 and also honoured Teesta Sitalvad ,a known Human Right activist who helped Gujarat Riots victims.
- 12) Participated as a speaker in conference organized by Parliamentarians For national Self Determination on "Self Determination" in the Houses Of parliament West Minister United Kingdom on 11<sup>th</sup> May 2006.
- 13) Participated as a Panelist in a penal discussion organized by "Voices For Freedom" at Punjab University Chandigarh on the topic of "Human Rights Violations in Punjab" on 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2006.
- 14) Participated as a speaker at Fordham University School Of Law, New York on 28<sup>th</sup> Oct 2006 ,organized by "Voices For Freedom" in its "Second Annual Conference On Genocide, Torture and Human Rights Abuses".
- 15) Organised a workshop on behalf of "Lawyers For Human Rights International" on the topic of "Relevance of International Criminal Court in India" on 25<sup>th</sup> Nov 2006 ,in association with ICC-India campaign a project of "Women Research & action Group (WRAG) Mumbai.

- 16) Participated as a speaker in "National Consultation on Criminal Justice Reforms" held by "Human Rights Law Network" at New Delhi on 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2007.
- 17) Participated as a jury member in "Independent Peoples Tribunal" on Torture , Extra Judicial Executions and Forced disappearances in various states of India . The IPT was organized in collaboration with "Lawyers For Human Rights International" at Jawahar Lal Nehru University Delhi on 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> Feb 2008.
- 18) Participated as a speaker in the Global meet of "SOUTH ASIAN COUNCIL FOR MINORITIES (SACM) at Parliament Annex in New Delhi on 7<sup>th</sup> March 2008.
- 19) Participated as a speaker in a national consultation organized by HRLN & WSO at New Delhi on 19<sup>th</sup> Nov 2011 on the topic of "Defending the defenders".
- 20) Participated as a jury member of "Independent Peoples Tribunal" on the working of Punjab State Human Rights Commission at Chandigarh on 10<sup>th</sup> Dec 2011, by HRLN.
- 21) Attended World Congress against death penalty at Madrid, Spain from 12<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup> June 2013 and represented our organisation i.e. Lawyers For Human Rights International.

- 22) Appeared as an witness on 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2017 before Independent Peoples tribunal at Amritsar, India, formed to look into and document cases of Extra Judicial executions & Enforced Disappearances of Punjab for the period 1984 to 1994.
- 23) Attended as a speaker in 3-day National Training Programme on Prisoner's rights from 29th June to 1st July, 2018, at O.P Jindal University, Sonapat, Haryana. The training programme was organized by the Centre for Constitutional Rights, Human Rights Law Network in collaboration with Jindal Global Law School, CHRI, TISS and IBJ.

EXPERIENCE AS AN EXPERT  
WITNESS IN COURTS ABROAD:

- a) In 1995, appeared and accepted as an expert witness on Indian Laws & Human Rights in an Extradition hearing of an Indian in the Supreme Court of British Columbia, Canada. Also appeared and accepted as an Expert Witness on Human Rights situation in India and particularly in Punjab before Immigration and Refugee Board at Vancouver in Canada in the same year.
- b) In June 1997 appeared and accepted as an Expert Witness on Human Rights situation in India and Punjab in a case

relating to Immigration and Refugee Board of the State of San Francisco, U.S.A.

- d) In June 1998 appeared and accepted as an Expert Witness on Human Rights before a special court in Toronto, Canada, in a case of Security proceedings.
- e) In December 1998 and April 1999, appeared and accepted as an Expert Witness on Human Rights and Indian Laws before Immigration and Refugee Board of the State of Virginia, U.S.A.
- f) Then on 15<sup>th</sup> February 2000, appeared in a Refugee Court of the State of Baltimore, U.S.A. and was accepted as an Expert Witness on Human Rights situation in Punjab.
- g) In the month of June 2000, appeared before "Special Immigration Appeals Commission" in United Kingdom and accepted as an expert witness on the issue of Human Rights Violations qua Sikhs, who are claiming their separate Home Land in India.( re matter of Paramjit Singh and Mukhtiar Singh )
- h) On 2<sup>nd</sup> Feb 2001, appeared as an expert witness before District Courts of Fresno, California in a case relating to Extradition hearing of Kulbir Singh Barapind.



- i) On 16<sup>th</sup> April 2014, appeared as an expert witness before Westminster Magistrate, London, U.K in an extradition hearing of an Indian namely Rajesh Kapoor who is sought to be extradited by India on grounds of kidnapping a minor from India.
  
- j) In the year 2017 and 2019 submitted expert reports in asylum cases before First Tier Tribunal (Immigration and Asylum Chamber) United Kingdom.

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