



Justice Arun Mishra

Justice Arun Mishra (born on September 3rd, 1955), B.Sc. M.A. L.L.B. son of Late Justice Hargovind Mishra, Judge of the Madhya Pradesh High Court, called to the Bar in the year 1978. He practised in constitutional, civil, industrial, service and criminal matters. He was elected as youngest Chairman of the apex statutory body of Advocates - Bar Council of India (1998-99) and also remained Vice-Chairman of Bar Council of India and Madhya Pradesh State Bar Council. He was elected to Bar Council of Madhya Pradesh with highest record votes in 1989 and 1995. In the Bar Council, he worked for improvement of legal education. He co-chaired All India Meet of Development of Law Curriculum which introduced three and five-year courses of LL.B. in the year 1998-1999, in order to improve the quality of legal education. During his Chairmanship, Bar Council of India decided to close the evening Law Colleges and also decided that five-year Law Course should be started in all the colleges. More than two hundred sub-standard law colleges were closed by Bar Council of India during his tenure as Chairman, BCI, and to maintain dignity of profession, a large number of disciplinary cases were decided. The amount of welfare and medical aid to lawyers was also enhanced.

He was instrumental in framing of Foreign Law Degree Recognition Rules of 1997 under Advocates' Act, 1961; Bar Council of India Employees' Service Rules, 1996 and Rules pertaining to Foreign Lawyers Conditions of Practice in India. He remained Chairman of General Council of National Law School of India University,

Bangalore, from 15.5.1998 to 24.10.1999 and continues to be its Member. He led delegation of Indian Bar to the Common Wealth Law Conference of “Common Wealth Countries” held at ‘Malaysia’ in September, 1999 and chaired a Session.

He was appointed Judge of the High Court of Madhya Pradesh on October 25, 1999. He was administrative judge of Madhya Pradesh High Court, and Chairman, State Legal Services Authority of Madhya Pradesh. He was appointed as the Chief Justice of Rajasthan High Court on 26.11.2010 and then appointed as the Chief Justice of the High Court at Calcutta on 14.12.2012. He decided approx. 97,000 cases as Judge of High Courts of Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan and Calcutta. He was appointed as Judge, Supreme Court of India on 07.07.2014.

He has authored several judgments of seminal importance. Some of which include:

- **(2016) 7 SCC 194:** *Savelife Foundation and Ors. vs. Union of India (UOI) & Ors.* – An opinion with respect to protection of Good Samaritans who help the victims of road accidents.
- **(2016) 8 SCC 471:** *Avtar Singh vs. Union of India & Ors.* – Law was clarified on the point concerning the consequences that must follow when it comes to light that the employee had suppressed information regarding his/her involvement in a criminal case; such suppression being from the employer at the time of initial appointment. It was laid down that in case of petty offences not affecting nature of duties to be performed, termination may not automatically follow.
- **(2017) 14 SCC 663:** *Mukund Dewangan vs. Oriental Insurance Company Limited* – An opinion involving interpretation of Motor Vehicle Act in respect of driving licences, resolving conflict in various decisions of the Supreme Court.
- **(2017) 15 SCC 333:** *K.S. Varghese and Ors. vs. St. Peter’s and Paul’s Syrian Orth. and Ors.* – A case involving Syrian Orthodox Church of the Indian State of

Kerala; the judicial opinion touched on the nature of religious liberty in reference to appointment of priests under Indian Constitution.

- **(2018) 3 SCC 412:** *Indore Development Authority and Ors. vs. Shailendra (dead) through L.Rs. and Ors.* - A judicial pronouncement on the law of compulsory land acquisition by the State and the compensation to be paid for the same.

In addition, he has participated in several national and international conferences and seminars on legal issues, including the International Conference organised in 2017 at St. Petersburg, Russia on the topic of Constitutional Justice.

Recently, He had been to the Supreme People's Court of Vietnam from 9th to 14th June, 2018 for sharing with their Judges and Court officials about their mediation model and its practical information for the purpose of human resource building for mediation and preparation for development of court-annexed mediation bill in Vietnam.