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Dr. Md. Zakir Hossain was born in Comilla on 1.1.1963. After completion of his schooling in the locality, he got admitted into the University of Dhaka at the faculty of law wherefrom he received his LL.B. (Hon's), LL.M. and PhD. He received another Master degree in International Maritime Law with distinction from International Maritime Law Institute, Malta and field training held in London, UK. He took training on Money Laundering Law from International Training Institute, ILEA, Bangkok. He took part in the Procurement Management Course at the International Training Centre, ILO, Turin, Italy and received a Diploma on the field training held at Geneva, Switzerland. He also took training on Mediation from Loyola Law School, Loyola Mari Mount University, California, USA.

In 2004, he visited the United States of America and the United Kingdom to observe the Case Management and Court Administration of those countries. He visited Singapore International Arbitration Training Centre, Singapore Mediation Centre, Singapore Academy of Law, and Supreme Court of Singapore. He visited India as the head of the delegation of the 43 Judges and Magistrates of Bangladesh to observe the Case Management and Court Administration, and visited West Bengal Judicial Academy, Calcutta High Courts and other Courts. He had also the opportunity to visit Nepal to gather firsthand experience on the judicial system of that Country. He also visited Malta, England, Thailand, Italy, Switzerland, Dubai, USA, Singapore, Saudi Arabia, India, Nepal, Hong Kong and Japan. In 2006, he performed holy Hajj with his spouse.

Dr. Hossain participated in the 30th Judicial Administration Training Course arranged for Joint District Judges and he stood 1st out of 37 participants obtaining outstanding marks. He successfully completed four months' Foundation Training Course at the Bangladesh Public Administration Training Centre and secured Grade 'A'. He further took part in the training courses on Land Administration, Survey and Settlement, Election Laws etc. He had the opportunities to participate in various seminars and workshops at home and abroad.

He has been teaching law at a number of universities including University of Dhaka as guest speaker. He was a resource person for Legal Education and Training Institute (LETI), Bangladesh Bar Council. He has been a resource person for Judicial Administration Training Institute (JATI), Bangladesh Public Administration Training Centre (BPATC), Bangladesh Civil Service Administration Academy (BCSAA), Bangladesh Institute of Administration and Management (BIAM), Bangladesh Institute of Management (BIM) etc.

He practiced as a Lawyer for about three years prior to his joining as Assistant Judge on 20.12.1989. He stood 4th in order of merit in the 8th BCS (Judicial) Examination and joined in the Judicial Service as an Assistant Judge. Over the period, he served as Assistant Judge, Senior Assistant Judge, Joint District and Sessions Judge, Additional District and Sessions Judge, and District and Sessions Judge in different districts of the country. He also worked as Senior Assistant Secretary of Ministry of Law, Deputy Project Director (Administration), Legal and Judicial Capacity Building Project funded by the World Bank, CIDA and Danida. He further worked as Director at JATI in different categories and was the Editor of JATI Journal for two years. Before joining at his present position as Registrar General, he worked as Additional Registrar and Registrar at the Appellate Division of the Supreme Court of Bangladesh. He is the ex-officio Treasurer of the Supreme Court Judges' Welfare Foundation.

He is an Honourary Member of the Faculty of Law of the University of Dhaka and Examiner of the same university. He was a member of the Examination Committee at the University of Dhaka for about three years. He is an ex-officio Member of the Bangladesh Judicial Service Commission and Member of the Management Board of Judicial Administration Training Institute. Moreover, he is a member of Bangladesh Judicial Service Association, Officers' Club Dhaka, Dhaka University Graduate Association, and Ex-Member of Dhaka Bar Association. He is a Life Registered Graduate of the University of Dhaka.

Dr. Hossain received his PhD on "*Parochial Predicaments of Criminal Justice System in Bangladesh: Towards Alternatives*" from the University of Dhaka, and is the author of three major publications- (1) Law of Writs; Constitutional Remedies, (2) Public Safety Law, and (3) Commentary on Society Registration Law. He is the regular contributor to the law journals of LETI, JATI, Northern University Bangladesh etc. His book on "Shipping Law" is in press to publish.

He is married to Keya and blessed with two daughters Riddi and Dutty. At present, Dr. Md. Zakir Hossain is serving as Registrar General of the Supreme Court of Bangladesh.