

## **Foreword**

I have always found his lordship Mr. Justice Muhammad Tariq Abbasi, a delightful person to meet with and a pleasant personality to interact with. His company, as a fellow brother Judge, was always a moment to rejoice and cherish; and his contributions as a Judge of this Court was astounding and spectacular as he made his mark for expeditious disposal of around forty thousand cases while his lordship graced the Benches of this prestigious Court.

Retirement for his Lordship must certainly be a moment of accomplishment, gratification and contentment for the longstanding journey he tread upon in the corridors of law and justice, firstly being a lawyer, then being a judge of District Judiciary, and ultimately as Judge of Lahore High Court. His experience was multidimensional and so are his accomplishments. Although, on the eve of his well-deserved and well-earned retirement farewell, I am saddened, yet I am equally excited for him on his high water mark of achievements during his judicial career as well.

The judicial pronouncements of Justice Muhammad Tariq Abbasi are remarkable for their clarity, lucidity and exposition of the law. The degree of precision and meticulousness in resolving multifaceted and complex legal and factual controversies have been exceptionally outstanding. Moreover his faithfulness to constitutionalism and rule of law has been a hallmark of his decisions. In fact, he has been a judge of profound judicial insight and always turned out to be a true asset of the judiciary.

His Lordship was not just a distinguished member of the Bench but a very valuable asset of this Institution. Under his leadership and guidance, many young minds have bloomed and he has shown them the way to success. Goals and tasks have been simpler for him to take the enthusiastic lead. Very rarely do we get to see a person like his lordship with a unique combination of vision, comprehension and fairness. He has made a mark with hard work and passion, in this Court, which will always be remembered with pride.

Mr. Justice Muhammad Tariq Abbasi,

On behalf of all brother and sister Judges of this Court, I want to congratulate you on the next milestone in your remarkable life, after retirement. You are an inspiration for all of us with your unflagging optimism and team spirit as Judge of Lahore High Court and we appreciate the way you enlightened the lawyers, your fellow Judges as well as Judges of District Judiciary through your landmark judgments and marvelous display of professional conduct. You have earned the undying love and respect of both Bar and the Bench alike. I also want to let you know how much we have loved working alongside you throughout the years.

On the occasion of your retirement, we all take the honor of thanking you for your peerless performance during these past seven years in High Court. You have always been a very dedicated and diligent member of our Bench, whose efficiency is unsurpassed. I know retirement is not going to slow you down, so I would not tell you to relax, and I wish you all the best in your new endeavors.

We all offer you heart-felt best wishes for a happy retirement. You will be dearly missed. We wish you a healthy and prosperous future life.

**MUHAMMAD QASIM KHAN**  
**CHIEF JUSTICE**