

**ADDRESS BY MR. ASSADULLAH KHAN CHAMKANI, ADVOCATE-
GENERAL, KHYBER PAKHTUNKHWA IN FULL COURT REFERENCE ON
THE EVE OF RETIREMENT OF MR. JUSTICE ATTAULLAH KHAN, JUDGE
OF THE PESHAWAR HIGH COURT, PESHAWAR TO BE HELD ON 1ST
JUNE, 2012**

Honourable Chief Justice Mr. Justice Dost Muhammad Khan, learned Judges of this Honourable Court, Leaned Deputy Attorney General, President of the High Court Bar Association, Presidents of District Bar Associations of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa- learned Members of the Bar, Ladies and gentlemen. -----

Assalam-o-Alaikum

We have assembled here today to bid farewell to Mr. Justice Attaullah Khan, who is retiring from the Bench on 03-06-2012 on attaining the age of superannuation.

It is a prestigious opportunity for me to express a few words on life sketch of a very noble and humble Judge of this Honourable Court, whose association as a Judge will be remembered for a long time to come.

Mr. Justice Attaullah Khan was born on 4th June, 1950 in a respectable family at Gulkada, Mingora, Swat. He did his matriculation from Govt. High School No. 1, Mingora. He passed FA and BA from Govt. Jehanzaib Degree College. Saidu Sharif, Swat and qualified LL.B from Khyber Law College. University of Peshawar in 1973. He also qualified CSS examination in 1974 and served as an OMG (Federal Department) for some time. Thereafter he joined the Judiciary as Civil Judge in the year 1977. He remained Civil Judge on different stations of the Province. He was promoted as Senior Civil Judge on 18-02-1982 and later on as District and Sessions Judge on 5-6-1988. He also remained Registrar of Peshawar High Court, Peshawar from 8/12/1997 to 21/12/1998; remained as Secretary Law of the Province of North West Frontier, now Khyber Pakhtunkhwa from 21/12/1998 to 06/01/2000, as Judge Banking Court, Peshawar from 10th January, 2008 to 7th September, 2009, he discharged his duties on various Judicial and ex-cadre posts very efficiently. He was elevated to the Bench of this Hon'ble Court on 7th September, 2009 wherefrom he is due to retire on 3rd instant.

As a Judge of this Hon'ble Court Mr. Justice Attaullah Khan has delivered a number of important judgments. His deep and penetrative knowledge of law, approach to statutory and constitutional interpretation was purposive. He had command over interpreting the Laws. He always decided the cases on merit. He ensured justice to all which was not only done but was also seen to have been done. He remained impartial and neutral and acted without bias, with a purposive approach to statutory construction, impatience with technicalities, and an anxiety to avoid delay, desired to do substantial justice and kept public interest as well, was the characteristics of Mr. Justice Attaullah Khan.

At the end I bid him farewell from this Hon'ble Court and wish him long, happy and prosperous years of retirement, packed up with vigorous menial activities and pleasure of middle and old age. Furthermore, Justice Allaullah Khan is very fortunate who has successfully accomplished his service tenure. A very few are lucky enough to climb up to the pinnacle of such a unique stature in a short span of time. We pray Almighty Allah to bless him good health & physique and spend his remaining life with his family with full devotion and his shadow to remain on the heads of his family with honour and prestige.