

Speech of Hon'ble the Chief Justice in Full Court Reference held on March 16, 2022 on the sad demise of Sh. Javed Ahmed Kawoosa, Senior Advocate.

- My esteemed Sister and Brother Judges;
- Learned Advocate General;
- Sh. N.A. Ronga, Advocate, Chairman, J&K High Court Bar Association, Kashmir;
- Sh. M. K. Bhardwaj, President, High Court Bar Association, Jammu;
- Learned Senior Advocates;
- Learned ASGI, Jammu & Srinagar;
- Learned Members of the Bar;
- Judicial Officers;
- Officers of the Registry;
- Members of the bereaved family;
- Ladies and Gentlemen.

We have assembled here and some have joined through virtual mode to express grief and to pay our tribute to the memory of Javed Ahmed Kawoosa, Senior Advocate of this Court, who breathed his last on 7th March, 2022.

He was a thorough gentleman and a fine human being, apart from being an accomplished lawyer. He enjoyed a very good reputation at Bar.

Sh. Javed Ahmed Kawoosa was born on 13th April, 1963 in the family of Sh. Justice Mohammad Yasin Kawoosa former Judge of this Court. He did his schooling in Srinagar and passed Matriculation in the year 1977. He did his graduation from the University of Kashmir, Srinagar in the year 1983 and completed his LLB in the year 1986 with a distinction.

He was enrolled as an Advocate on the rolls of Bar Council of J&K in the year 1987 and started practicing in the High Court of Jammu & Kashmir and District Courts in the same year. He quickly made his mark in the profession by dint of his hard work. He practiced in varied fields of law and was at ease with each one of those. He was designated as a Senior Advocate on 15th December, 2020. He was known for his commitment to his professional duties.

He had represented the State Government, various Public Sector Undertakings, Autonomous Institutions and Insurance Companies in District Courts and the High Court.

Sh. Javed Ahmed Kawoosa till recently was representing Income Tax Department as Senior Standing Counsel since 11.02.2009, as also the University of Kashmir for the last 15 years, National Insurance Company since 1988, Oriental Insurance Company since 1998, and Power Grid Corporation of India in District Courts and the High Court as Standing Counsel. He remained Additional Advocate General for two terms from 1997 to 2002 and 2009 to April, 2013 and went on to become Senior Additional Advocate General from

23.04.2013. He was also a Standing Counsel for the Competent Authority Entrance Examination for 07 years from 1996, Jammu and Kashmir Industries Limited for 06 years from 1988, Jammu and Kashmir Cements Limited for 05 years from 1988, State Forest Corporation for 02 years from 2002. He represented the Jammu and Kashmir State Board of School Education for 10 years. Since last 05 years he was engaged by the High Court of J&K and Ladakh to appear in the cases in which the High Court was a party. That apart, Sh. Kawoosa worked as a provincial Editor of the Kashmir Law Journal for about 05 years.

He was widely respected for his mild and graceful manners. He led by example to raise the standard of the Bar by exhibiting knowledge, wisdom, fairness and professional commitment. He was widely respected and was able to handle difficult cases with ease.

Since few months he was ailing. He fought a valiant battle with the disease but succumbed to it on 7th of March. Sh. Kawoosa leaves behind his wife and two sons. It is matter of great solace that his both sons Aatir Javed and Adeeb Javed are lawyers practicing in the High Court and District Courts.

On the demise of Sh. Javed Ahmed Kawoosa, we have lost a noble soul and a lawyer of eminence. His untimely demise is an irreparable loss to the family and to the legal fraternity equally.

I, on behalf of my esteemed colleagues and on my behalf express heartfelt condolence on the sad demise of Sh. Javed Ahmed Kawoosa and pray to the Almighty to grant eternal peace to the departed soul and bestow immense strength to Sh. Justice Mohammad Yasin Kawoosa and the members of the family to bear the irreparable loss.

Om Shanti! Shanti! Shanti!

(Pankaj Mithal)
Chief Justice

We shall stand in silence for a minute as a mark of respect to the departed soul.

The Court work shall remain suspended for the rest of the day.
