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Dr. Justice Vineet Kothari, a former High Court Judge, is resident of India. Born on 2nd September, 1959, in Jodhpur, Rajasthan, India, he had keen interest in academics and sports. With his interest in academia he obtained the following degrees :

1. Bachelor of Commerce B.Com.(Hons.)
2. Chartered Accountant (CA)
3. Company Secretary (CS)
4. LL.B.
5. LL.M.
6. Ph.D. (Taxation)

He is now a designated Senior Advocate by the Supreme Court of India and practices law in Constitutional Courts in India. His main areas of practice are Domestic Tax laws, International Taxation, Arbitration, Corporate and Insolvency laws, Property and Family Laws. His keen and active involvement in Alternate Dispute Resolution (ADR) encompasses Commercial & Contractual disputes resolution through various Domestic & International Arbitration & Mediation Institutions. He is empaneled as an Arbitrator with most of the High Courts annexed Centres in India and is also on board of private Arbitration and Mediation Centres in India like Nani Palkihvala Arbitration Centre. He is a senior advisor with KPMG, India and MBG, Dubai. He is on the panel of Singapore International Arbitration Centre (SIAC) & Dubai International Arbitration Centre (DIAC) as an Arbitrator.

Dr. Kothari was elevated to the Bench on 13.6.2005 as a Judge of Rajasthan High Court where he served till 17.4.2016. He then served at Karnataka High Court from 18.4.2016 to 22.11.2018. Afterwards, he also served at Madras High Court from 23.11.2018 to 3.1.2021 and later towards the end of his career as a Judge, he also served at Gujarat High Court from 4.1.2021 to 1.9.2021. He served at both Madras and Gujarat as an Acting Chief Justice. While serving as Judge at various High Courts for over 16 years he decided approximately 50,000 contested Tax Appeals, Writ Petitions, Writ Appeals, Civil Appeals.

Dr. Kothari has contributed papers at various National and International Conferences on International Taxation and other allied subjects at various places including Amsterdam, Helsinki, Luzern, Switzerland and Brisbane, Australia on subjects like "Transfer Pricing and Use of Secret Comparables", "Social Networking by Judges", "Application of Foreign Judgments by Indian Courts" etc. and is a Member from last 10 years and an Honorary Director on the Board of International Association of Tax Judges (IATJ) for last 5 years. He is also a Member of (Commonwealth Magistrates and Judges Association) CMJA, London. His two Papers have been published by Korea Legislative Research Institute (KLRI) in their Global Legal Issues viz. "Constitutional Features & Indian Democracy" (2012) and "Applicability of Foreign Decisions and Interpretation of Tax Treaties in International Taxation" (2017).

He is a regular participant and a speaker at various conferences across the country and at global platform. He regularly addressed several Webinars during Covid period between 2020 to 2021 on various subjects

ranging from Taxation to variety of law subjects to cross sections of professionals including his address to various Institutions and School Children about Indian Legal system.

He served as Executive Chairman of Tamil Nadu State Legal Services Authority, Executive Chairman of Gujarat State Legal Services Authority as also as the Chairman of the Tamil Nadu Mediation and Conciliation Centre. While he was in Gujarat, he was also the Chairman of the Gujarat Arbitration Centre & Mediation Centre.

He completed his 40 Hours Mediation training approved by MCPC, a Committee constituted by the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India and decided several cases amicably between disputants through mediation process as a sitting Judge.

Significantly, his Article on "Child Education & Poverty Alleviation in India" giving various suggestions with regard to character building of youth of the country was acknowledged and appreciated by the then Hon'ble President of India, Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam in 2006.

As a practising Advocate he also performed the role as that of the Chief Editor of Sales Tax Literature, a National Level Law Journal, from the year 1986 till 1990. He was also Author of the CTR Yearly Digest & STC Yearly Digest from 1979 till 1990.

He was also a Guest Faculty cum Professor in the Faculty of Law, Jai Narayan Vyas University Jodhpur, for about six years from 1994 till 2000.