

BRIEF PERSONAL PROFILE

Mr. Fali Sam Nariman (born in Rangoon on 10th January, 1929 – then British India). He was enrolled as an Advocate of the Bombay High Court in November 1950, and was designated Senior Advocate in the 1961. He has practised law for more than seventy years: initially in the High Court of Bombay and since 1972, in New Delhi in the Supreme Court of India when he was appointed Additional Solicitor-General of India in May 1972 – when he moved from Bombay to Delhi; he resigned from his post of Additional Solicitor-General a day after the imposition of the Internal Emergency of 26th June 1975 and has been in private practice thereafter.

During his entire career he has held the following prominent positions:

- President of the Bar Association of India (BAI), from 1991 to September 2010;
- Vice-Chairman of the International Court of Arbitration of the ICC (International Chamber of Commerce) Paris, from 1989 till December 2005;
- President, International Council for Commercial Arbitration (ICCA) from October 1994 to May 2002; currently Honorary Chairman International Council for Commercial Arbitration (ICCA)
- Council Member of the Human Rights Institute of the IBA (International Bar Association) 1995, and Co-Chair of the Human Rights Institute of the IBA from 2001 to December 2004;
- Chairman of the Executive Committee of the International Commission of Jurists (ICJ), Geneva, from 1995 to 1997; and currently Honorary Member, the International Commission of Jurists (ICJ), Geneva;

He has been awarded the following prestigious Awards:

- Awarded by the President of India in January 1991 the PADMA BHUSHAN “in recognition of distinguished service in the field of jurisprudence.”
- Awarded by the President of India the PADMA VIBHUSHAN on 26th January 2007 (India’s 58th Republic Day) in recognition of “exceptional and distinguished services in the field of Public Affairs.”

- Awarded for the Protection and Preservation of Civil Liberties, 2017 presented by the Nani A. Palkhivala Memorial Trust in December 2017.
- Awarded the “19th Lal Bahadur Shastri Award for Excellence in Public Administration” for the year 2018.
- Awarded “Exemplary Service of Law” by SKOCH – India Law Award 2022 by Indian Law Forum & Lifestest on 14th May, 2022

He has also AUTHORED the following books –

- “*India’s Legal System: Can it be Saved?*” published by Penguin Books in the year 2006; (Revised and updated in 2017);
- “*Before Memory Fades... An Autobiography*” published by Hay House India in 2010 – the book is presently in its Twenty-Eighth Edition (2021);
- “*The State of the Nation*” published by Hay House India in 2013;
- “*God Save the Hon’ble Supreme Court*” published by Hay House India in 2018; and
- “*The Arbitration Series*” titled “*Harmony amidst Disharmony*” (Vol-I - The Indian Framework); and (Vol-II - The International Framework - published by Hay House India in 2020.