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Profile:

Mr. N.L. Rajah is a **designated Senior Advocate** practising in the Madras High Court. He was called to the bar in 1986 and started his practice under **Mr. S. Govind Swaminadhan**, former Advocate General of Tamil Nadu. He has a very extensive exposure in the field of Writs, Original side, Drafting and Conveyancing, Arbitration, Consumer Protection Laws and Energy Laws.

Mr. Rajah is a former President of the **Madras Consumer Courts Bar Association** and a former trustee and currently advisor of the **Citizen, Consumer and Civic Action Group**, an Organization which is dedicated to creating awareness among consumers about their legal rights and helps them realize the same and has won National awards for its pioneering work.

He is an invitee of the **International Visitorship Programme** of the **U.S. Government** in the year 2000. In May 2013 he participated in a week long deliberation of the United Nations (**UNCITRAL**) to bring out a model contract to regulate Online Dispute Resolutions.

He was co-opted by Justice D.P. Wadhwa former judge of the Supreme Court of India to be part of a committee appointed by the Supreme Court to prepare and submit a **report to the Supreme Court on the effectiveness of the Public Distribution System in Tamilnadu**.

He is a Founding Director of the **Nani Palkhivala Arbitration Centre**, a Centre recognised by the Madras High Court to render administrative assistance in arbitration matters. The Centre also

has a very vibrant presence at New Delhi. He is also a trustee of the **Palkhivala Foundation**.

He was member of the committee formed by the **Law Commission of India** to suggest changes and amendments to the Arbitration and Conciliation Act 1996. The deliberations of this committee were published as the 246th report of the Law Commission. They were then accepted with modifications by Parliament while enacting the 2015 amendments to the Arbitration and Conciliation Act 1996.

He was also one of the consultees to the **Law Commission of India** and assisted them to bring out the report on the Commercial Courts which was later adopted and passed in parliament as the Commercial Courts Act 2015.

He was also a consultee to the **Justice Srikrishna Committee** to suggest changes to improve the climate in India for arbitration in general and Institutional arbitration in particular. The suggestions of the committee were accepted and consequently the 2019 amendments to the Arbitration and Conciliation act 1996 has been passed.

Mr. Rajah has co-authored the book '**Consumer Protection in India**' with Justice. D.P. Wadhwa retired judge of the Supreme Court of India and published by Lexis Nexis.

He has published a book on the history of the Madras High Court titled "**A 150 year journey from a crown court to a people's court**". On the occasion of the 125th year celebrations of the Madras High Court buildings, he has assisted the Heritage Committee of the Madras High Court to edit and bring out a book titled "**An Iconic splendour**" on the heritage value of the Madras High Court buildings.

He is one of the "Principal Contributors" to the book "**Courts of India**" published by the Supreme Court of India and released on 26th Nov. 2016 by the Hon'ble Chief Justice of India.

He has been a member of the **Heritage Committee of the Madras High Court** from 2012. He is also a member of the **Madras High Court Arbitration Committee**.

He is also trustee of the renowned **Dr. M.S. Swaminathan Research Foundation (MSSRF)** which is an agricultural research Institute.

He is a former member of the advisory committee of the **Tamilnadu Electricity Regulatory Commission.**

He is also member of the management committee of the National College, Trichy which is one of the oldest educational institutions in Tamilnadu and was founded by his family in 1919.

He was recently awarded the “**Service award**” in 2018 by **Sri Ramakrishna Vivekananda Trust** for his service without expectation to the Cancer Institute and Avvai Home orphanage.

He has appeared in a number of important PILs in the Madras High Court and also assisted courts in important cases.

He has written several articles in law journals as also in newspapers like “The Hindu”, “Times of India”, “Indian Express” etc.,

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