## EMERGING CHALLENGES FOR CENTRE STATE RELATIONSHIPS IN 21ST CENTURY

A Talk By Senior Advocate
Sidharth Luthra

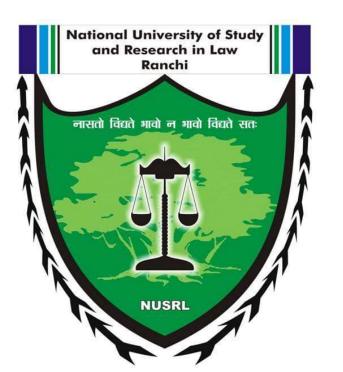


## SIDHARTH LUTHRA Sr. Advocate Supreme Court of India



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## MR. SIDHARTH LUTHRA, VISITING PROFESSOR

SIDHARTH LUTHRA WAS ADMITTED TO THE BAR AT DELHI IN 1991 AND DESIGNATED AS A SENIOR ADVOCATE IN 2007.

HE WAS APPOINTED AS AN ADDITIONAL SOLICITOR GENERAL FOR INDIA AT THE SUPREME COURT OF INDIA FROM 6TH JULY, 2012 FOR A 2 YEAR TERM & REPRESENTED THE UNION AND STATE GOVERNMENTS IN A VARIETY OF MATTERS INCLUDING THOSE RELATING TO FUNDAMENTAL RIGHTS, ENVIRONMENT LAWS, ELECTORAL REFORM, CRIMINAL LAW, JUVENILE RIGHTS, EDUCATION AND POLICY ISSUES.

PRIOR TO THIS HE ACTED AS GOVERNMENT COUNSEL TO ASSIST THE JUDGES INQUIRY COMMITTEE IN REGARD TO THE INVESTIGATION INTO THE MISBEHAVIOUR ALLEGED AGAINST JUSTICE SOUMITRA SEN, JUDGE, HIGH COURT OF CALCUTTA UNDER ARTICLE 217 OF THE CONSTITUTION OF INDIA IN (SECOND IMPEACHMENT AFTER THE INDIAN CONSTITUTION CAME INTO FORCE IN 1950).

HE SUCCESSFULLY DEFENDED A MADHYA PRADESH HIGH COURT JUDGE, JUSTICE S.K. GENGELE IN AN IMPEACHMENT PROCEEDING.

HE REPRESENTED THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA IN THE HIGH COURT OF DELHI FROM 2004 TO 2007 AS SENIOR PANEL COUNSEL.

MOST RECENTLY, IN 'MUKESH & ANR. V. STATE FOR NCT OF DELHI', BETTER KNOWN AS THE DELHI GANG-RAPE (NIRBHAYA'S) CASE, MR. LUTHRA APPEARED AS SPECIAL PUBLIC PROSECUTOR FOR THE STATE OF NCT OF DELHI. HIS MAJOR SUBMISSIONS WERE ON THE UNIMPEACHABLE CHARACTER OF POLICE INVESTIGATION (PUT TO QUESTION BY THE APPELLANTS), AND THE ABSENCE OF MITIGATING FACTORS IN SENTENCING THE ACCUSED. ON 5TH MAY, 2017 A THREE-JUDGE BENCH OF THE SUPREME COURT UPHELD THE CONVICTION AND DEATH PENALTY FOR THE FOUR APPELLANTS.

HE OBTAINED HIS LAW DEGREE FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF DELHI, AND AN M.PHIL. IN CRIMINOLOGY FROM CAMBRIDGE. HE TAUGHT LAW AT THE UNIVERSITY OF DELHI (1997-1998). HE IS A FELLOW OF THE CAMBRIDGE COMMONWEALTH TRUST SOCIETY.

HE IS A MEMBER OF THE DELHI STATE LEGAL SERVICES AUTHORITY FOR THE PAST 6 YEARS. HE IS A RESOURCE PERSON AND TEACHES AT THE DELHI JUDICIAL ACADEMY. HE IS THE VICE PRESIDENT OF THE INDIAN CRIMINAL JUSTICE SOCIETY, AND SITS ON THE ADVISORY BOARDS OF THE LEGAL JOURNALS - DELHI LAW TIMES AND THE DELHI REPORTED JUDGEMENTS

HE IS A VISITING PROFESSOR AT NORTHUMBRIA UNIVERSITY AT NEWCASTLE, UNITED KINGDOM; AN HONORARY PROFESSOR AT THE AMITY UNIVERSITY, NOIDA, UTTAR PRADESH; HONORARY ADJUNCT PROFESSOR OF LAW & DISTINGUISHED PROFESSOR OF LEGAL PRACTICE AT JINDAL GLOBAL LAW SCHOOL OF O.P. JINDAL GLOBAL UNIVERSITY AT SONIPAT, HARYANA; VISITING PROFESSOR AT NLU, DELHI, HONORARY MEMBER OF ADVISORY BOARD OF AMTUL'S PUBLIC SCHOOL, NAINITAL, UTTARAKHAND AND CURRENTLY ELECTED THE PRESIDENT OF THE OXFORD AND CAMBRIDGE SOCIETY OF INDIA.

HE HAS BEEN CONFERRED THE DOCTOR OF LAWS (HONORIS CAUSA) BY AMITY UNIVERSITY, NOIDA, UTTAR PRADESH, INDIA.

HE IS ALSO A MEMBER OF SCHOOL BOARD OF HAMDARD INSTITUTE OF LEGAL STUDIES AND RESEARCH, NEW DELHI. HE IS A MEMBER OF ACADEMIC COUNCIL, NATIONAL LAW UNIVERSITY, DELHI AND MANAGING TRUSTEE, SUPREME COURT AOR TRUST.

HE IS EMPANELLED AS AN ARBITRATOR WITH DELHI INTERNATIONAL ARBITRATION CENTRE (DIAC), NEW DELHI.

MR. LUTHRA ORGANISES THE INTERNATIONAL K.K. LUTHRA MEMORIAL MOOT COURT IN JANUARY OF EACH YEAR SINCE 2005 ON CRIMINAL LAW, IN THE MEMORY OF HIS LATE FATHER, WHO WAS HIMSELF AN EMINENT SENIOR ADVOCATE, IN COLLABORATION WITH THE CAMPUS LAW CENTRE, UNIVERSITY OF DELHI.

