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## **PERSONAL DATA**

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## **PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

### **SUPREME COURT OF BHUTAN CHIEF JUSTICE OF BHUTAN**

**THIMPHU, BHUTAN  
Nov. 2014 - Date**

On the recommendation made by the Royal Judicial Commission, was appointed as the 2<sup>nd</sup> Chief Justice of Bhutan of the Supreme Court of Bhutan on 28<sup>th</sup> November, 2014 upon the retirement of the Former Chief Justice of Bhutan, Lyonpo Sonam Tobgye having attained the age of 65 years on 14<sup>th</sup> November, 2014.

### **SUPREME COURT OF BHUTAN JUSTICE**

**THIMPHU, BHUTAN  
2010 - 2014**

Elevated to the Bench of the First, Supreme Court of Bhutan on 21<sup>st</sup> February, 2010 as the senior most Drangpon [Justice] on the recommendation of the Royal Judicial Commission specially appointed to nominate candidates as Justices of the Supreme Court. As member of the National Judicial Service Commission, is responsible for recommending suitable candidates for appointment to the Supreme Court and the High Court as Justices.

### **HIGH COURT OF BHUTAN JUSTICE**

**THIMPHU, BHUTAN  
2006-2010**

Served as the Justice of the High Court [Bench I] from 12<sup>th</sup> February, 2006 – 20<sup>th</sup> February, 2010. Prepared the Judiciary master plan and as the chairperson of the legislative drafting committee, NCWC was responsible for preparing the Child Care & Protection Bill, Adoption Bill and the Domestic Violence Bill. Represented the Bhutanese Judiciary at numerous SAARC forums as Country President and other international conferences.

**DISTRICT COURT**  
**Royal Court of Justice**

**SAMDRUP JONGKHAR, BHUTAN**  
**1999-2006**

**Judge**

Conduct court trials, proceedings, render judgments, docket management and general administration and finance of the Dzongkhag Thrimkiduensa (District Court).

**HIGH COURT OF BHUTAN**  
**Royal Court of Justice**  
**Deputy Registrar General**

**THIMPHU, BHUTAN**  
**1998-1999**

Served as an aide to the Chief Justice of Bhutan. Responsibilities included working on case management, review of draft laws (Civil & Criminal Procedure Code) and general correspondence. Represented the Bhutanese Judiciary at numerous SAARC forums as Country Vice-President and other international conferences.

**ROYAL BHUTAN ARMY**  
**Military Service**

**LUNGTENPHU, BHUTAN**  
**1990-1995**

Served as a Lieutenant in the Royal Bhutan Army at the Army Headquarters in the office of the Adjutant General 1992. Posted with Security Force detachment at Lhamoizingkha from 1992–1995. Served in the capacity of second-in-command and concurrently performed the duties of Adjutant, Training Officer and Mechanical Transport Officer as and when required.

**HIGH COURT OF BHUTAN**  
**Royal Court of Justice**  
**Senior Section Officer**

**THIMPHU, BHUTAN**  
**1988-1990**

Headed the Criminal Section of the High Court, Royal Court of Justice, Thimphu. Administrative duties included assigning cases to the respective benches, issue of summons, filing, maintaining of records, caring for the exhibits produced in the court and personnel management.

**Judicial Officer**

**1987-1988**

Served as an apprentice to the Judges of the High Court. Responsibilities included attending Court proceedings, prepared and submitted case reports, composed draft opinions, prepared judgments, translations, and conducted general correspondence for the Full Bench.

**EDUCATION**

**GEORGE WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY LAW SCHOOL WASHINGTON, D.C**  
LL.M (International & Comparative Law) Fall, 2002-Spring, 2003.

Recipient of Professor Thomas Buergenthal Scholarship Award 2002-2003

**UNIVERSITY OF DELHI, CAMPUS LAW CENTRE NEW DELHI, INDIA**  
LL.B 1995-1998

**INTERNATIONAL INSTITUTE OF HUMAN RIGHTS STRASBOURG, FRANCE**  
Diploma, Human Rights August 1990

**UNIVERSITY OF DELHI, ST. STEPHEN'S COLLEGE NEW DELHI, INDIA**  
B.A. (Honors) History 1983-1986

**SHERUBTSE JUNIOR COLLEGE (Pre-University) KANGLUNG, BHUTAN**  
Humanities (ISC) 1981-1983

**DR. GRAHAM'S SCHOOL KALIMPONG, INDIA**  
General (ICSE) 1970-1980

### **CONFERENCES & SERVICE AS COUNTRY REPRESENTATIVE**

Third South Asia Judicial Roundtable on Environmental  
Justice, 8<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup> August, 2014 Colombo, Sri Lanka

Second Asian Judges Symposium on Environment *Natural  
Capital, the Rule of Law, and Environmental Justice*  
2-5 December 2013 (ADB) Manila, Philippines

International Congress on AIDS in Asia and the Pacific  
(ICAAP) 19<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup> November, 2013 Bangkok, Thailand

Judicial Dialogue on HIV, Human Rights and the Law  
In Asia and the Pacific (UNAIDS) 2<sup>nd</sup>-4<sup>th</sup> June, 2013 Bangkok, Thailand

9<sup>th</sup> SAARC Chief Justice's Conference CHILD  
PROTECTION & CONSTITUTIONALISM  
(*Securing the Future - Solidarity for the children of SAARC*)  
24<sup>th</sup> - 26<sup>th</sup> May, 2013 Thimphu, Bhutan

The 14<sup>th</sup> Conference of Chief Justices of Asia and  
The Pacific, June 12 – 16, 2011 Seoul, Korea

International Seminar on Global Environment and Disaster  
Management; Law and Society, 22-24 July 2011 New Delhi, India

Colloquium for Judges on the use of the principles of equality  
and non-discrimination 16<sup>th</sup> -17<sup>th</sup> November, 2009 Bandos, Maldives

Attended the World Congress III against the Sexual  
Exploitation of Children and Adolescents, 25<sup>th</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup>  
November, 2008 as the head of delegation  
(NCWC/UNICEF) Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

South Asia Regional Juvenile Justice Training for  
Government and NGO Partners South Asian Region  
Organized by UNICEF ROSA,

29 <sup>th</sup> October – 01 <sup>st</sup> November, 2007 Soaltee Hotel	Kathmandu, Nepal
Chief Coordinator, 8 <sup>th</sup> SAARC Chief Justices' Conference and the 11 <sup>th</sup> SAARCLAW Conference, Olathang Hotel, 10 <sup>th</sup> -12 <sup>th</sup> June, 2005	Paro, Bhutan
SAARCLAW, Executive Committee Meeting, and Investiture Ceremony of the President of SAARCLAW, 21 <sup>st</sup> November, 2004	New Delhi, India.
SAARCLAW, Executive Committee Meeting, 29 <sup>th</sup> May, 2004 President SAARCLAW Country Chapter	Colombo, Sri Lanka
10 <sup>th</sup> SAARCLAW Conference, 20 <sup>th</sup> to 22 <sup>nd</sup> February, 2004	Karachi, Pakistan
8 <sup>th</sup> SAARCLAW Conference Sept. 2000 Chaired the working session – Judicial Independence & accountability Vice President SAARCLAW Country Chapter	Kathmandu, Nepal
Meeting of the Leaders of the Bar Council – SAARC* region	Kathmandu, Nepal
Presentation – ADR in Bhutan, SAARCLAW** Seminar, Oct. 1999	Thimphu, Bhutan
7 <sup>th</sup> SAARCLAW Conference October, 1998	Colombo, Sri Lanka
SAARC* – South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation. Member countries include: Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Maldives, Nepal, Pakistan, and Sri Lanka.	
SAARCLAW**- South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation for Law	

## **CERTIFICATES, SEMINARS, WORKSHOP & STUDY TOURS**

Study visit with the Chief Justice of Bhutan and the Justices of the High Court 9 <sup>th</sup> to 14 <sup>th</sup> December, 2008 Study Tour Juvenile Justice organized by NCWC, UNICEF facilitated by Department of Probation, Ministry of Justice and FACE	Copenhagen, Denmark
(Fight against Child Exploitation) Thailand 5 <sup>th</sup> – 16 <sup>th</sup> July, 2007	Bangkok, Thailand
Militia Training Refresher Cadre, July 21 - Aug 31, 2003	Lungtenphu, RBA, AHQ
Orientation in the US Legal System Course, July 12 – Aug 9, 2002 International Law Institute	Washington D.C
Workshop on Legal Research and Writing, August 12-16, 2002 International Law Institute	Washington D.C
NATIONAL Workshop on Environmental legislation (April 2001)	Thimphu, Bhutan
SAARCLAW Seminar (March 2000)	Thimphu, Bhutan
Alternative Dispute Resolution	
Workshop on Effective Judicial Process (May 2000)	Thimphu, Bhutan
Juvenile Justice, Study Tour (August 1999)	Vienna, Austria
Legislative Drafting Seminar (July 1999)	Thimphu, Bhutan
Drafting Techniques in Changing Society	
Juvenile Justice Workshop (April 1999)	Thimphu, Bhutan

Workshop, Bhutanese Legal System (February 1999)	Thimphu, Bhutan
Forensic Science Awareness Course (October 1998)	Thimphu, Bhutan
World Intellectual Property Organization WIPO (Nov. 1997)	Thimphu, Bhutan
National Seminar on Intellectual Property ICRC (May 1995)	Thimphu, Bhutan
Human Rights Conference – United Nations Center for Human Rights (July 1990)	Geneva, Switzerland
Workshop Rights of the Child & Women (UNICEF 1990)	Thimphu, Bhutan

### **Appointments:**

- a) Appointed as the Chief Justice of Bhutan on 28/11/2014
- b) Appointed as a member (senior most Justice of the Supreme Court) of the National Judicial Commission in consonance with Section 17, Article 21 of the Constitution under warrant issued by His Majesty the King dated 15/03/10;
- c) Appointed as a member of the Royal Commission formed to appoint the Chief Justice of Bhutan and the establishment of the First Supreme Court of Bhutan - Royal Decree issued on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Day of the 10<sup>th</sup> Month of the Female Earth Ox Year of the Bhutanese calendar corresponding to 19<sup>th</sup> November, 2009;
- d) Chairperson, Amnesty Review Panel (2009 – till date);
- e) Chairperson of the Legislative Drafting Committee (NCWC) responsible for drafting the Child Care and Protection Bill, Adoption Bill and the Domestic Violence Bill – (October 2007 to March, 2010);
- f) President, Bhutan Tennis Federation 2007 – 2009;
- g) Secretary General, Bhutan Basketball Federation 1986-1990.

### **Awards:**

- a) Awarded Orange scarf of Minister rank on 28/11/2014 by His Majesty the King;
- b) Awarded Red Scarf (Nyikelma, Bura-marp) by His Majesty the King on the occasion of the 106<sup>th</sup> National Day celebrations at the Changlimithang, Stadium, 17<sup>th</sup> December, 2013;
- c) Recipient of Silver Medal (Service Award) for 20 plus years of meritorious service on 13<sup>th</sup> December, 2013;
- d) Recipient of His Majesty the Fifth Druk Gyalpo's Coronation gold medal (2008);
- e) Recipient of the Druk Yuegyal medal, the highest military honor as a member of the Militia awarded by His Majesty the Fourth Druk Gyalpo (2004);
- f) Ranked best officer by peers after completion of Militia Service tenure with RBA;
- g) Short Service Officers Course, Wangchuck Lo Dzong Military Training School, Haa, 14 January, 1991 to 02 June, 1991, Second in the overall order of merit and graduated as Junior under Officer of the batch, besides being awarded prize for the Best Marksman.