



**Justice Z.A Channa** is wellknown and respected name in the Sindh Legal Committee. I have had the privilege of close association with the entire family. His younger brother Mr.Hamied Channa was my friend and classmate. Not only that but our families were neighbours in the then only Muslim Colony (Appt.20 house owned by notable names such Kazi-s (A.G.N's family)-Mirza-Khuhro-G.M. Syed ) in Karachi.

Channa family occupied the corner house facing what is presently as Nishtar Park, while Soomoros had diagonally the other end on Britto Road.

My personal and official dealings with him developed during one unit period, when he was posted in the Law Department of W-Pakistan Government Lahore. He, without any doubt, enjoyed the reputation of being an efficient officer and prompt in his functions. The senior beaurocracy greatly appreciated his professional skill and expert legal knowledge and advice.

He was a prolific write and has numerous books on legal matters to his credit.

It can be proudly mentioned that as a judge of Sindh High Court, he was known for prompt disposal, of pending cases, justly and courageously. In my personal assessment he was most suitable to represent Pakistan at the level of international judiciary.

Late Justice Z.A. Channa passed his masters and Law from Aligarh Muslim University and joined Famous Lawyer, Kazi Khudha Baksh's Law as Junior Lawyer in 1941.

He appeared for P.C.S Examination and was selected and posted as Civil Judge Mehar in 1946.

He was posted as Additional City Magistrate Karachi in 1948, and was duty at Quaid-e-Azams Funeral on 11<sup>th</sup> September 1948, he walked along with Prime Minister Liaquat Ali Khan and others Leaders, to the Mazar.

He was posted as Deputy Secretary and joint Secretary Law Department West Pakistan Govt. at Lahore from 1957 to 1970. He drafted voluminous West Pakistan Land Revenue Act and Services Rules, he was awarded TAMGHAH-I-PAKISTAN on 14<sup>th</sup> August 1968 by Field Marshal Ayub Khan.

Justice Channa drafted Provisional Constitution of Pakistan while posted as Joint Secretary Ministry of Law at Islamabad, 1972-1973, he also drafted Voluminous

Law Reforms Ordinance 1972 which Inter alia provided for separation of Judiciary from the Executive.

He was elevated to Sindh Baluchistan High Court on 2<sup>nd</sup> October 1972. He was federal Law Secretary from 1974 to 1976. From 1976 to 1979 he was back from Islamabad to Sindh High Court till he retired on 19<sup>th</sup> May 1979.

Sindh Judicial Academy was formed in 1992, justice Channa served as Director General Sindh Judicial Academy for 10 years till he retired on health ground in September 2002.

### **ON THE SOCIAL FRONT**

He was Chairman Jail Reform Committee for 5 years and brought many changes especially in women's Jail and Juvenile Jail.

He was Executive Trustee of Quaid-e-Azam Aligarh Scholarship Trust till his last day.

He wrote 13 books on Law, his first book was "General Manual of Customs". Written in 1985, the Forward is written by Chief Justice of Pakistan Mohammad Halim.

He received Gold Medal from Sindh University for his meritorious work in different university matters, he himself has donated two Gold Medals to Sindh University in his Father Late Ali Baksh Channa's name.