

Bio-data

Justice Ranjana Prakash Desai was born on 30th October, 1949 in Mumbai.

She completed her Bachelor of Arts from the Elphinstone College in 1970 and her LL.B from the Government Law College in 1973.

She joined the legal profession on 30th July, 1973. She worked as a junior in the chambers of Late Justice S.C. Pratap, before he became a judge, where she got opportunity to appear in several civil and criminal matters. She also worked with her father Late Mr. S.G. Samant who was an eminent criminal lawyer.

She was appointed as a Government Pleader on the Appellate Side of the Bombay High Court in 1979. She was appointed as Special Public Prosecutor for preventive detention matters for the Bombay High Court in 1986. She was appointed to the post of Chief Government Pleader, Appellate Side of the Bombay High Court on 1st November, 1995.

She was elevated to the Bench of Bombay High Court on 15th April, 1996.

She was elevated as a Judge of Supreme Court of India on 13th September, 2011.

After her retirement from the Supreme Court she was appointed as Chairperson of the Appellate Tribunal for Electricity with effect from 1st December, 2014, a position which she held till 30th November, 2017.

After completing her tenure as Chairperson of the Appellate Tribunal of Electricity, she was appointed as Chairperson of the Advance Ruling Authority [Income Tax] with effect from 2nd July, 2018, a position which she held till 29th October, 2019.

She was appointed as Chairperson of the Delimitation Commission of India with effect from 6th March, 2020, a position which she held till 5th May, 2022 when the Commission headed by her completed its mandate and submitted the final Delimitation report for the Union Territory of Jammu & Kashmir.

During the course of her career she also served as Chairperson of the Search Committee to recommend names for the post of Chairperson and Members of the Lokpal.

She has been appointed as the Chairperson of the PCI vide Gazette Notification dated 17th June, 2022.