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on

# "Jurisprudence of Conceptions in the Age of Disruption"

**Date:** Monday, 31 July 2017 | **Time:** 4:00 pm – 4:45 pm

**Venue:** T3, 75 Seater, North Side

O.P. Jindal Global University, Sonipat-131001



### **Dr. T. K. Viswanathan**

*Legal Consultant to the Hon'ble President of India, 2014 -2017*

*Former Secretary General, Lok Sabha, Parliament of India and*

*Former Union Law Secretary, Government of India;*

*Director (ADR), International Centre for Alternative Dispute Resolution, New Delhi*

Dr.T.K.Viswanathan is a legal luminary who has held various positions in the academia, Government of India and in Lok Sabha. During four decades of his career he has served as a lawyer, as a Professor of Jurisprudence and as Secretary to Government of India in the Ministry of Law & Justice and as Secretary General of Lok Sabha. He has drafted many important land mark legislations over the past two decades and the Government has immensely benefitted from his expertise in legislative drafting and in parliamentary and constitutional matters. The Information Technology Act 2000 which laid the basis for *Cyber Law* in India, the *Competition Act 2002* and the *Right to Information Act 2005* are three important landmark legislations worth mentioning which have laid the foundation for a new jurisprudence in the Indian legal framework. As the Chairman of the Bankruptcy Laws Reforms Committee 2014 he was responsible for drafting of the *Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code 2016* which is the most important economic reform next only to GST since independence. Dr. Viswanathan was awarded Padma Shri by the President of India in 2017.

Dr.T.K.Viswanathan was till recently Consultant to the President of India and presently the Director (ADR) in the International Centre for Alternative Dispute Resolution; Chairman of the Expert Committee to review the Cyber laws and the Information Technology Act 2000; and Member Independent Review Authority constituted under section 45(2) of the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act 1967.

Born on 14<sup>th</sup> October 1948, Dr.T.K.Viswanathan received his B.Sc, B.L and M.L Degrees from the University of Madras, PhD from the Indian Law Institute, Deemed University, New Delhi and D.Litt from the University of Mysore. He enrolled as Advocate at the Bar Council of Tamil Nadu in Nov 1972 and practiced as Advocate with Uttama Reddy & Co from 1972-76 in Corporate and Tax laws. He was a Professor, Madras Law College from 1976- 1988. Dr. Viswanathan joined Ministry of Law and Justice as Legislative Counsel in 1988. Dr.T.K.Viswanathan has expertise in legislative drafting and has undergone training in legislative drafting at the Institute of Advanced Legal Studies at the University of London. 1992. He was promoted as Secretary in the Ministry of Law and Justice and was posted as Member-Secretary of the Law Commission from 2000-2003 and as Secretary, Legislative Department from Oct. 2003 - Mar. 2006 and as Union Law Secretary from Apr.2006 – Oct. 2009 held concurrent charge of two Departments - Department of Legal Affairs and the Legislative Department between August 2008 till Oct 2009; he also was the Advisor in the Ministry of Law & Justice from Nov. 2009 - Sep. 2010; Secretary General Lok Sabha from Oct 2010- Sept 2013; Member of the Committee to Frame Guidelines on Government Advertising Campaigns constituted by the Supreme Court. As Law Secretary he led the Indian delegation to UNCITRAL from 2006-2010. As Secretary General, he was a member of the Parliamentary delegations accompanying the Speaker to Inter Parliamentary Union meetings and has visited Parliaments across the world.

Dr.T.K.Viswanathan is a Visiting Professor to the Indian Law Institute and has contributed many articles to legal journals and periodicals and has authored (i) *Legislative Drafting - Shaping the Law for the New Millennium*; and (ii) *Handbook on Arbitration, Mediation and other ADR Techniques*. He is Currently Editor of the International Centre for Alternative Dispute Resolution (ICADR) News Letter covering latest developments in the international commercial and investment arbitration.