

Jai Ram Reddy (Fiji)

Date and place of birth: 12 May 1937, Lautoka, Fiji

Education

Victoria University of Wellington, 1956-1960.

Legal qualification:

Barrister and Solicitor of the Supreme Court of New Zealand (admitted 1960).

Barrister and Solicitor of the High Court of Fiji (admitted April 1961).

Work experience

Legal experience

- 1958-1960 Law Clerk, Bell Gully & Co., Wellington.
 - 1961-1966 Staff Solicitor and Associate, A. D. Patel & Co., Nandi, Fiji.
 - 1966-1968 Crown Counsel, Crown Law Office, Suva (on contract).
 - 1968-1970 Principal Legal Officer, Crown Law Office, Lautoka, Fiji (on contract).
 - 1971-1988 Partner — Stuart Reddy & Co., Lautoka, Fiji.
 - 1988-1997 Sole practitioner, Lautoka, Fiji.
- Extensive experience in all facets of legal work, in the area of both litigation and conveyancing.
- Regular appearance in all courts and tribunals in Fiji in respect of both original and appellate jurisdictions.

Public service

- 1972-1976 Member of the Senate.
- 1977 First elected to the House of Representatives.
- 1977-1984 Leader of the National Federation Party and leader of the opposition in the House of Representatives (resigned in 1984).
- 1987
(April-May) Attorney General in the Bavadra Government.
- 1987 Member of the First Constitutional Review Committee established by the Governor General, Ratu Sir Penaia Ganilau (The Falvey Committee).
- Dr. Bavadra's nominee on Deuba Accord Committee, participant and signatory to the Accord.
- 1992
(February) Elected member of the House of Representatives (under 1990 Constitution).

1992-1999	Elected leader of the National Federation Party and leader of the opposition in the House of Representatives.
1995-1997	Member of the Joint Parliamentary Select Committee on the Review of the 1990 Constitution.
1997-1999	Member of the Joint Parliamentary Select Committee on the Agricultural Land and Tenants Act.
2000 (March-August)	President, Fiji Court of Appeal.
January 2002	Reappointed as President of the Fiji Court of Appeal.

Overseas conferences and meetings attended

1978	Member of the Fiji delegation to the European Economic Community/African, Caribbean and Pacific Group of States Council of Ministers meeting on sugar protocol negotiations.
1980	Visitor to the United States of America under the Government's Overseas Visitor programme (observing the United States election campaign).
1987	Member, Dr. Bavadra's delegation to the United Kingdom for talks with the Queen's Representative at Buckingham Palace.
1990	Delegate to the Global Convention of People of Indian Origin (GOPIO), New York.
1993	Visited Canberra as guest of the Australian Government.
1993	Visited London as guest of Hon. Goodladd Minister of State for the Commonwealth.
1994	Visited Wellington as guest of the New Zealand Government. Participant and contributor, Asia Foundation Workshop on Human Rights in Asia, Chang Mei, Thailand.
1995	Visited Delhi as guest of the Government of India on the occasion of Indian Republic Day Celebrations.
1998	Member of the Fiji delegation to the Commonwealth Heads of Government meeting, Edinburgh, Scotland.
1999	Joint Commonwealth/UNESCO Symposium, Paris: "Towards a Constructive Pluralism".

Honours and recognitions

1970	Fiji Independence Medal.
1990	Fiji Independence Anniversary Medal.
1990	GOPIO Award in recognition of political leadership (New York).
1998	Companion of the Order of Fiji.

Community service

1977-present	Honorary Legal Adviser to the TISI Sangam.
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