



## **Mrs Justice Abha Nayar Patel SC FCI Arb**

**Judge in charge of the Commercial Division at Kitwe High Court,  
appointed to the Bench of the Zambian Judiciary in 2019.**

Mrs Justice Patel holds a Bachelor of Laws degree from the University of Zambia and obtained a Master of Laws degree from the University of Cambridge in the United Kingdom. She was admitted to the Zambia Bar in 1989. She is admitted to the Roll of Solicitors of the Supreme Court of England & Wales.

She was conferred with the rank and status of State Counsel in 2016, making her, at the time, only the third female advocate to achieve this recognition. She was a prominent member of the Zambian Bar and was one of the first members of the Bar to be trained in ADR.

Mrs Justice Patel is a qualified Mediator, Arbitrator, Trainer of Mediators and heads the Court Annexed Mediation program. She has recently completed a refresher course with Edwards Mediation Academy of San Francisco, and a Trainer Program with the ADR Centre and Weinstein International Foundation.

She is a Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators UK, and an approved Tutor for the Institute. She is a founder member of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators, Zambia Branch, and is Member of the faculty in both Arbitration



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Mrs Justice Patel is an Accredited Mediator, for the Mediation Unit of the Office of the Ombudsman for United Nations Funds & Programmes.

In December 2018, as part of a fund-raising venture for charity, she climbed and summited Mount Kilimanjaro, the highest freestanding mountain in the World, achieving a summit height of 5,895 meters (19,341 feet) ASL.

She cherishes time with family, her dogs, supports charities of choice and has a passion for sport.