

Justice Vinod Chatterji Koul was born at Village Wanpoo, Erstwhile District Anantnag, Presently District Kulgam. He did his early schooling from Govt. School Srandoo and Govt. School Kanipora and further schooling from Govt. Hr. Secondary School, Anantnag. He did his Graduation (B.Sc.) from Govt. Degree College, Anantnag and LL.B. from Kashmir University, Srinagar in the year 1989. He migrated alongwith his parents and siblings to Jammu in January 1990 due to turmoil in Kashmir. He was enrolled as an Advocate with J&K Bar Council in 1990 and started practicing at High Court of J&K with Sr. Advocate Sh. Jaswant Singh Kotwal. He cleared the KCS (Judicial) Examination, 1993 and secured first position. He joined as Munsiff in 1995 and his first posting was as District Mobile Magistrate (Traffic), Udampur; wherefrom he was promoted as Sub Judge in 1997 and was posted as Sub Judge (Electricity Magistrate), Batote. He was posted as the very first Railway Magistrate, Jammu. He served as Sub Judge, Bhaderwah, Sub Judge Ramban, Municipal Magistrate, Jammu, Chief Judicial Magistrate, Udampur. He was also posted as Deputy Registrar, High Court of J&K wherefrom he was promoted as District and Sessions Judge in the year 2007 and posted as Addl. District & Sessions Judge, Kathua. As District and Sessions Judge, he served in various courts. He served as Addl. District & Sessions Judge, Kathua, 2nd Addl. District & Sessions Judge, Jammu, Addl. District & Sessions Judge, Udampur, Principal District & Sessions Judge, Anantnag, Principal District & Sessions Judge, Kathua, Special Judge Anti-Corruption (CBI Cases), Jammu. He has also served as Registrar Vigilance, High Court of J&K and Principal District & Sessions Judge, Jammu. Lastly, he was posted as Chairman, Sales Tax Appellate Tribunal, J&K, wherefrom he has been elevated as Permanent Judge, Common High Court for the Union Territory of J&K and Union Territory of Ladakh vide notification no. K.13021/02/2019-US.II dated 03.04.2020 of the Ministry of Law and Justice, Government of India and took oath of office on 7th of April, 2020.