Professor Ved Nanda Recognized by the President of India with High Civil Award

Denver Law’s International Law Founder Named One of Nine Recipients of India’s Prestigious Padma Bhushan Award

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The Government of India announced the list of Padma awardees January 27th, 2018. The Padma Awards are one of the highest civilian honors of India and are given in three categories: Padma Vibhushan (for exceptional and distinguished service), Padma Bhushan (distinguished service of higher order) and Padma Shri (distinguished service). The award seeks to recognize achievements in all fields of activities or disciplines where an element of public service is involved. The nominations are reviewed by the Padma Awards Committee and approved by the Prime Minister and President. The awards are presented by the President of India in March or April following the announcements.

Ved Nanda is one of nine distinguished recipients of this year’s Padma Bhushan, recognized for his distinguished service in Literature and Education. More than 15,700 nominations were submitted for the 2018 Padma Awards and of those, 28 were selected - 16 for Padma Shri, 9 for Padma Bhushan, and 3 for Padma Vibhushan.

Nanda has left his mark on his home country. In 2017, he was became an Honorary Professor at the University of Delhi School of Law, his alma mater; in 2012, he received the Global Organization of People of Indian Origin Biennial Special Award; 2011, the Pride of India Award presented by the Indian Council on International Cooperation; 2010, the Distinguished Scholarly Achievement Award from the International Academy of Law; 2009, the Indian Law Teachers Association Lifetime Best Teacher Award; in 2000, an Honorary Doctorate from the Bundelkhand University in Jhansi, India; and in 1996, the India Development Association Award.

Professor Nanda has taught at the University of Denver College of Law since 1965. He founded the International Legal Studies Program and the Denver Journal for International Law & Policy in 1971. He has authored or co-authored more than 25 books on international law and policy, in addition to over 210 chapters and major law review articles. In 2006 he was honored by Doug and Mary Scrivner with a founding gift to create the Ved Nanda Center for International and Comparative Law.

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