V.V. Ranganathan

V.V. Ranganathan (also known as Ranga) is a finance professional with over 40 years of variegated experience in India and overseas. He graduated in commerce in 1973 with a Gold Medal and later qualified as a Chartered accountant.

Ranga was a Senior Partner with Ernst & Young, one of the big four global firms. He served EY India during its crucial growth phase for ten years in various capacities. He was on the governing council of EY in India, was the Country Head for Quality & Risk Management (Q&RM) administering risk management practices and overseeing the quality of professional work and independence of the firm on regulatory matters, participating in the global regional board deliberations on Q&RM to formulate and implement critical risk management policies and its IT enablement as well as address the implications of emerging legal issues, working closely with the area head of Q&RM in London & the Global Vice Chairman for independence matters (New York) for worldwide compliance. Ranga as a partner of the firm, personally serviced and managed his own portfolio of large audit clients in EY which over a period included some of the global enterprises in India like American Express (Financial Resource Centre), Bank of America, New York Life, Becton Dickinson & Co., Whirlpool, Yamaha, YKK, Oracle, Xansa (now part of Steria), Keane (an NTT Data Company), Convergys, Mobil, IKEA to name a few. He worked closely with the Indian and the global boards and audit committees of some of these companies.

Mr Ranganathan took an early retirement from EY in 2006, to pursue matters closer to his heart while still involving himself in professional matters. Soon after leaving EY he co- founded and led a few start-up ventures (some social ventures too) and is still involved with those entrepreneurs in India and USA. He was also for a year in 2007, a senior advisor to TVS Capital Funds Limited, a fund that invests in entrepreneurial ventures.

Currently, he is: -
1. A member of The International Council for Commercial Arbitration based in The Hauge, Netherlands and
2. An independent director and Chairman of the Audit Committee and Nomination & Remuneration Committee of HIL Limited, a listed company with over twenty manufacturing facilities across India, Germany, and Austria
3. A member of a Conciliation Committee of Independent Experts – CCIE - (following the decisions of the Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs, Govt of India) constituted under the Arbitration & Conciliation Act 1996, to resolve large commercial disputes between the National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) and its concessionaires as well as for the Ministry of Road Transport & Highways
4. A Member of the Governing Board of Bharti Foundation (Airtel) a professionally managed not- for-profit enterprise that runs hundreds of schools in rural India.

Mr Ranganathan is a recipient of the prestigious Sankara Ratna Award in recognition of his sterling contribution and support to the famous charitable eye hospital Sankara Nethralaya in Chennai. This award was earlier conferred on Mr. Ratan Tata (Tata Sons) & Mr. A. M. Naik (L&T) and recently to Mr. Deepak Parekh (HDFC).

He is also a published author and writer. He edited the book Living with Laws with reviews from late Justice V.R. Krishna Iyer – Former Judge Supreme Court of India & the late Justice J.S. Verma, the former Chief Justice of India. He is the Co-Author of the book IN-SIGHT with a foreword from the former President of India Dr APJ Abdul Kalam. This book has reviews from N.R. Narayana Murthy, Dr Tatsuo Hirose of the Harvard Medical School & the film, media and cultural icon Rajinikanth. The book has also a commendation from another film, media and cultural icon, Amitabh Bachan. The entire proceeds of the book IN-SIGHT continue to support a charitable hospital for indigent patients. His third book Dhulian to Dilli with a review from Mr. James S. Turley, the former Chairman of Ernst & Young Global, also provides an insight into the world of professional accounting firms and how they work.