

## **Adjei, Dennis Dominic (Ghana)**

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### **Statement of qualifications**

I am a fifty-seven (57) year old Justice of the Court of Appeal, Ghana. I was appointed to the Court of Appeal on 7 July 2010. I hold a Master of Laws in Criminology and Criminal Justice, a Master of Judicial Studies, and an Executive Master in Public Administration. I lecture in criminal law and criminal procedure in various institutions in Ghana including the Judicial Training Institute of Ghana, University of Cape Coast Faculty of Law, and Kofi Annan Peace Keeping Centre. I also lecture International Migration Law in Masters in Justice and Security Administration in Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology, Kumasi-Ghana.

I am one of the few persons who have published extensively in criminal law and criminal procedure in Ghana. I have published two reference books on criminal procedure and criminal law in Ghana and are used by the bench, bar, academia, students, criminal justice institutions, and criminal justice practitioners. The books are described in my curriculum vitae which is attached to the application.

I combine judgeship with academia and in 2018 when the deanship of the Law Faculty of Ghana Institute of Management and Public Administration (GIMPA), a public university became vacant and was finding it difficult to get a law professor to assume office until a substantive appointment was made, the University Council wrote to the then Chief Justice; Justice Sophia Abena Boafoa Akuffo of Ghana to request me to act as an Honorific Dean which I did for one year six months.

I have served on several committees set up by the State and other identifiable bodies to revise aspects of criminal law and procedure in Ghana. I am one of the five judges constituted by the then Chief Justice of Ghana; Justice Georgina Theodora Wood to develop Ghana Sentencing Guidelines in 2013. I also served as one of the five judges appointed in 2018 by the then Chief Justice of Ghana; Justice Sophia Abena Boafoa Akuffo to produce Practice Direction (Disclosures and Case Management in Criminal Proceedings) to regulate criminal trials in Ghana. The document came into force in October 2018 and it is being used by the courts in Ghana.

I chaired the Criminal Law Review Committee in 2015 constituted by the Attorney-General and Minister of Justice to review the laws on corruption in Ghana.

I have delivered several decisions in criminal law and procedure and some of them are reported in the Ghana Law Reports and other respectable law reports in Ghana which are frequently cited by the courts.

I am a person of integrity and have held several judicial positions in Ghana and beyond. I was elected the first chairperson of the Africa Judicial Network on Environmental Law headquartered in Kenya in Johannesburg. In 2019, I was re-elected in Maputo at the Maputo Symposium for another term and will handover in October 2021.

I was appointed by the Sierra Leone Judiciary as its consultant 2016 to help in reforming criminal and civil laws in the country. I also chaired the First Sierra Leone Judicial Conference to reform its laws in 2016.

I was elected the President of the Association of Magistrates and Judges in Ghana (AMJG) in 2012 for two consecutive terms.

I am of the candid opinion that I qualify to be nominated as a member of the Advisory Committee on Nominations of Judges of the International Criminal Court. I am independent, objective and a person of integrity and therefore competent to hold the office for which I have applied.

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