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Statement of qualifications

Personal

Nationality: Kenyan

Gender: Female

Education

2008 Master of Arts in International Affairs (GMAP), Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy, Tufts University, Medford, MA, United States of America.

1974 Post graduate diploma in Legal Studies (Dip Laws), Kenya School of Law.

1973 Bachelor of Laws (LL.B), University of Nairobi, Kenya.

Professional qualifications: Advocate of the High Court of Kenya.

Judicial experience

2007 - 2008 Judge of the Court of Appeal of Kenya; exercising appellate jurisdiction in criminal and civil appeals and applications.

1983 - 2007 Judge of the High Court of Kenya; exercised both original and appellate jurisdiction in criminal appeals, including murder trials, civil, family and constitutional cases.

1980 - 1982 Senior Resident Magistrate; adjudicated criminal and family law cases.

1977 - 1980 Resident Magistrate; adjudicated criminal cases.

1974 - 1977 District Magistrate; adjudicated juvenile delinquency cases.

Judicial activities

2008 Vice-Chairperson of the Judicial Curriculum Review Committee to draw up curriculum for the newly established Judicial Training Institute.

2007 - 2008 Chairperson, Task Force on the Implementation of the Sexual Offences Act, 2006. Developed Regulations for use by courts, police investigators, prosecutors and medical personnel in sexual offences.

1998 - 2008 As senior judge of the High Court and now Court of Appeal, conduct training of judges and magistrates in the provisions of regional and international human rights instruments.

2000 - 2004 Judge, International Tribunal for Children's Rights, Canada, Great Britain and Bosnia and Herzegovina. Role included traveling to afflicted regions to interview children, governments and non-governmental organizations and

to collect views of children affected by war in Ireland and Great Britain. Prepared a report that was submitted to the International Bureau for Children's Rights in Ottawa, Canada.

- 2000 - 2005 Member, Judicial Training Committee. Facilitated the training of judges, magistrates and paralegals.
- 2000 - 2005 Chairperson, Committee on the Establishment of the Family Division of the High Court of Kenya. Developed rules for the operation of the division.
- 1985 - 2003 Member, Judicial Service Commission. Responsible for making recommendations to the President of Kenya on the appointment of judges.
- 1996 - 2000 Member, Task Force established by Kenya's Attorney General on Laws relating to Women with aim of reforming the laws. The Task Force prepared the Equality Bill and Family Protection Bill (Domestic Violence Protection Bill) for enactment into law.

Relevant experience

- 2003 - 2008 Vice Chair & member, United Nations Committee on the Rights of the Child, New York and Geneva. Responsible for consideration of State Party reports and making appropriate recommendations for action by States Parties.
- 2001 - 2005 Chair, African Union Committee of Experts on the Rights of the Child. Prepared rules of practice and procedure for the African Committee, including procedures for filing complaints to the African Committee by individuals or organizations. Prepared guidelines for initial reporting to the African Committee by Member States of the African Union.

Select conferences and papers

- 2002 "Protecting the Rights of Child Soldiers", key note address to the Great Lakes Conference organized by the Coalition to stop the use of child soldiers.
- 2004 "Securing the Rights of Children using Human Rights Principles", paper delivered at the Family Law Conference in Cape Town, South Africa, 2004.
- 2005 "A report on the fact-finding mission of the war torn northern Uganda", report prepared for the African Union after the mission to northern Uganda.
- 2006 "The Plight of Girls and Women in Africa", publication prepared and presented at the African Child Policy forum in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia.
- 2006 "Discrimination against Children in Africa", paper delivered at an international conference in Belfast, United Kingdom.
- 2007 "Children, HIV/AIDS and the Law", paper delivered at an International Conference of the YWCA Council in Nairobi, Kenya.

- 2008 “Practice Meets Policy and the Law: Implementation of Sexual Offences Act No. 3 of 2006 (Kenya)”, paper delivered at the 9th Biennial Conference of Women Judges in Panama City.
- 2008 “Recruitment and use of child soldiers in Uganda and Mozambique: A comparative analysis”, (GMAP) Masters Degree Thesis, Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy, Tufts University.
- 2008 Challenges in the Interpretation of the Constitution of Kenya and the Application of the Constitution (Supervisory Jurisdiction and Enforcement of the Fundamental Rights and Freedoms of the Individual) High Court Practice and Procedure Rules 2006, a paper presented at the 2008 Judges Annual Colloquium.

Related activities and positions held

- 2000 - 2006 Patron, Kenya Girl Guides Association. Prior to this, Chair of the Association for 6 years. Designed the 2002 “Peer Prevention Education Programme on HIV/AIDS for Girls and Young Women.” Project voted best overall at the 2002 World Aids Conference in Barcelona, and is now being used as a model in many countries.
- 2005 - 2008 Patron, Kenya Women Judges Association.
- 2008 Director, International Association of Women Judges, in Washington, D.C., elected by the African region at the 9th Biennial Conference in Panama City.

Special missions

- 2004 Undertook mission to Darfur, Sudan on behalf of the African Union and successfully negotiated with the Government of Sudan to ratify the African Charter to secure the Rights of Children.
- 2006 Undertook mission to the war-torn northern Uganda for a situation analysis of the effects of the 20 year old war on children and reported back to the African Union, for action.

Awards

- 2000 Recipient of the Elder of the Burning Spear (EBS) Award, a national honour bestowed by the President of the Republic of Kenya for human rights and humanitarian work.
- 2007 Recipient of the Judicial Certificate of Merit awarded by the Chief Justice of Kenya on the occasion of the first Judicial Open day.
- 2007 Recognition by the Children’s Parliament (Kenya) in conjunction with the African Network for the Prevention and Protection Against Child Abuse and Neglect (ANPPCAN) for championing the rights of children in Kenya and internationally.

Language and skills

- Fluent spoken and written English.
- Fluent spoken and written Kiswahili.
- Fluent spoken and written Dholuo (mother tongue).
- Basic French.
- Computer literate.
