

Statement of qualifications

Personal

Name: Justice Lombe P. Chibesakunda

Current position: Supreme Court Judge

Education

1969 Barrister at Law, Grays Inn, United Kingdom.

1991 Postgraduate diploma in International Law, Australian National University, Australia.

Work experience

1969 - 1977 State Advocate.

1972 - 1973 Attorney, private sector.

1973 - 1975 Solicitor General and Deputy Minister of Legal Affairs, Member of Parliament for Matero constituency.

1975 - 1977 Ambassador to Japan.

1977 - 1982 High Commissioner to the United Kingdom, Ambassador to the Holy See and the Netherlands.

1981 - 1986 Chairperson, Industrial Relations Court. Adjudicated in labour law cases and made awards as appropriate, deliberated employee-employer rights as per international labour conventions.

1986 - 1994 High Court Judge, Lusaka. Deliberated criminal law principles on arraignment, prima facie case, standard of proof, burden of proof, presumption of innocence, not guilty/guilty verdicts, rights of legal representation, rights of the accused under the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights; sentencing principles.

1994 - 1997 Judge in charge of Copperbelt, Luapula, Northern and North-Western Provinces. Presided over criminal and civil cases and supervised magistrates in the areas mentioned.

1997 Supreme Court Judge. The final Court of Appeal in Zambia for all cases in civil and criminal law, constitutional law, election petitions and family law cases, in particular, rights in criminal law, trial courts jurisdiction issues. The Supreme Court is also a Presidential Petitions Court of First Instance.

1997 - 2003 Chairperson of the Permanent Human Rights Commission. Monitored and implemented the Government's international human rights instruments, visited prisons and refugee camps in Zambia, advised the Government on domestication of international instruments.

- Took part in the drafting of United Nations periodical reports on the observance of international human rights standards.
- 1997 - present Judge of the Administrative Tribunal of the African Development Bank. Adjudicated administrative cases which involved international labour conventions administrative law.
- 2005 - present Vice-President of the Administrative Tribunal of the African Development Bank.
- 2005 - present Assessor of external examinations of the Zambia Institute of Advanced Legal Education (ZIALE), a law institution in charge of training lawyers before they come to the bar.

Main interests

Criminal law litigation interfaced with international human rights law principles; dealing with similar areas of criminal law and human rights law with emphasis on appellate and final pronouncements.

Other contributions

- 1974 - 1979 Leader of a delegation to conferences on the law of the sea hosted in Canada, Geneva, New York, Kampala and Caracas.
- 1975 Head of delegation to conferences on crime prevention and rehabilitation of offenders, Geneva, Switzerland, and New York, United States of America.
- 1979 Member of the senior government officials' preparatory meeting of Commonwealth Member States, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.
- 1979 Senior government official at the Commonwealth Heads of State meeting in Lusaka.
- 1979 Accompanied the Queen to Zambia to attend the Commonwealth Heads of State meeting.
- 1976 Participated in the Lomé III negotiations, Geneva, Switzerland.
- 1979 - 1980 Participated actively in the Lancaster House talks during which an agreement for the independence of Zimbabwe was reached.
- 1980 United Nations conference on gender issues.
- 1980 Steering Committee to create the Southern African Development Co-ordination Conference (SADCC), London.
- 1980 SADCC donor mobilization, Maputo.
- 1984 - 1988 Chief delegate to the United Nations Commission on the Status of Women, Vienna.

1985	United Nations Decade for Women conference in Nairobi.
1985	Contested the Secretary Generalship of POW in Luanda, Angola.
1986	Chairperson nuclear disarmament, Moscow.
1998	Attended a course on human rights at Lund University, Sweden.
2000	Attended the Human Rights Symposium in Beijing, China.
2003	United Nations regional meeting on the applicability of international instruments in domestic courts.
2003	United Nations Secretary General's Task Force on women, girls and HIV/AIDS.
2006	United Nations regional meeting on applicability of international instruments in the domestic courts.

Associations and societies

1970 - 1973	Chairperson, Social Action Programme in Lusaka, a non-governmental organization.
1979	Link, a non-governmental organization fostering South-South links. Member of the Shadow Board of the Standard Bank of South Africa (aimed at discouraging heavy investment in South Africa due to apartheid).
1994 - 1997	Member, Rotary Club.
1994 - 1997	Member, International Association of Women Judges.
2005 - present	President, Zambia Association of Women Judges.

Honours/rewards

1980	Award from Pope John Paul II (Pope Pius XIII award).
1988	Woman of the Year.
1996	Patron, Medical Women Association of Zambia (MWAZ).
1998	Woman of the Year.
1999	Ambassador of Peace.
2000	Nominated as one of the 500 eminent persons at the beginning of the twenty-first century.
2000	Patron to the Dental Association of Zambia.

Achievements

- 1969 First woman lawyer in Zambia.
- 1973 First woman Solicitor General in Zambia and Africa.
- 1975 First Zambian Ambassador to Japan.

Papers presented

- 1975 Law of the sea.
- 1979 Need for Zimbabwe to be independent.
- 1979 North-South dialogue.
- 1979 Apartheid.
- 1984 - 1988 Domestic violence, empowerment of women.
- 1986 - 1987 The future of non-alignment, Africa Centre, London.
- 1987 Role of non-governmental organizations, Ndola, Zambia.
- 1993 Independence of the judiciary.
- 1997 The role of the Permanent Human Rights Commission in democratic development in Zambia.
- 1998 The growth of human rights in Zambia.
- 1999 Criminal justice relating to refugees – with special emphasis on State interests.
- 1980 Copper prices.
- 2004 Keynote speaker at celebrations to mark the 40th anniversary of Zambian independence, Amsterdam, the Netherlands.