

Sock, Raymond Claudius (The Gambia)

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Curriculum vitae

Personal details

Name Raymond Claudius Sock
Date of birth 5 June 1946
Nationality Gambian

Present position

Supreme Court Judge/Director General, Gambia Law School

Membership of Professional and other Bodies

- Judicial Service Commission at various periods from 1985 to 2005
- Chairperson, Governing Board of the Institute for Human Rights and Development in Africa from 2000 to 2005
- Adviser to the African Centre for Democracy and Human Rights Studies
- Member of The Gambia Bar Association.

Education and professional training

March – December 1980	The Australia Legislative Drafting Institute Canberra, Australia Certificate (with citation) in Legislative Drafting
1975-1978	The Inns of Court School of Law and the Honourable Society of the Middle Temple, London, United Kingdom Barrister-at-Law (B.L. Honours)
1968-1970	The Pennsylvania State University, Pennsylvania, USA M.A. English Literature
1965-1968	Lewis and Clark College, Portland, Oregon, USA B.A. (Cum Laude) English

Summer 1966

Fordham University, Bronx, New York, USA
Certificate in Communications (Script Writing and
Radio Broadcasting)

Professional experience

April to present 2012

Judge, Supreme Court of The Gambia Adjudication

September 2011 to present 2012

Director General, The Gambia Law School,
Administration and Teaching/Lecturer

February 2011 to present 2012

Deputy Chairperson, Law Reform Commission, Reform
of the laws in accordance with the Law Reform Act

2011

Consultant, Judiciary/UNDP, Preparation of and training
on an Operational Manual for Registrars and Clerks of
Courts

2010 - 2011

Consultant, Judiciary/UNDP, Preparation of and training
on an Operational Manual for the Sheriff's Division of
the High Court.

2010

Consultant, Ministry of Justice/Alternative Dispute
Resolution Secretariat/UNDP, County-wide sensitization
on alternative dispute resolution and training of staff of
Pilot Regional Centres

2010

Consultant, Ministry of Justice/ Alternative Dispute
Resolution Secretariat/UNDP, Identifying and assessing
the gaps at the Alternative Dispute Resolution
Secretariat and its Pilot Regional Centres

2009 - 2010

Commissioner for Law Revision, Ministry of Justice,
Revision of the laws of The Gambia – 2009 Revised
Edition – consisting of 16 vols. Laws last revised in
1990

2009

Consultant, Judiciary of The Gambia, Drafting
Amendments to the Rules of the High Court to
accelerate Commencement Proceedings

2008

Consultant, Ministry of Justice, Preparation of Policy
Paper of the Ministry of Justice

2007

Consultant, ECOWAS, Contributing consultant to the
collation and preparation of a compendium of the
Business Laws of Non-OHADA States

March to September 2005

Attorney-General and Minister of Justice, Ministry of
Justice, Administration of Justice – oversight of allied
institutions

2000 - 2005	Solicitor –General and Legal Secretary, Ministry of Justice, Supervision of all the Divisions of the Attorney-General’s Chambers
1995 - 2000	Senior Partner, Sock and Bittaye Legal Practitioners, Private Practice in Civil and Criminal cases
1989 - 1995	Executive Director, African Centre for Democracy and Human Rights Studies, First Executive Director responsible for the establishment and operation of the core programmes of the Centre
1985 - 1989	Solicitor-General and Legal Secretary, Ministry of Justice, Supervision of all the Divisions of the Attorney-General’s Chambers
1984 - 1985	Registrar-General and Curator of Intestate Estates, Ministry of Justice, Registering deeds, businesses, companies and administration of intestate estates
1983 - 1984	Legal Draftsman, Ministry of Justice, Legislative drafting and attending sessions of Parliament
1980 - 1981	State Counsel Drafting Section, Ministry of Justice, Legislative drafting and attending sessions of Parliament
1973 - 1975	Assistant Secretary, Ministry of Agriculture and Natural Resources, General administration of the Ministry of Agriculture & Natural Resources
1972 -1973	English Master, Ministry of Education Armitage High School (Boarding School), Teaching English language and literature
1970 - 1972	English Instructor, Bidwell Cultural and Training Centre, Pittsburgh Pennsylvania Teaching English language and literature to adults in programme for employment by trade unions
Summer 1969	English Instructor Federal Program for Disadvantaged kids, Bronx, New York U.S. A., Remedial teaching and child motivation including visits to homes
1968 - 1970	Teaching Assistant, Pennsylvania State University, Teaching English to Freshmen and post-graduate students with English as a second language
Other activities	
1986	Observer at the First Commonwealth Judicial Conference held in Banjul, The Gambia
1988	Leader of the Gambian delegation to negotiate and initial the Headquarters Agreement for the African Commission on Human and Peoples’ Rights with the then O.A.U. Secretariat in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia.

24 April – 2 May 1989	Participant in training course on “Developing National Strategies and Mechanisms for the Protection and Promotion of Human Rights in Africa” held in Banjul and sponsored by United National Centre for Human Rights.
1 -2 June 1989	Participant in pilot training workshop on “Human Rights Training for Commonwealth Public Administrators” sponsored by the Human Rights Units of the Commonwealth Secretariat.
3 July - 4 August 1989	United Nations Human Rights Fellowship Programme tenable at the Centre for Human Rights, United Nations Office at Geneva and the International Institute for Human Rights, Strasbourg, France.
1990 - 1994	Observer at the sessions of the African Commission on Human and Peoples’ Rights.
8 – 12 July 1991	Observer at the United Nations Seminar on International Human Rights Standards and the Administration of Justice; co-sponsored by the African Commission; Cairo, Egypt.
29 November – 2 December 1991	Resource person at the Arab-African Seminar on Penal Justice and Penitentiary Reform, Tunis, Tunisia.
November 1993	Participant at the Fifth ICJ Workshop on NGO Participation in the African Commission during which I delivered a paper entitled “A Case for the Creation of an African Court of Human and Peoples’ Rights”.
January 1994	Participant at meeting of group of African Experts to Draft the Protocol for the Establishment of an African Court of Human and Peoples’ Rights, ICJ Geneva.
June 1995	Resource person at a Training Course on the Protection of Human Rights for Senior Military Officers from African Countries organised by the African Centre for Democracy and Human Rights Studies Banjul, The Gambia.
May 1998	Member of a four-man international delegation to Liberia under the International Commission of Jurists (ICJ) fact-finding mission on the Judiciary in Liberia.
January 2000	Participant in ECOWAS/ICRC Seminar on the International Criminal Court – Abidjan Cote D’Ivoire.

2 -3 November 2007

Representative of the African Centre for Democracy and Human Rights studies at “A Strategic Meeting on NGO’s Participation in the Human Rights Council; 2006-2007 Evaluation and Planning for 2008”, Sao Paulo, Brazil, organised by Connectas Human Rights in Partnership with the International Service for Human Rights (ISHR).

23 - 24 May 2012

Participant at a Colloquium on the Establishment of a National Human Rights Institution in Compliance the Paris Principles, sponsored by the Commonwealth Secretariat, Banjul, The Gambia.