

Personal

Date of birth: 10 June 1945 in Lyons, France
Nationality: French
Marital status: Married, three 3 children

Education

Sept. 1967 - Dec. 1969 Ecole Nationale de la Magistrature (French National School for the Judiciary)
Studied in Bordeaux, Lyons and Paris
Ranked 10th in the competitive entrance exam
Ranked 2nd on graduation

1968 One-year postgraduate diploma in private law
Faculty of Law, University of Lyons

1962 - 1966 Bachelor and Master of Public Law
Faculty of Law, University of Lyons
Upper second class honours

Judicial career and professional experience

March - May 2007 Acting First President of the Cour de Cassation (Supreme Court of Appeal)

Sept. 2000 - present President of the Criminal Chamber of the Supreme Court of Appeal
Comprising 40 judges with competence in all matters of criminal law and procedure

1995 - 2000 Counsel for the Prosecution to the Supreme Court of Appeal (Criminal Chamber)

1990 - 1995 Public Prosecutor to the Tribunal de Grande Instance de Paris (Paris District Court)
100 judges and over 300 government officials

May 1990 - Sept. 1990 Attorney General to the Versailles Court of Appeal

1984 - 1990 Director for Criminal Affairs and Pardons, Ministry of Justice
Drafting of legislative texts, especially in European and international criminal law, international mutual legal assistance in criminal matters, steering and supervision of the work of the attorneys general, and implementation of victim support policy for victims of criminal offences.

1983 - 1984 Deputy Director of Criminal Justice, Directorate of Criminal Affairs and Pardons, Ministry of Justice

1981 - 1983 Special Assistant to the Attorney General, Paris Court of Appeal, acting as Secretary-General of the Public Prosecutor's Department
Responsibility for the Attorney General's Office and the administration of the Public Prosecutor's Department

1980 - 1981 Special Assistant to the First President of the Supreme Court of Appeal
Judicial competence of the First President

1975 - 1980	Head of the Prosecution Bureau, Directorate of Criminal Affairs and Pardons, Ministry of Justice Responsibility for economic, financial and social crime
1973 - 1975	Deputy Public Prosecutor, Tribunal de Grande Instance de Lyon (Lyons District Court)
1970 - 1973	Magistrate to the Ministry of Justice, Head of the Office of the Director of Criminal Affairs and Pardons

Teaching assignments

2000 - 2007	Lectures (criminal procedure) at the French National School for the Judiciary (Paris)
1996 - 2000	President of the Jury tasked with assigning the capacity of criminal police officers to the student inspectors of the National Police Force (Ministry of the Interior)
1995 - 2000	Lecturer (criminal procedure) to members of the prefectorial corps (Ministry of the Interior)
1975 - 1980	Lectures to the French National School for the Judiciary (Bordeaux)
1970	Teaching Assistant in Criminology, Faculty of Law, University of Paris II

Missions and presentations abroad

November 1979	Rome. Speech at a seminar on combating corruption
December 1979	Syracuse. Action against economic and financial fraud
June 1986	Oslo. Representing Mr. Albin Chalandon, Keeper of the Seals, Minister of Justice, at the meeting of European Justice Ministers
March 1987	Montreal and Quebec. Information and exchange mission (Ministry of Justice; Quebec Bar)
January 1997	Moscow. Speech to the Bicentennial of the Public Prosecutor's Department
July 1997	Saint Petersburg. Speech at a meeting of public prosecutors (Council of Europe)
April 2000:	Beirut. Speech on the Honour of the Judge at the University of Kaslik
8-10 February 2002	Vienna. Working meeting with the Austrian Supreme Court
1-5 December 2003	Beirut. Mission to the Supreme Court of Appeal of Lebanon (appeal selection methods and repeal technique)
11 January 2005	Rome. Interviews with the heads of the Italian Supreme Court of Appeal and Higher Judicial Council
10-11 February 2006	The Hague. Working session at the International Criminal Court

24-26 April 2006

Ottawa. Supreme Court of Canada. Speech on combating terrorism

Hosting foreign delegations and working sessions at the Supreme Court of Appeal

2000 - 2007: with delegations from Algeria, Austria, Benin, Bulgaria, Burkina Faso, Cameroon, Côte d'Ivoire, Japan, Lithuania, Mali, Morocco, the Netherlands, Poland, Senegal, Spain and the Ukraine.

Speeches / seminars / conferences

Various speeches to seminars and conferences on points of criminal law and procedure at the French Senate, the faculties of law in Paris and Lyons, the Paris Barrister School, business schools (HEC School of Management), the French Naval Academy, etc.

Honours and decorations

Commander of the Legion of Honour (Decree of April 2005)

Commander of the French National Order of Merit (Decree of March 2001)

Knight of the Order of Agricultural Merit (December 1979)

Penitentiary Medal

Languages

French (mother tongue)

English

Associations

Among others, member of the 'Paris Aide aux Victimes' association (victim support association for victims of criminal offences)

Appendix

Details of Bruno Cotte's responsibilities in keeping with the areas of jurisdiction of the International Criminal Court

(1) As Director for Criminal Affairs and Pardons at the Ministry of Justice, one of Mr. Cotte's main responsibilities was to manage mutual legal assistance in criminal matters at an international level.

He also contributed to the drafting of Title I of the new French Penal Code on crimes against humanity.

As part of his prosecution duties, Mr. Cotte worked on the case against Klaus Barbie for crimes against humanity, during both the preliminary investigation and the preparations for the trial and debates before the Rhône cour d'assises (criminal court). He also worked on the cases against René Bousquet, Paul Touvier and Maurice Papon, also for crimes against humanity. In this latter case, Mr. Cotte was led to file pleadings at the criminal chamber hearing when it examined the appeal against the judgment of the Gironde criminal court sentencing Mr. Papon to imprisonment.

During the same period, the Directorate of Criminal Affairs and Pardons designed, implemented and developed a proactive victim support policy for victims of criminal offences, ranging from improving the compensation procedures through to developing a victim support system to assist victims, provide psychological counselling and material guidance, and help them through the legal procedures.

(2) As Paris Public Prosecutor, in the top public prosecutor's department in France for the number of judges and government officials in exercise and the number, importance and seriousness of the proceedings handled, Mr. Cotte dealt with cases with international ramifications (whether common law offences, economic and financial fraud, or terrorism cases).

(3) As Counsel for the Prosecution and then President of the Criminal Chamber of the Supreme Court of Appeal, which handles all criminal litigation, Mr. Cotte handled international criminal law cases (including questions of French court jurisdiction relating to offences committed off French soil) and litigation relating to extradition law, the European arrest warrant and crimes against persons, including offences of a sexual nature.

At the Supreme Court of Appeal, he developed contacts with numerous foreign delegations comprising judges from different countries.
