

## Statement of qualifications

### Personal

Date of birth: 13 November 1950, Antananarivo, Madagascar

Nationality: Malagasy (Republic of Madagascar)

### Education

1971 - 1975 Master's degree in Law, Faculty of Law, University of Antananarivo.

1973 - 1975 Diploma from the Institut d'Etudes Judiciaires, Faculty of Law, University of Antananarivo.

### Professional experience

Since September 2006 Chamber's Presiding Judge at the Supreme Court of Madagascar; Criminal and civil matters

November 2003 - March 2006 Judge at the International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia (ICTY) in case N° IT-01-47-T (*Prosecutor v. Enver Hadzihanovic and Amir Kubura*).

August 2005 Re-elected on 24 August 2005 by the United Nations General Assembly as ad litem judge of the ICTY for a four-year term (24 August 2005 - 23 August 2009).

June 2002 - March 2003 Director of Studies and External Relations, Ministry of Justice (MINJU).

June 2001 Elected at the fifty-fifth session of the United Nations General Assembly as ad litem judge of the ICTY for a four-year term (12 June 2001 - 11 June 2005).

January 1991 - May 2002 Counsellor at the Supreme Court of Madagascar; elected by the National Assembly to the Supervision Section of the Supreme Court as judge responsible for supervision of Trial Courts and Appeal Courts.

1985 - 1990 Counsellor at the Court of Appeal of Antananarivo, responsible for hearing appeals from judgments in criminal, correctional and civil matters;

President of the Ordinary Criminal Court.

1978 - 1981 Judge and examining magistrate at the Section of the Ambositra Tribunal: magistrate responsible for investigating blood crimes, grand larcenies, killings, etc., and judge assigned to criminal, correctional and civil cases.

1976 - 1978 Deputy Public Prosecutor, Tribunal de première instance, Diego Suarez.

## **Other professional activities**

- Since 2002 Member of the non-governmental organization “Comité national malgache pour la défense des droits de l’homme” (CNMDDH) [Madagascar National Committee for the Protection of Human Rights].
- Since 2000 Member of the African League for Human and Peoples’ Rights.
- 2000 Collaborated with the consultant for the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) in drafting the joint Programme Review, “Approche des droits de l’Homme” [Approach to Human Rights].
- Collaborated with the UNICEF consultant in drafting the report on the World Summit for Children (Madagascar).
- Since 1998 Member of the Working Group for the Promotion of Human Rights (United States Embassy in Madagascar).
- 1997 Member of the team responsible for the project, “Humanization of pre-trial detention” (2497 out of 3000 detainees who had spent more than 5 years in detention awaiting trial were brought to trial).
- 1993 - 1996 Advisory member of the Board of the Madagascar Judges’ Association (SMM).
- 1992 Expert member of the Drafting Committee for the Madagascar Constitution.
- 1985 - 1986 Tutor in Civil Law at the University of Antananarivo.

## **Conferences and workshops**

- 2005 Conference to mark the publication of the study by the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) on “Customary International Humanitarian Law” (The Hague, May 2005).
- 2002 Training workshop for trainers on the Law and HIV/AIDS.
- 2001 Joint Organization of African Unity (OAU)/Civil Society conference: “Development of partnership to promote peace and development in Africa” (Addis Ababa).
- 2000 “The Fight against corruption” (Speaker);  
“Human Rights and Christianity” (Speaker).
- 1998 National conference on “A strategy for valorization of the judging function”.
- 1996 Workshop on women jurists.  
Workshop on defence rights; the role of advocates.

## **Training courses**

- 2007 Judges' further training programme: "Insurance Problems - Compensation for Traffic Accident Victims", National Institute for Judges and Registrars (Antananarivo).
- 2002 "A Criminal Justice System for Drug-related Activities in Eastern and Southern Africa", course organized by the United Nations Office for Drug Control and Crime Prevention (UNODCCP), 7 - 11 October 2002 (Pretoria, South Africa).
- 2001 "Human Rights", course organized by the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (Antananarivo).
- 2000 The Rights of Refugees - course organized by the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) (Antananarivo).
- The Cassation Chamber of the Supreme Court and Techniques of Review.
- Court Inspection.
- Training for Judges' Trainers.
- 1999 "The Fight against Drugs and Drug Addiction", Department for International Technical Police Cooperation of the French Ministry of the Interior (Embassy of France in Madagascar).
- "Legal Aspects of Peace Operations", United States Defense Institute of International Legal Studies.
- Human Rights and Management.

## **Publications and articles**

- 2001 The Role of International Courts in the Establishment of Legal Responsibility and the Institution of the Rule of Law.
- 2000 The Fight against Corruption.

## **Awards**

- 2007 *Commandeur de l'Ordre National.*
- 2004 Great Woman of the 21<sup>st</sup> Century, awarded by the American Biographical Institute (ABI).
- 2001 *Officier de l'Ordre National.*
- 1996 *Chevalier de l'Ordre National.*

## **Languages**

- Malagasy - mother tongue;
- French - fluent, both spoken and written;
- English - good working knowledge.

## **Computer skills**

- Windows and Word Perfect.

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