

Statement of qualifications

Statement submitted in accordance with article 36, paragraph 4 (a), of the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court and paragraph 6 of the resolution of the Assembly of States Parties on the procedure for the nomination and election of judges of the Court (ICC-ASP/3/Res.6).

Judge Morrison is exceptionally well qualified to sit as a judge of the International Criminal Court, having extensive judicial experience and expertise in the field of international criminal justice. As a highly respected judge at the International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia, he is currently assigned to the trial of Radovan Karadzic. Prior to this, he represented defendants in a number of high profile cases before the United Nations Tribunals for the former Yugoslavia and Rwanda; these included the Celebici appeal, and the Dragan Nikolic and Justin Mugenzi cases. Judge Morrison was also a founding member of the original Defence Counsel Association at the Yugoslavia tribunal and an active participant in the Rules Committee. His broad first-hand experience, in-depth knowledge of international criminal law issues and proven ability to work effectively with colleagues from both civil and common law jurisdictions are all highly relevant to the work of the International Criminal Court.

Judge Morrison has 21 years of extensive judicial experience in across a range of jurisdictions, both at the national and international level.

Judge Morrison is an internationally recognised expert on international criminal, humanitarian and human rights law, and has spoken and lectured at many universities and conferences around the world, including in Australia, Croatia, Dubai, Egypt, Germany, Italy, Jordan, the Netherlands and the United States. He holds a number of visiting lectureships and has written on issues of international criminal law. He has a longstanding connection with the International Criminal Court, having attended Preparatory Commissions on the Rome Statute on behalf the International Defence Attorneys Association. He has also worked extensively in the Middle East on international law issues.
