

CURRICULUM VITAE

FAMILY NAME: SOCK

FIRST NAME: RAYMOND

MIDDLE NAME: CLAUDIUS

GENDER: MALE

DATE OF BIRTH: 5TH JUNE, 1946

NATIONALITY: GAMBIAN

REGIONAL

CRITERIA: AFRICA

MARITAL STATUS: MARRIED

NOMINATED UNDER: LIST A

LANGUAGES: ENGLISH –WRITTEN/ SPOKEN:

EXCELLENT

EDUCATIONAL QUALIFICATIONS

03/1980 – 12/ 1980

Institution – The Australian Legislative Drafting Institute, Canberra, Australia

Qualification – Certificate (With Citation) In Legislative Drafting

1975 -1978

Institution – The Inns of Court School of Law and the Honourable Society of the Middle Temple, London

Qualification – Of the Inns of Court School of Law and of the Middle Temple Barrister at Law (2:2)

1968 – 1970

Institution – The Pennsylvania State University, PA.USA

Qualification – M.A. English Literature

1965 – 1968

Institution – Lewis and Clark College, Portland, Oregon, USA

Qualification – B.A. (cum Laude) English

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

2012 – Present

Employer – The Judiciary of The Gambia

Post title – Justice of the Supreme Court

Other information – As the apex court, the Supreme Court hears appeals in both civil and criminal matters (including treason, murder and rape) and references on the constitution of The Gambia.

06/2013 -01/2014

Employer – the Judiciary of The Gambia

Post title – Acting Chief Justice of The Gambia

Other information – During this brief period, I was a Justice of the Supreme Court, Acting Chief Justice, Director General of The Gambia Law School, and a member of The ACN (ICC).

2012 – 2017

Employer – General Legal Council/ The Gambia Law School

Post title – Director General

Other information – As first Director General, responsible for developing the Barrister – at – Law (BL) professional programme and lectured, inter alia , on the law of evidence

2012 – 2015

(Employer) – International Criminal Court (ICC) the Hague

(Post title) – Member, Advisory Committee on Nomination of Judges

Other information – Honoured to have served as a member of the inaugural committee (ACN)

02/ 2009 – 09/2009

Employer– Ministry of Justice

Post title – Commissioner for Law Revision

Other information – Prepared the Revised Laws of The Gambia, 2009, consisting of 18 vols. The laws were last revised in 1990.

03/ 2005 – 09/2005

Employer – Government of The Gambia

Post title – Attorney General and Minister of Justice

Other information – Principal legal adviser to government ministries, responsible for administration of chambers and oversight of allied institutions.

2000 – 2005

Employer – Ministry of Justice

Post title – Solicitor General and Legal Secretary

Other information –Responsible for supervision of all the divisions of the Attorney General's Chambers, including the office of the Director of Public Prosecution (DPP)

1995 – 2000

Employer – Sock and Bittaye Legal Practitioners

Post title – Senior Partner

Other information –Private practice in civil and criminal cases, including the defence of persons accused of treason

1989 – 1995

Employer – Government of The Gambia

Post title – Executive Director, African Centre for Democracy and Human Rights Studies (ACDHRS)

Other information –First Executive Director responsible for the establishment and operation of the core programmes of the Centre, a regional institute, and animator in various human rights workshops

1985 – 1989

Employer – Ministry of Justice

Post title – Solicitor General and Legal Secretary

Other information –Supervision of all the Divisions of the Attorney General's Chambers, including the Office of the Director of Public Prosecution, and prosecution of civil and criminal cases.

1984 – 1985

Employer – Ministry of Justice

Post title –Registrar General and Curator of Intestate Estates

Other information – Registration of deeds, businesses and companies, and administration of intestate estates.

1983 – 1984

Employer – Ministry of Justice

Post title –Legal Draftsman, Drafting Division

Other information – Legislative drafting for all ministries, attending sessions of Parliament, court attendance

1980 – 1981

Employer – Ministry of Justice

Post title –State Counsel, Drafting Division

Other information – Legislative drafting, court attendance for civil and criminal cases.

OTHER PROFESSIONAL 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.

24/04/1989 – 2/05/1989

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 the United Nations Centre for Human Rights.

06/1989

Participant in pilot training workshop on "Human Rights Training for Commonwealth Public Administrators" sponsored by the Human Rights Unit of the Commonwealth Secretariat.

03/07/1989 – 04/08/1989

United Nation Human Rights Fellowship Programme tenable at the Centre for Human Rights, United Nations Office at Geneva and The International Institute for Human Rights in Strasbourg, France.

08/07/1991 –12/07/1991

Observer at the United Nations Seminar on International Human Rights Standards and the Administration of Justice, co –sponsored by the African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights in Cairo Egypt.

1990 – 1994

Observer at the open sessions of the African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights and participant/organizer of workshops on NGO Participation in the work of the African Commission

29/11/1991 -02/12/1991

Resource Person at the Arab –African Seminar on Penal Justice and Penitentiary Reform, Tunis, Tunisia, during which I delivered a paper on "The Conditions of Prisons in Africa."

6/1993

Participant at the United Nations World Conference on Human Rights, Vienna, Austria, as Executive Director of the African Centre for Democracy and Human Rights Studies.

11/1993

Participant at the fifth ICJ/African Centre (ACDHRS) 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' Right."

01/1994

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 Office, Geneva.

11/1994

Participant at the Fifth African Regional Conference on Women, Dakar, Senegal

06/1995

Resource person at a training course on the Protection of Human Rights for Senior Military Officers from African Countries organized by the African Centre for Democracy and Human Rights Studies, Banjul, The Gambia.

05/1998

Member of a four – man international delegation to Liberia under the International Commission of Jurist (ICJ) fact – finding mission on the Judiciary in Liberia following the civil war.

1998 – 2005

First Executive Chairman of the Board of the Institute for Human Rights and Development in Africa (IHRDA), a Pan African human rights organization based in Banjul, The Gambia, the seat of the African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights. The Institute works to strengthen human rights protection in Africa through, inter alia, providing pro bono legal counsel and conducting training

01/2000

Participant in ECOWAS – ICRC Seminar on the International Criminal Court in Abidjan, Cote D'Ivoire.

01/04/2001 -07/04/2001

Leader of a Gambian delegation to Accra, Ghana, to observe the activities of the Ghana National Children's Commission, under the auspices of UNICEF.

02/11/2007 – 03/11/2007

Representative of the African Centre for Democracy AND Human Rights studies at "A Strategic Meeting on NGOS' Participation in the Human Rights Council; 2006 - 2007 evaluation; and planning for 2008," Sao Paulo, Brazil, organized by Connectas Human Rights in partnership with the International Service for Human Rights (ISHR)

23/04/2012 -24/04/2012

Participant at a Colloquium on the Establishment of a National Human Rights Institution in Compliance with the Paris Principles, sponsored by the Commonwealth Secretariat Banjul, The Gambia. A National Human Rights Commission was established in 2018.

MOST RELEVANT SEMINARS

2018

Resource person in a workshop on Women's Rights in Africa organized by the Institute for Human Rights and Development in Africa (IHRDA) for Judges and Magistrates.

20/03/2018 -22/03/2018

Participant in the Commonwealth Magistrates' and Judges' Association Training Course on "Case Management, Judicial Ethics and Independence" sponsored by the British Government, Banjul, The Gambia.

16/02/2019 – 18/02/2019

Participant in the Third Cairo High Level Meeting of the Chief Justices and Presidents of The African Constitutional and Supreme Courts and Constitutional Councils, Cairo, Egypt.

MEMBERSHIP OF PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS AND SOCIETIES

The Gambia Bar Association

The Gambia Judges Association

AWARDS AND HONOURS

Honour: Officer of The National Order of The Republic of The Gambia (ORG)