

ICC Judicial Nomination – Model curriculum vitae

FAMILY NAME:	SAMBA	
FIRST NAME:	Miatta	
MIDDLE NAME:	Maria	
GENDER:	Female	
DATE OF BIRTH:	3 October 1971	
NATIONALITY:	Sierra Leonean	
REGIONAL CRITERIA:	Africa	
SECONDARY NATIONALITY: (IF APPLICABLE)	None	
MARITAL STATUS:	Married	
LIST A/LIST B	List A	
LANGUAGES	Mother tongue: English	
- ENGLISH	(written) Advanced	(oral) Advanced
- FRENCH	(written) Basic	(oral) Basic
- OTHERS	: (written) Please select >>	(oral) Please select >>
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EDUCATIONAL QUALIFICATIONS: <i>Date, institution, qualification(s) obtained (starting with most recent)</i> <i>- Please copy/paste if more entries are needed</i>		
Jan 2013 - Jan 2014		
- <i>Institution:</i>	Centre for Energy, Petroleum and Mining Law and Policy, University of Dundee, Scotland, United Kingdom	
- <i>Qualification(s) obtained:</i>	Master of Laws (LL.M) in Petroleum Law and Policy (with Distinction)	
Jan 2001 - Dec 2001		
- <i>Institution:</i>	Centre for Human Rights, University of Pretoria, Pretoria, South Africa	
- <i>Qualification(s) obtained:</i>	Master of Laws (LL.M) in Human Rights and Democratisation in Africa	
Sept 1998 - Jul 1999		
- <i>Institution:</i>	Sierra Leone Law School, Freetown, Sierra Leone	
- <i>Qualification(s) obtained:</i>	Degree of Utter Barrister (BL), (Second Class Upper)	

Oct 1993 - Jul 1998

- *Institution:* Fourah Bay College, University of Sierra Leone, Freetown, Sierra Leone
- *Qualification(s) obtained:* Bachelor of Laws (LL.B), with Honours (Second Class)

Oct 1992 - Jul 1998 -

- *Institution:* Fourah Bay College, University of Sierra Leone, Freetown, Sierra Leone
- *Qualification(s) obtained:* Bachelor of Arts (BA), (First Division)

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE: Date, employer, post title, other information (starting with most recent)

- Please copy/paste if more entries are needed

- Please indicate the relevance of the experience to the candidacy under list A or list B, as appropriate

Jan 2020 - To date

- *Employer:* Residual Special Court for Sierra Leone (RSCSL)
- *Post title:* Judge
- *Other information:* The Residual Special Court for Sierra Leone is established by an agreement between the Government of Sierra Leone and the United Nations with a mandate to carry out the functions of the Special Court for Sierra Leone which had jurisdiction to try those who bore the greatest responsibility for atrocity crimes committed in Sierra Leone. The RSCSL carries out residual judicial functions including supervising enforcement of sentences; review convictions and early releases and acquittals and conduct contempt of court proceedings.

Aug 2015 - To date

- *Employer:* Judiciary of the Republic of Sierra Leone
- *Post title:* Judge of the High Court, and from 2019 Justice of the Court of Appeal
- *Other information:* The High Court is the first instance court of Superior Judicature in Sierra Leone, and has jurisdiction to try both civil and criminal matters, including sexual offences, fraud and other serious and complex felonies. The Court of Appeal is part of the courts of Superior Judicature in Sierra Leone, and have jurisdiction to hear and determine appeals from any judgement or decree or order of the High Court on both criminal and civil matters. As part of a panel (3) or a sole judge, I hear and determine complex and serious criminal law appeals including corrupt acts, fraud, murder and sexual offences. Further, as part of a panel, have heard and determined Supreme Court (the constitutional and final court of appeal in and for Sierra Leone) cases, upon request by the Chief Justice of the Republic of Sierra Leone.

Oct 2010 - Jun 2015

- *Employer:* The Anti-Corruption Commission of Sierra Leone
- *Post title:* Prosecutor
- *Other information:* Led the prosecution of a sitting Mayor of Freetown in the State vs Herbert Akieremi George-Williams and Others (2012) for misappropriation of public

funds; prosecuted Presidential appointee/head of government agency of the Attitudinal and Behavioural Change also for misappropriation of public funds, abuse of office in the matter of the State vs Philip Conteh, Lansana Zanto Kamara and Alieu Badara Kamara among other cases.

Oct 2010 - Jun 2015

- *Employer:* The International Criminal Court
- *Post title:* Field Operations Officer, Office of the Prosecutor Field Office in Uganda
- *Other information:* Worked on the Uganda Situation, managed and maintained data base on prosecution witnesses mostly in Northern Uganda; conducted risk assessments, liaised with critical stakeholders and community heads; and provided assistance to investigators from the Office of the Prosecutor on field missions to Kenya, Tanzania and Uganda.

Oct 2002 - Oct 2010

- *Employer:* The Special Court for Sierra Leone (SCSL)
- *Post title:* Associate Trial Attorney
- *Other information:* In the capacity as Associate Trial Attorney, provided prosecutorial assistance, acted as Witness Management Coordinator and Investigator. As part of the prosecution team in the State v Hinga Norman, Alieu Kondowa and Molnina Fofana, I analyzed and assessed prosecution witness statements, led and re-examined witnesses in court. As Witness Management Coordinator, prepared list of all prosecution witnesses on the Witness Management Data Base; managed and maintained all prosecution witnesses in and outside Sierra Leone for prosecution of the Civil Defence Force (CDF), Armed Forces Revolutionary Council (AFRC) and Revolutionary United Front (RUF) indictees; maintained contacts with all prosecution witnesses; performed risk assessment and advised on possible relocation when necessary. Investigated and liaised with third parties in the investigation of alleged war crimes and crimes against humanity committed during the civil war in Sierra Leone in the CDF, AFRC and RUF cases at the SCSL.

OTHER PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES:*- Please copy/paste if more entries are needed***Sept 2018 to date**

- *Activity:* Chairperson, Legal Aid Board of Sierra Leone, established by an Act of Parliament in 2012 with the responsibility to provide free legal aid services for the poor including legal representation, advise, assistance, legal and community based outreach, and alternative dispute resolution.

Jun 2017

- *Activity:* Lecturer - criminal law at the University of Sierra Leone

Oct 2003 - Jun 2006

- *Activity:* Lecturer - contract law at the University of Sierra Leone

May 2002

- *Activity:* Human Rights Advocacy - consulted for Campaign for Good Governance: drafted and filed communication with the African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights for violations of refugee rights of Sierra Leonean refugees in Libya in 2000.

Jan 2002

- *Activity:* Human Rights Advocacy - Institute for Human Rights and Development-Gambia: led a team of investigators in the investigation of alleged refugee rights violations of Sierra Leonean refugees in Guinea; and filed communication with the African Commission for Human and Peoples' Rights in respect of our findings.

Nov 1999 - Aug 2015

- *Activity:* Pioneered and provided human rights pro-bono services for the organization - Legal Access through Women Yearning for Equality Rights and Social Justice (L.A.W.Y.E.R.S) – established in February 1997, in the height of the civil conflict in Sierra Leone, with the objective of using the law to protect and promote the rights of women and girls in Sierra Leone. L.A.W.Y.E.R.S provide legal advice and court representation for free to women and girls on a range of matters including sexual and domestic violence.

MOST RELEVANT PUBLICATIONS

'An Analysis of Human Rights Treaties Applicable in Sierra Leone' (unpublished, Justice Sector Development Programme, 2007);

'Commentary on Human Rights Treaties Signed and/or Ratified by Sierra Leone' (unpublished, Justice Sector Development Programme, 2006);

MOST RELEVANT SEMINARS

'The Crucial Role of International Criminal Justice in Achieving Sustainable Development Goal 16' (International Day for Justice side-event presentation, United Nations, New York, 17 July 2019);

'Sexual and Gender Based Violence in our Community - the Role of L.A.W.Y.E.R.S in Curbing Impunity and Ensuring Justice for Victims, Freetown, 1 October 2015);

'The Anti-Corruption Act 2008 and the United Nations Convention against Corruption' (Sierra Leone Armed

Forces Training presentation, Benguema Military Barracks, 18 September 2012);

'Prosecuting the Use of Child Soldiers and Violence against Women' Office of the Prosecutor; Special Court for Sierra Leone; 26 April 2006);

'Child Recruitment – a War Crime" – (14th Annual Human Rights Conference, Johannesburg, 9 September 2005);

'Women's Rights under International and Regional Instruments' (Campaign for Good Governance for Human Rights Training Workshop for Field Officers, Freetown, 5 May 2004);

'The Special Court for Sierra Leone: Issues of Impunity, Accountability and Deterrence' (Campaign for Good Governance, Freetown, July 2002).

MEMBERSHIP OF PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS AND SOCIETIES

1. International Association of Female Judges.
2. Commonwealth Magistrates and Judges
3. Member of DEFLOSACS Company-a charitable organisation in Sierra Leone

AWARDS AND HONOURS

The Source Newspaper (Sierra Leone) 2019 Award for Dilligent Service

PERSONAL INTERESTS

Performing arts

Literature

OTHER RELEVANT FACTS