

**CURRICULUM VITAE**  
**Dr. Erkki Kourula,**  
**Judge, International Criminal Court (ICC)**

**Date of birth** 12 June 1948

**Marital Status** Married to Dr. Pirkko Kourula, with two children

**Languages** Finnish, English, French, Russian, Swedish and German, as well as comprehension of Spanish and Dutch

**Education and qualifications** PhD in International Law (Oxford)  
LL.Lic. (Helsinki)  
LL.M. (Helsinki)

Qualification for appointment to highest judicial offices

**Professional experience**

Judge, International Criminal Court (Appeals Division) (2003-)

Director General for Legal Affairs, Ambassador, Ministry for Foreign Affairs (2002-2003)

Ambassador, Permanent Representative of Finland to the Council of Europe, Strasbourg (1998-2002)

Deputy Director General for Legal Affairs, Ambassador, Ministry for Foreign Affairs (1995-1998)

Minister Counsellor and Legal Advisor, Permanent Mission of Finland to the United Nations, New York (1991-1995)

Director, International Law Division, Ministry for Foreign Affairs (1989-1991)

Counsellor and Legal Adviser, Ministry for Foreign Affairs (1986-1989)

Various research posts in the fields of international, constitutional and administrative law (University of Helsinki, University of Oxford, Academy of Finland and United Nations, Geneva, 1972-1982, 1984-85)

Professor of International Law, University of Lapland, Rovaniemi (1982-83)

District Judge (1979)

## **Judge at the International Criminal Court**

Elected as a judge of the International Criminal Court at the first elections, February 2003;

Assigned to the Appeals Division;

Called to serve full-time at the International Criminal Court from November 2003 and been actively involved in many issues since;

Devoted a large amount of time to the preparation of the Regulations of the Court and served as chairperson of the judges' drafting and working group; was involved in both the preparation of a Report on the Regulations for the Assembly of States Parties and was one of the four judges making a presentation on the Regulations to the Assembly of States Parties in September 2004;

Has been elected by the Appeals Division to serve as the Appeals Division Judge on the Advisory Committee on Legal Texts;

Has also served as coordinator for victims' issues among the judges, an area of great importance; has actively contributed to outreach on behalf of the Court at The Hague and abroad (representing e.g. the President at the Inter-Parliamentary Union meeting in Manila earlier this year, in addition to presentations in Tokyo, Prague, Stockholm, Kyiv, Helsinki, Rome, Oslo and Paris);

Has been an energetic member of various important working groups and has generally been vigorously concerned to ensure that issues that must be considered are considered. Actively contributes to all issues that arise and must be dealt with within the judiciary (another example being the Code of Judicial Ethics) and the Appeals Division and plays an energetic role in important ongoing projects.

## **Other legal functions**

Agent of the Government of Finland before the European Court of Human Rights (Strasbourg) (2002-2003)

Agent of the Government of Finland before the European Court of Justice (Luxembourg) (2002-2003)

## **Committees, Conferences and Missions**

Head of the Finnish delegation to the Preparatory Committee and head of the Finnish delegation to the UN Diplomatic Conference (in Rome) on the Establishment of an International Criminal Court (member of the enlarged bureau and coordinator for jurisdictional issues) (1994-1998)

Chair of a working group for the establishment of the ICC (Syracusa 1995 and 1996), and participant in informal consultations for the establishment of the ICC (Zutphen 1998)

Chairperson of the Special Committee on the Charter of the United Nations and on the Strengthening of the Role of the Organisation, New York (1994)

Special Adviser to the Chairman of the Working Group on the Question of Equitable Representation and Increase in the Membership of the Security Council, (New York 1993-1995)

Member of the Finnish delegation to the UN General Assembly (Sixth Committee) (1986-1990 and 1995-1997)

Council of Europe:

- Rapporteur on Relations between the Council of Europe and the United Nations (1999-2002)
- Chair of the Rapporteur Groups on Human Rights and National Minorities (2000-2002)

Head of a Finnish evaluation mission on the performance of the ICTR (Arusha, 1998), and member of a ministerial delegation to the ICTY (The Hague, 1997)

Participation over the years in numerous international conferences, symposia and seminars on international law, mainly on humanitarian, human rights and criminal law as well as the law of international organizations, including the annual lectures and research periods at the Hague Academy of International Law (1972, 1975 and 1977)

**Publications**

*The Identification and Characteristics of Regional Arrangements for the Purpose of the United Nations Charter* (doctoral thesis, Oxford)

Contributions to publications and articles on key issues pertaining to implementation of the ICC Statute, including victims' rights, as well as on activities of the United Nations and its bodies, collective security systems, peacekeeping, and civil crisis management

Numerous lectures on various topics of international law at universities and institutions in a number of European and Asian countries, the United States and the United Nations