

ICC Judicial Nomination – Model curriculum vitae

FAMILY NAME:	KARANJA	
FIRST NAME:	WANJIRU	
MIDDLE NAME:		
GENDER:	Female	
DATE OF BIRTH:	12 NOVEMBER 1960	
NATIONALITY:	KENYAN	
REGIONAL CRITERIA:	Africa	
SECONDARY NATIONALITY: (IF APPLICABLE)		
MARITAL STATUS:	WIDOW	
LIST A/LIST B	List A	
LANGUAGES	Mother tongue: KIKUYU	
- ENGLISH	(written) Advanced	(oral) Advanced
- FRENCH	(written) Please select >>	(oral) Please select >>
- OTHERS	KISWAHILI : (written) Advanced	(oral) Advanced
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EDUCATIONAL QUALIFICATIONS: <i>Date, institution, qualification(s) obtained (starting with most recent)</i> - Please copy/paste if more entries are needed		
MARCH 2007 - MARCH 2009		
- <i>Institution:</i>	UNIVERSITY OF LONDON	
- <i>Qualification(s) obtained:</i>	LLM (MERIT) MASTERS IN PUBLIC INTERNATIONAL LAW	
1983 - 1984		
- <i>Institution:</i>	KENYA SCHOOL OF LAW	
- <i>Qualification(s) obtained:</i>	DIPLOMA IN LAW	
1979 - 1984		
- <i>Institution:</i>	UNIVERSITY OF NAIROBI	
- <i>Qualification(s) obtained:</i>	LLB (HONS) BACHELOR OF LAWS	

1977 - 1979

- *Institution:* NGANDU GIRLS' HIGH SCHOOL
- *Qualification(s) obtained:* A-LEVELS-3As

1973 - 1976

- *Institution:* KARIMA GIRLS' SECONDARY SCHOOL
- *Qualification(s) obtained:* 'O' LEVELS 1st 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

DECEMBER 2011 - TO DATE

- *Employer:* KENYA JUDICIARY
- *Post title:* JUDGE COURT OF APPEAL.
- *Other information:* HEARING APPEALS FROM THE HIGH COURT, COURTS OF EQUAL JURISDICTION AS THE HIGH COURT AND TRIBUNALS; CURRENTLY THE PRESIDING JUDGE OF THE COURT OF APPEAL IN NYERI, IN CHARGE OF THREE (3) OTHER COURT OF APPEAL JUDGES HEARS AND DETERMINES APPEALS FROM EIGHT (8) HIGH COURT STATIONS WHICH HAVE MORE THAN TWENTY (20) JUDGES AND MAGISTRATES OF VARIOUS CADRES. DRAFTING THE LEADING JUDGMENTS, GUIDING THE JUDGES PARTICULARLY THE NEWLY RECRUITED ONES ON HOW TO DRAFT JUDGMENTS OF THE COURT; PRISON VISITS AND ENGAGING STATEHOLDERS IN THE ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE; MENTORING JUNIOUR JUDGES AND MAGISTRATES AND OTHER JUDICIAL STAFF.

2004 - 2011

- *Employer:* KENYA JUDICIARY
- *Post title:* JUDGE OF THE HIGH COURT
- *Other information:* ORIGINAL JURISDICTION TO DETERMINE MURDER CASES, APPELLATE JURISDICTION TO HEAR APPEALS FROM ALL SUBORDINATE COURTS, APPOINTED TO HEAD SEVERAL HIGH COURT STATIONS AND TO SUPERVISE ALL SUBORDINATE COURTS WITHIN MY JURISDICTION . ALSO HAD UNLIMITED JURISDICTION TO DEAL WITH CIVIL MATTERS.

2003 - 1999

- *Employer:* KENYA JUDICIARY
- *Post title:* SENIOR PRINCIPAL MAGISTRATE AND LATER CHIEF MAGISTRATE
- *Other information:* APPOINTED TO HEAD THE ANTI-CORRUPTION COURT IN KENYA AND ALSO TO DEAL WITH ALL SERIOUS DRUG TRAFFICKING CASES AND HANDLED MANY SUCH CASES WITH CONVICTIONS BEING UPHELD BY THE HIGHEST COURT IN THE LAND . ALSO APPOINTED AS A MEMBER OF THE ETHICS AND ANTI -CORRUPTION COMMITTEE TO INVESTIGATE RAMPANT CORRUPTION IN THE KENYA JUDICIARY

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1999 - 1995

- *Employer:* KENYA JUDICIARY
- *Post title:* SENIOR RESIDENT MAGISTRATE
- *Other information:* ENHANCED JURISDICTION TO DEAL WITH ALL PENAL CODE OFFENCES, INCLUDING MANSLAUGHTER AND OTHER CAPITAL OFFENCES CARRYING LIFE OR THE DEATH SENTENCE. STARTED TO HEAD SENIOR COURT STATIONS SUPERVISING OTHER MAGISTRATES AND JUDICIAL STAFF.

1990 - 1987

- *Employer:* KENYA JUDICIARY
- *Post title:* RESIDENT MAGISTRATE
- *Other information:* DEALING WITH CRIMINAL AND CIVIL MATTERS ARISING WITHIN THE GEOGRAPHICAL REGION OF THE COURT, COVERING SEVERAL DISTRICTS.

1985-1987

EMPLOYER

KENYA JUDICIARY

DISTRICT MAGISTRATE 11.(PROF)

HEARING AND DETERMINATION OF SIMPLE CRIMINAL OFFENCES LIKE COMMON ASSAULTS, THEFT, BURGLARIES AND STEALING, CREATING DISTURBANCE, AND OTHER OFFENCES ATTRACTING NOT MORE THAN TWO (2) YEARS IMPRISONMENT.

OTHER PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES:

- Please copy/paste if more entries are needed

2022

- *Activity:* APPOINTED TO SIT ON THE INTERNATIONAL CENTRE FOR SETTLEMENT OF INVESTMENT DISPUTES (ICSID) PANEL

2012-2016

- *Activity:* VICE CHAIRPERSON OF THE RULES COMMITTEE OF THE JUDICIARY. A COMMITTEE ESTABLISHED UNDER THE CIVIL PROCEDURE CODE TO MAKE RULES, AMENDMENTS TO EXISTING RULES; CONDUCT STATEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT IN REVIEW OF STATUTORY AND PROCEDURAL RULES.
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- 2010
- APPOINTED AS A MEMBER OF A TRIBUNAL TO INVESTIGATE THE CONDUCT OF THE CHAIRMAN OF THE TRUTH, JUSTICE AND RECONCILIATION COMMISSION, AMBASSADOR BETHWEL KIPLAGAT

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MOST RELEVANT PUBLICATIONS

PRESENTATIONS

IN MARCH 2013 I WAS INVITED TO REPRESENT THE JUDICIARY AT A FORUM ORGANIZED BY THE SJD (PhD) LAW STUDENTS AT THE PRESTIGIOUS HARVARD LAW SCHOOL AS A PANELIST IN A DISCOURSE ON "Legal Education from a Bench perspective" CO-CHAIRING WITH SUPREME COURT JUDGES FROM CANADA AND COLOMBIA. I ALSO ADDRESSED THE HARVARD STUDENTS LAW ASSOCIATION ON "The role of a Judge in a transitional legal order; The case of Kenya." I ALSO PRESENTED PAPERS ON "Legal Education from a Bench Perspective" and "Law and Language".

ON 3RD MARCH 2013 I PRESENTED A PAPER AT A TRAINING WORKSHOP FOR JUDGES FROM SOMALIA TITLED "The role of a judge in controlling hearings and assessing evidence in adversarial proceedings"

PRESENTATIONS ON JUDGEMENT WRITING LOCALLY AND REGIONALLY ; PAPER TITLED "Use of legalese and Plain language; General Principles and Practices : PRESENTED TO JUDGES FROM THE EAST AFRICAN COMMUNITY IN A SEMINAR HELD ON 19TH NOVEMBER 2009 IN KAMPALA, UGANDA. .

MOST RELEVANT SEMINARS

I HAVE ATTENDED SEVERAL SEMINARS LOCALLY AND REGIONALLY ON HUMAN RIGHTS ;

TRAINED IN WOMEN IN LEADERSHIP BOTH IN SWEDEN AND KENYA;

SENIOR ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT SEMINAR ;

JUDICIAL SYSTEMS TRAINING IN DRUG RELATED CASEWORK IN EASTERN AND SOUTHERN AFRICA ORGANISED BY UNITED NATIONS OFFICE ON DRUGS AND CRIME (UNODC);

REGIONAL CONFERENCE IN MARITIME CRIME AND THE BLUE ECONOMY HELD IN MAURITIUS IN JULY 2022 AND APPOINTED TO REPRESENT THE CHIEF JUSTICE IN THAT INITIATIVE IN KENYA.

MEMBERSHIP OF PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS AND SOCIETIES

1. FELLOW CHARTERED INSTITUTE ARBITRATORS, LONDON AND KENYA BRANCHES

2. LAW SOCIETY OF KENYA

AWARDS AND HONOURS

1. REPUBLIC OF KENYA - STATE HONOR OF ELDER OF THE BURNING SPEAR (EBS) BY THE PRESIDENT IN 2013 FOR EXEMPLARY PUBLIC SERVICE TO THE COUNTRY.

2. AWARDED BEST CANDIDATE 2021 IN THE CHARTERED INSTITUTE OF ARBITRATORS FINAL EXAMS FOR FELLOW WITH THE BEST WRITTEN AWARD.

PERSONAL INTERESTS

**READING ALL KINDS OF LEGAL MATERIALS TO ENHANCE MY SCOPE AND CAPACITY IN THE LEGAL PROFESSION;
ENGAGEMENT IN COMMUNITY SERVICE, PARTICULARLY OFFERING HELP TO CHILDREN HOMES, THE ELDERLY AND PERSONS INCARCERATED.**

OTHER RELEVANT FACTS

I HAVE PRACTISED CRIMINAL LAW FOR MOST OF MY JUDICIAL CAREER SPANNING 38 YEARS; I HAVE WORKED AND INTERACTED FROM DIFFERENT REGIONS AND CULTURES IN KENYA , WHICH HAS ENRICHED MY EXPERIENCE AND ADAPTABILITY TO DIFFERENT SITUATIONS AND ENVIRONMENTS. I AM PASSIONATE AND KNOWLEDGEABLE ABOUT ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE IN CRIMINAL LAW LOCALLY AND INTERNATIONALLY. I BELIEVE MY EXPERIENCE ON THE KENYA BENCH WILL BE A VALUABLE ADDITION TO THE INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL COURT'S BENCH.