

## ICC Judicial Nomination – Model curriculum vitae

<b>FAMILY NAME:</b>	NELSON	
<b>FIRST NAME:</b>	Clarence	
<b>MIDDLE NAME:</b>	Joseph	
<b>GENDER:</b>	Male	
<b>DATE OF BIRTH:</b>	22 December 1955	
<b>NATIONALITY:</b>	Samoan	
<b>REGIONAL CRITERIA:</b>	Asia/Pacific	
<b>SECONDARY NATIONALITY: (IF APPLICABLE)</b>		
<b>MARITAL STATUS:</b>	Married	
<b>LIST A/LIST B</b>	List A	
<b>LANGUAGES</b>	<b>Mother tongue:</b> Samoan	
- ENGLISH	(written) Advanced	(oral) Advanced
- FRENCH	(written) Please select >>	(oral) Please select >>
- OTHERS	Samoan : (written) Advanced	(oral) Advanced
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<b>EDUCATIONAL QUALIFICATIONS: <i>Date, institution, qualification(s) obtained (starting with most recent)</i></b> - Please copy/paste if more entries are needed		
<b>2023 -</b>		
- <i>Institution:</i>	University of Canterbury, New Zealand	
- <i>Qualification(s) obtained:</i>	Doctor of Laws LLD (Honorary)	
<b>2014 -</b>		
- <i>Institution:</i>	IFC Mediator Training Programme, Samoa	
- <i>Qualification(s) obtained:</i>	Accredited Mediator	
<b>2012 -</b>		
- <i>Institution:</i>	Pacific Judicial Development Programme (PJDP Phase 2) Koror, Palau	
- <i>Qualification(s) obtained:</i>	Certified Judicial trainer	

**2002 -**

- *Institution:* Pacific Judicial Education Programme (PJEP), Suva, Fiji
- *Qualification(s) obtained:* Certified Youth Justice Trainer

**1973 - 1978**

- **Institution:** University of Canterbury, New Zealand
- **Qualification(s) obtained:** Bachelor of Laws (LLB)

**1967 - 1971**

- *Institution:* St Josephs College, Apia, Samoa
  - *Qualification(s) obtained:* Graduated Proxime Accessit to Dux;
  - Obtained New Zealand University Entrance
  - Qualified for New Zealand Government scholarship to study in New Zealand.

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

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

**November 2021 - Current**

- *Employer:* Government of Samoa
- *Post title:* Senior Justice of the Supreme Court of Samoa
- *Other information:*

**May 2019 - May 2020**

- *Employer:* Government of Samoa
- *Post title:* Acting Chief Justice
- *Other information:* Chairman Samoa Prisons and Parole Board, Chairman Land Titles Investigation Commission, Chairman Judicial Service Commission.

**2019 - 2023**

- *Employer:* Office of High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR), Geneva, Switzerland
- *Post title:* Member, UN Committee on the Rights of the Child (CRC)
- *Other information:*

**2015 - 2019**

- *Employer:* Office of High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR), Geneva, Switzerland
- *Post title:* Member and Vice Chair, UN Committee on the Rights of the Child (CRC)
- *Other information:*

2018 – current Chairman, Catholic Church Cmte against Sexual Abuse, Diocese of Samoa & Tokelau.

23 Sept 2010 - appointed ad hoc Judge, Samoa Court of Appeal

- appointed ad hoc Judge of the Samoa Land & Titles Court (Appellate Division)

22 Dec 2006 - appointed Justice of the Supreme Court of Samoa

Duties: Presiding in Constitutional, civil and criminal trials and hearings and all attendances ancillary thereto including numerous assessor (jury) criminal trials; chairing ad-hoc inquiries and statutory tribunals; National Co-Ordinator for the Pacific Judicial Development Programme including facilitating and co-ordinating in-country consultations & training for judges of all courts including lay judges; as a Certified PJDP trainer, co-ordinating and delivering judicial training programmes both in-country and at a regional (Pacific) level; guest speaking and presenting at many in-country & regional workshops on evidence, criminal law and procedure, human rights and childrens rights issues

9 Jan 2001 - appointed Senior Judge of the District Court of Samoa

Duties: Developed a keen interest in youth justice matters, attended Youth Justice Training in Fiji (sponsored by the Pacific Judicial Development Programme a NZ/AusAid funded programme); set up in 2002 a Youth Court Division as a specialist part of the Samoa District Court; assisted in drafting and passage of Young Offenders Act 2007 the leading legislative reform for youth justice in this country; promoted and consulted in establishment of Olomanu Juvenile Facility a separate youth prison; served as member of South Pacific Council of Youth & Childrens Court (SPCYCC) including facilitating and chairing Councils 2008 meeting in Samoa; delivery of youth justice training programmes for judges and court staff in Samoa and elsewhere in the Pacific region.

9 Aug 2000 - appointed Judge of the District Court of Samoa

As sole District Court Judge for some 4 years, ran the Samoa District Court and was responsible for all hearings, trials and matters; including all civil and criminal matters, coronial inquests, adoption, custody, maintenance and affiliation/paternity applications, etc; also attending to circuit court sittings in the island of Savaii and overseeing the Faamasino Fesoasoani (Assistant Judges) Court. -

1987 - 2000 Stevenson, Nelson & Mitchell Lawyers ( Samoa, Cook Islands and Kingdom of Tonga)

Partner

Responsible for all the firms civil and criminal litigation and trial work in Samoa, Tonga and the Cook Islands; attending to legal aid cases and pro-bono work for the disadvantaged; issuing legal opinions and rendering advice to clients on a variety of matters; specialised corporate and criminal attorney, and offshore banking advisor.

1992 - Admitted to the Tongan Law Society & Bar, Nukualofa, Kingdom of Tonga

1985 - 1986 Messrs Epati & Stevenson Lawyers, Apia, Samoa

Associate, Senior Associate - general legal work and duties

1979-1984 Attorney General's Office, Apia, Samoa

Legal Officer, Senior Legal Officer, Principal State Solicitor, Acting Attorney General

Attorney General's representative on Government Boards and various statutory corporations; Police Department Promotions Examiner; Legal Adviser on all legal matters to Govt Ministries & Cabinet; Special Consultant international projects e.g. establishment of South Pacific Forum Fisheries Agency, Honiara, Solmon Islands.

Principal State Solicitor (Criminal matters)

**Senior Legal Officer (Criminal Prosecutions)**

**Legal Officer (general legal work)**

**1979 - Admitted to the Samoan Law Society & Bar, Apia, Samoa**

**1978 NZ Housing Corporation, Christchurch, New Zealand**

**Solicitor - general Housing Corp matters including preparation and all attendances to legal documentation for clients**

**1978 - Admitted to the New Zealand Law Society & Bar, Christchurch, New Zealand**

- *Employer:*
- *Post title:*
- *Other information:*

**OTHER PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES:**

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**2021**

- *Activity:* Championing the independence of the Judiciary including appearances before Parliament's Bills Committee and the Constitutional post-general election cases removing the previous Prime Minister and his Government.

**2020**

- *Activity:* Organised and facilitated CRC the 84 Special & Extraordinary Session of the CRC in Samoa (historical first CRC meeting outside of Geneva).

**2017**

- *Activity:* Advocate for and instrumental in establishment of Sex Offenders Registry and Sex Offenders Registration Act 2018

**2007**

- *Activity:* Involved in creation and set-up of the Olomanu Juvenile Facility for children

**2001-2006**

- *Activity:* Served 5 years as Member and sometime Chair of the South Pacific Council of Youth & Childrens Courts

**2005**

**Activity:** Established 1st Youth Court in Samoa including drafting and implementation of the Young Offenders Act 2007

**2000-date**

- *Activity:* Advocate for women and childrens rights, child participation & protection of women and children especially victims of sexual violence.
- Mentor, Samoa Victim Support Group.

**MOST RELEVANT PUBLICATIONS**

**Publications:** Many criminal case decisions over 20-plus years in the Samoan courts, examples being *Police v Tauvale* [2019] WSSC 43 (children vaccination case) and *Police v AT* [2021] WSSC 15 (child homicide); including landmark case of *Police v Vailopa* [2009] WSSC 69 (special requirements for Police interviews of child suspects)

**Promises to Keep:** 25th Anniversary of CRC, 2014.

**Role of media in the Youth & Family Courts of Samoa,** IAYFJM Chronicle, July 2013.

**Support from the CRC,** IAYFJM Chronicle, January 2010.

**2006: Corruption in Samoa - a country perspective** (UNAFEI, Japan)

**MOST RELEVANT SEMINARS**

**Presenting at many in-country and regional workshops on the CRC and childrens rights especially regarding Environment & Climate change.**

**Training & mentoring Pacific Judges & Magistrates on Child Justice systems and principles.**

**Presenting at international Conferences/Webinars on work of the CRC Committee and implementation of its COBs.**

**National/international presentations on sex offending against children and rehab programs for young offenders.**

**Consulting on reporting and implementation of Samoas UN Treaty Body Obligations particularly in relation to the CRC.**

**MEMBERSHIP OF PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS AND SOCIETIES**

**Chairman, Samoa Historical & Cultural Trust**

**Member, Samoa Conservation Society**

**Previous Chairman, Samoa Transport Control Board (now Land Transport Authority) - 8 years.**

**Previous Chairman, Public Service Board of Appeal - 5 years**

**AWARDS AND HONOURS**

**PERSONAL INTERESTS**

**Reading; walking; animals; sports (rugby, soccer, tennis, American gridiron, boxing); cooking**

**OTHER RELEVANT FACTS**