

KEBONANG, Zeinub (Botswana)

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Curriculum vitae

Ambassador Justice Dr. Zeinub Kebonang is a distinguished jurist, diplomat and legal scholar with over twenty-five years of experience in judicial leadership, international law, public administration, financial governance, corporate and commercial law, and regulatory oversight. He currently serves as Ambassador of the Republic of Botswana to the Kingdom of Belgium, the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg and the Kingdom of the Netherlands, and Permanent Representative to the European Union and Head of Mission to the Organisation of African, Caribbean and Pacific States (OACPS).

Prior to his diplomatic appointment, Ambassador Justice Dr. Kebonang served as Judge of the High Court of Botswana from 2017 to 2025, following his appointment as Acting Judge between 2015 and 2017. During his judicial career, he also served as Acting Chief Justice of Botswana and as Acting Justice of the Court of Appeal in 2022. His judicial service encompassed the adjudication of complex constitutional, commercial, administrative and civil matters, contributing to the promotion of the rule of law, judicial integrity and effective administration of justice.

Before joining the judiciary, he served as Director of Legal Services at the Botswana Communications Regulatory Authority from 2011 to 2017, where he provided strategic legal leadership on regulatory governance, institutional compliance and public policy. He also served twice as Acting Deputy Chief Executive, providing executive leadership and oversight of the Authority's operations.

Ambassador Justice Dr. Kebonang also served as Operations Director of the Botswana–University of Pennsylvania Partnership, where he directed institutional operations, financial management, human resources, procurement and organisational administration for one of Botswana's leading international health and research partnerships.

His other executive experience includes serving as Head of Structured Products at Barclays Bank Botswana, where he specialised in corporate and project finance, structured financial transactions and commercial advisory services. He also held senior legal leadership positions within the Botswana Unified Revenue Service and the Botswana Telecommunications Authority, advising on taxation, regulatory law, corporate governance and institutional legal affairs.

Ambassador Justice Dr. Kebonang began his professional career as a lecturer in the Faculty of Law at the University of Botswana, where he taught taxation, company law, constitutional law, administrative law, labour law and property law. He has also served as a Visiting Professor and Visiting Lecturer at several internationally recognised institutions, including the University of Ottawa, Harvard Law School and the University of Pretoria.

Throughout his career, he has served on several statutory boards and national oversight bodies, including as Chairperson of the Directorate of Intelligence and Security Services, Founding Chairperson of the Competition Authority and Member of the Tax Adjudication Board. These appointments reflect extensive experience in institutional governance, strategic oversight, accountability and public sector leadership.

Ambassador Justice Dr. Kebonang has also undertaken legal and policy consultancy assignments for the Government of Botswana, the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), Friedrich Ebert Foundation and private sector institutions, providing expert advice on taxation, competition law, governance, public policy and legislative reform.

An accomplished academic and researcher, he has authored and co-authored numerous books, technical reports and more than thirty scholarly publications covering governance, anti-corruption, taxation, commercial law, public finance, regulatory frameworks, public policy and regional integration.

Education

- Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) in Investment Law, Australian National University, Australia
- Executive Master of Business Administration (Artificial Intelligence and Blockchain), Eaton Business School / Guglielmo Marconi University
- Executive Master's Degree in Entrepreneurship, University of Botswana
- Master of Business Administration (MBA), University of Botswana
- Master of Laws (LLM), Harvard Law School, Harvard University, USA
- Bachelor of Laws (LLB), University of Botswana

Professional Qualifications

- Postgraduate Certificate in Telecommunications, University of Westminster, United Kingdom
- International Tax Programme Certificate, Harvard Law School
- Certificate in Global Consulting, Wharton School, University of Pennsylvania

Ambassador Justice Dr. Kebonang has received several academic distinctions and professional awards in recognition of excellence in legal scholarship and postgraduate studies.

He is fluent in English and Setswana
