

Personal

Date of birth: 10 June 1945 in Lyons, France.
Nationality: French.
Marital status: Married, three 3 children.

Education

Sept. 1967 - Dec. 1969 Ecole Nationale de la Magistrature (French National School for the Judiciary);
Studied in Bordeaux, Lyons and Paris;
Ranked 10th in the competitive entrance exam;
Ranked 2nd on graduation.

1968 One-year postgraduate diploma in private law, Faculty of Law, University of Lyons.

1962 - 1966 Bachelor's and Master's Degrees in Public Law, Faculty of Law, University of Lyons,
Upper second class honours.

Judicial career and professional experience

March - May 2007 Acting First President of the Cour de Cassation (Supreme Court of Appeal).

Sept. 2000 - present President of the Criminal Chamber of the Supreme Court of Appeal comprising 40 judges with competence in all matters of criminal law and procedure.

1995 - 2000 Counsel for the Prosecution to the Supreme Court of Appeal (Criminal Chamber).

1990 - 1995 Public Prosecutor in the Tribunal de Grande Instance de Paris (Paris District Court), 100 judges and over 300 government officials.

May - Sept. 1990 Attorney General to the Versailles Court of Appeal.

1984 - 1990 Director for Criminal Affairs and Pardons, Ministry of Justice;
Drafting of legislative texts, especially in European and international criminal law, international mutual legal assistance in criminal matters, supervision and monitoring of the work of the attorneys general, and implementation of victim support policy for victims of criminal offences.

1983 - 1984 Deputy Director of Criminal Justice, Directorate of Criminal Affairs and Pardons, Ministry of Justice.

1981 - 1983 Special Assistant to the Attorney General, Paris Court of Appeal, serving as Secretary-General of the Public Prosecutor's Department;
Responsibility for the Attorney General's Office and for the administration of the Public Prosecutor's Department.

1980 - 1981 Special Assistant to the First President of the Supreme Court of Appeal;
judicial competence of the First President.

1975 - 1980	Head of the Prosecution Bureau, Directorate of Criminal Affairs and Pardons, Ministry of Justice with competence in economic, financial and social criminal matters.
1973 - 1975	Deputy Public Prosecutor, Tribunal de Grande Instance de Lyon (Lyons District Court).
1970 - 1973	Magistrate in the Ministry of Justice, Head of the Office of the Director of Criminal Affairs and Pardons.

Teaching assignments

2000 - 2007	Lectures (criminal procedure) at the French National School for the Judiciary (Paris).
1996 - 2000	President of the jury that confers the rank of judicial police officers to the student inspectors of the National Police Force (Ministry of the Interior).
1995 - 2000	Lecturer (criminal procedure) to members of the prefectural police (Ministry of the Interior).
1975 - 1980	Lectures at the French National School for the Judiciary (Bordeaux).
1970	Teaching Assistant in Criminology, Faculty of Law, University of Paris II.

Missions and presentations abroad

November 1979	Rome, presentation at a seminar on combating corruption.
December 1979	Syracuse, suppression of economic and financial crimes.
June 1986	Oslo, represented Mr. Albin Chalandon, Garde des Sceaux (Keeper of the Seals), Minister of Justice, at meeting of European Justice Ministers.
March 1987	Montreal and Quebec, familiarization and exchange mission (Ministry of Justice, Quebec Bar).
January 1997	Moscow, address at the Bicentennial of the Public Prosecutor's Department.
July 1997	Saint Petersburg, presentation at meeting of public prosecutors (Council of Europe).
April 2000	Beirut, presentation on the dignity of the judge, University of Kaslik.
8-10 February 2002	Vienna, working meeting with the Austrian Supreme Court.
1-5 December 2003	Beirut, mission to the Supreme Court of Appeal of Lebanon (appeal selection methods and repeal technique).
11 January 2005	Rome, interviews with the heads of the Italian Supreme Court of Appeal and Higher Judicial Council.
10-11 February 2006	The Hague, working meeting at the International Criminal Court.
24-26 April 2006	Ottawa, Supreme Court of Canada, presentation on combating terrorism.

Hosting of foreign delegations and working meetings at the Supreme Court of Appeal

2000 - 2007: Delegations from Algeria, Austria, Benin, Bulgaria, Burkina Faso, Cameroon, Côte d'Ivoire, Japan, Lithuania, Mali, Morocco, the Netherlands, Poland, Senegal, Spain, the Ukraine and other countries.

Presentations/ seminars / conferences

Various presentations at seminars and conferences on points of criminal law and criminal procedure to the French Senate, the Faculties of Law of the Universities of Paris and Lyons, the Barrister Training School of Paris, business schools (HEC School of Management), and the French Naval Academy.

Honours and decorations

Commander of the Legion of Honour (Decree of April 2005)
Commander of the French National Order of Merit (Decree of March 2001)
Knight of the Order of Agricultural Merit (December 1979)
Penitentiary Medal

Languages

French (mother tongue)
English

Associations

Among others, member of the association Paris Aide aux Victimes (Association for the Support of Victims of Crime)

Appendix

Details of Mr. Bruno Cotte's responsibilities in the areas of jurisdiction of the International Criminal Court

(1) As Director for Criminal Affairs and Pardons in the Ministry of Justice, one of Mr. Cotte's main responsibilities was to manage mutual legal assistance in international criminal proceedings.

He also contributed to the drafting of Title I of the new French Penal Code on Crimes against Humanity.

As part of his prosecutorial duties, Mr. Cotte worked on the case against Klaus Barbie for crimes against humanity, during both the preliminary investigation and the preparations for the trial and arguments before the Rhône cour d'assises (criminal court). He also worked on the cases against René Bousquet, Paul Touvier and Maurice Papon, also for crimes against humanity. In the latter case, Mr. Cotte was called upon to file pleadings at the criminal chamber hearing when the chamber examined the appeal against the judgment of the Gironde cour d'assises (criminal court) sentencing Mr. Papon to a term of imprisonment.

During the same period, the Directorate of Criminal Affairs and Pardons designed, implemented and developed a proactive victim support policy for victims of criminal offences, ranging from improving the compensation procedures to developing a victim support system to assist victims, provide psychological counselling and material guidance, and help them through the legal procedures.

(2) As Paris Public Prosecutor in the top public prosecutor's department in France by the number of judges and government officials assigned to it and the number, importance and seriousness of the proceedings handled, Mr. Cotte dealt with cases with international ramifications (whether common law offences, economic and financial fraud, or terrorism cases).

(3) As Counsel for the Prosecution and then President of the Criminal Chamber of the Cour de Cassation (Supreme Court of Appeal), which handles all criminal litigation, Mr. Cotte handled international criminal law cases (including questions concerning the jurisdiction of French courts in cases involving crimes committed outside of the national territory) and litigation relating to extradition law, European arrest warrants and crimes against persons, including offences of a sexual nature.

At the Cour de Cassation (Supreme Court of Appeal), he developed contacts with numerous foreign delegations comprised of judges from different countries.
