

Curriculum vitae

Name: Hugh Adsett

Current position: Director General and Deputy Legal Adviser, Legal Affairs Bureau, Foreign Affairs, Trade and Development Canada

Statement of qualification

In-depth experience relating to the finances and management of international judicial institutions: Mr Adsett was first elected to the Committee on Budget and Finance in 2011. From 2005-2008, he was Chair of the Management Committee of the Special Court for Sierra Leone, responsible for ensuring the effective and efficient management of the SCSL through detailed review and oversight of the Court's budget, and the review of proposals to enhance efficiencies. As the Legal, Economic and Social Affairs Counsellor at Canada's Permanent Mission to the United Nations, he represented Canada on the Sixth (Legal) Committee and was a member of Canada's delegation to the Assembly of States Parties (2005-2007).

Employment history

2013-present: Director-General and Deputy Legal Adviser, Legal Affairs Bureau (JLD), Foreign Affairs, Trade and Development Canada: responsible for managing a bureau of 31 lawyers, three administrative support staff; four jurilinguists; four treaty production staff; and four document authenticators. The bureau provides advice, support and advocacy on all aspects of public international law, including human rights and humanitarian law; economic sanctions; crime and security; diplomatic and consular law; treaty law; and oceans and environmental law.

September 2011 – March 2013: Director, United Nations, Human Rights and Economic Law Division (JLH), Foreign Affairs and International Trade Canada: responsible for managing a team of 8 lawyers and one support staff providing advice, support and advocacy on international law as it relates to international human rights, economic sanctions, and international humanitarian law. **In November 2011, elected to the International Criminal Court Committee on Budget and Finance for the 2012-14 term.**

September 2008 – August 2011: Director, Criminal, Security and Diplomatic Law (JLA), Foreign Affairs and International Trade Canada: responsible for managing a team of 13 lawyers, paralegals and support staff, providing advice, support and advocacy on international law as it relates to legal cooperation and assistance in civil and criminal matters, transnational crime, anti-corruption and anti-terrorism, and privileges and immunities. Budget and human resources responsibilities include managing the divisional budget; staffing positions; and representing the branch on the Department's Human Resources Consultative Committee (2009-11).

2004 – 2008: Counsellor, Legal, Economic and Social Affairs, Permanent Mission of Canada to the United Nations, New York, NY, USA: responsible for representing Canada on the Sixth (Legal) Committee, and managing support staff and a team of five officers responsible for representing Canada on the Second and Third Committees. During that assignment, additional relevant duties included:

- **Chair, Management Committee of the Special Court for Sierra Leone (2005-08)** and responsible for enabling the Management Committee (composed of representatives of the UN and several member states) to carry out its mandate to ensure the effective and efficient management of the Court, in particular by providing detailed review and oversight of the Court's budget, providing timely review of proposals to enhance efficiencies, leading annual visits to the Court, facilitating contact and relationships between the Court and UN member states in New York, and maintaining ongoing outreach to UN members states on behalf of the Management Committee. Prior to being chair, I was a member of the Management Committee of the Special Court for Sierra Leone from 2004-2005.
- **Member of Canada's delegation to the fourth, fifth and sixth Assemblies of States Parties to the Rome Statute (2005, 2006, 2007)**

2002-2004: Deputy Director, Environmental Law, Foreign Affairs and International Trade Canada: responsible for managing a team of five lawyers providing advice on international environmental law. Participated as a member of the multilateral compliance committee of the Espoo Convention.

2000-2002: Legal Officer, Human Rights and Humanitarian Law, Foreign Affairs and International Trade Canada: responsible for providing advice on a range of international human rights and humanitarian law issues, and representing Canada at negotiations on the Agreement for the Privileges and Immunities of the International Criminal Court.

1998-2000: Third Secretary | Second Secretary, Embassy of Canada to Ethiopia, with accreditation to Eritrea, Djibouti and Sudan: responsible for reporting on developments and representing Canada in its relations with Ethiopia, Eritrea, Djibouti and Sudan.

1998: Legal Officer, Human Rights and Humanitarian Law, Foreign Affairs and International Trade Canada: responsible for providing advice on a range of international human rights and humanitarian law issues.

1997: Junior Advisor, Permanent Mission of Canada to the United Nations (PRMNY), New York, NY, USA: responsible for participating in meetings and negotiations and reporting, as required, on developments in the Third (Human Rights and Humanitarian Affairs) Committee during the United Nations General Assembly.

1996 – 1997: Desk officer, Peacebuilding Division, Foreign Affairs and International Trade Canada: responsible for providing advice on peacebuilding policy, particularly Canadian assistance to international election observation missions.

1995: Human Rights Field Officer, UN Human Rights Field Operation, Rwanda: responsible, as a member of a small team located in Cyangugu, Rwanda, for providing advice and monitoring human rights developments, including human rights education, liaison with local authorities, and visits to detention centres.

1993-1995: Articling student, Osler, Hoskin and Harcourt, Barristers and Solicitors, Ottawa, Ontario

Professional memberships: Barrister and Solicitor and member of the Law Society of Upper Canada (Ontario), 1995 to present.

Education: LL.B (Bachelor of Laws), Queen's University, 1993; M.A. (Master of Arts) (Journalism), University of Western Ontario, 1988; B.A. (Bachelor of Arts)(Hon), History and Political Science, Mount Allison University, 1987.

Teaching and publications

Lecturer, Advanced International Law, University of Ottawa Faculty of Law, Fall 2010; Fall 2011, Fall 2012, and Fall 2013; Lecturer, International Human Rights Law course, Queen's University Faculty of Law (Herstmonceux Castle, England), June 2009, June 2010, June 2011, June 2012, June 2013 and June 2014; Lecturer, International Human Rights Law, University of Ottawa Faculty of Law, Fall 2001, 2002, and 2003; Lecturer, International Criminal Law, University of Ottawa Faculty of Law, Winter 2004.

Co-author, with Professor Ted McDorman, Anne Daniel and Masud Husain, "Compliance Committees and Recent Multilateral Environment Agreements: The Canadian Experience with Their Negotiation and Operation" (2004), 42 Canadian Yearbook of International Law 91-142

Languages: English, French