

## **Arbia, Silvana (Italy)**

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### **Statement of qualifications**

#### **Education**

Laurea in giurisprudenza. Padova University, Italy, February 1976.

Special post lauream courses:

- Canadian Human Rights Foundation, Montreal, 1995.
- The Hague Academy of International law, 1991, 1992,1993.
- Academy of European Law, Florence, 1990.
- International Institute of Human Rights René Cassin, 1989.
- Practice on computerized processing of judicial procedures since 1981.
- Advocacy training, Arusha, December 2001, February 2003.
- Result-based Budget Training, United Nations International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda (ICTR), Arusha, April 2003.
- Humanitarian law, Arusha, February 2004.
- Media communication.

#### **Professional skills and expertise**

- Legal and Judicial practice as counsel, public prosecutor and judge
- Penal law and Procedural law
- International law and international criminal law
- Human Rights
- Juridical database.
- Management

#### **Main relevant work experiences**

1976-1978: Lawyer in a law firm in Venice, admitted to the Bar.

June 1979: Accession to the profession of judge and prosecutor (*magistrato ordinario*).

1980-1982: Judge on criminal cases, Venice.

1983-1988: Judge on criminal and labor cases, Venice.

1988-1993: Judge in Rome on labour cases.

1993-1999: Judge of Appeal's Chamber I, Milan, on criminal cases ( organized crimes at internal and international level, including money- laundering and international traffic in drugs; corruption and violation; child abuses).

30 June 1999: Promoted to the rank of judge of Supreme Court of Cassation.

Since 24 October 1999: Appointed as Senior trial attorney, in the Office of the Prosecutor of the United Nations International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda (UNICTR).

October 1999 - May 2003: Leader of a trial team dealing with international crimes, as genocide, crimes against humanity and war crimes, ensuring 12 indictments finalized and confirmed; 22 pre-trial cases; 2 trials.

- 15 December 2001 - 20 December 2002: Appointed as Acting Chief of Prosecutions, supervising around 92 staff including 8 trial teams.
- 30 June 2007: Promoted to the rank of judge qualified to be assigned of the most senior positions of the Court of Cassation.
- July 2007: Promoted to the position of Chief of prosecutions involving the direction and the management of 12 trial teams, the Evidence Unit and the Investigations Section. This position filled until April 2008.
- 28 February 2008: Elected Registrar by the Judges of the International Criminal Court. Since 17 April 2008 to present filling such position.

**Other relevant work experiences**

- Lecturer on human rights, LUISS University, Rome, 1989-1993.
- Teacher of human rights at police officers' School, Rome, 1990-1992
- Teacher of electronic database "Italgire Find", CED, Court of Cassation, 1987-1989
- Member of the editorial staff of the magazine "I diritti dell'uomo, cronache e battaglie", Rome, from 1989.
- Consultant for NGO CRIC on protection of human rights in illegal immigrations.
- Responsible and co-coordinator of project "Persone senza status" received by the European Commission in the European Year against Racism, 1997.
- Appointed as representative of the Italian Ministry of Justice at the International Seminar on "Violence against minors" reporting on "European joint action and Italian law to fight trafficking in human beings and sexual exploitation of children", Madrid 3-6 November 1997.
- Appointed as representative of Italian Ministry of Justice at the Grotius programme - International Seminar on " Crime victims", Rome 27-29 May 1999.
- Appointed as representative of Italian Ministry of Justice at the International seminar on " crime victims in the European Union", Umea, Sweden, 1999.
- Appointed as Expert in Expertise mobilization in Bulgaria on "Money laundering", by European Commission, Technical Assistance Information Exchange Office-Reference N102, March 1998 (Contract n.012/98).
- Appointed as Italian delegate to the Diplomatic Conference for the establishment of an International Criminal Court, Rome, June-July 1998.
- Member of ICTR delegation to Negotiation concerning the Agreement between UN and Italy to enforce the ICTR judgment and to the signature of such Agreement (17 March 2004).
- Guest speaker at a Master on International and transnational crime, Teramo, February 2003.
- Guest speaker at the national and international seminars.

**Most relevant publications:**

- "L'elemento oggettivo del sequestro di persona. Linee evolutive della giurisprudenza italiana", XXVII International Course for magistrates, Centro studi Luigi Severini, Perugia, Italy, September 1980.
- "Il diritto alla rettifica alla luce delle recenti riforme", XXVIII International Course for magistrates, Centro studi Luigi SeverinPerugia, Italy, September 1981.
- "Aspetti privatistici del diritto alla salute", C.I.D.I.S. Conference , Jesolo, Italy, 1981.

- “Istituzione del giudice di pace nell’ordinamento giuridico italiano”, XXIX International Course for magistrates, Centro studi Luigi SeverinPerugia, Italy, September 1982.
- “Il principio di specialità nell’estradizione”, XXX International Course for magistrates, Centro studi Luigi Severini, Perugia, Italy, September 1983.
- “Banche dati e segreto professionale”, INFOLEX, Venezia, Italy, 1987.
- Essay on “I provvedimenti di polizia”, Nuovissimo Digesto, Utet 1986.
- Article on “Diritto internazionale del sistema Oil e diritto comunitario in materia sociale”, Il Foro italiano , 1993, pp 316-324.
- Article on “Lavoro carcerario, specialità del trattamento e diritti del detenuto”, Il diritto del lavoro , 1989, pp241-246.
- Article on : “ Licenziamento per giusta causa e pregiudiziale penale”, Il diritto del lavoro, 1988, pp. 481-486.
- Essay on “La Giurisprudenza italiana e la Convenzione Europea dei diritti dell’Uomo”, Rivista internazionale dei Diritti dell’Uomo, Milano, N.1/1999 (European Convention on human rights and domestic Italian law).
- Essay on International Convention on children rights (Edizioni scientifiche italiane, 1994).
- Report on juridical issues about immigrate children “I minori extracomunitari: problemi giuridici”, XV International meeting, Child Health Plan ’98, Ancona, Italy, 1998-05-28/30, Editor: G.M.Caramia, pp. 83-95.
- Commentario breve ai Trattati della Comunità e dell’Unione europea, edited by Fausto Pocar, published by Cedam, Padova 2001 (commentary sub articles 39/42; 125/130; 136/140).

**Languages**

Mother tongue: Italian

Other languages: Fluency in English  
Fluency in French

