

# **Parker, Lyn (United Kingdom)**

(Original: English)

## **Statement of qualifications**

### **Educational Background**

BA in Jurisprudence, Oxford University 1974 (MacKinnon Law Scholar, Magdalen College).

MA in European Community Studies (with Distinction), Manchester University 1975.

### **Employment History**

1975-1978: Lecturer in Law, Manchester University

Teaching a range of legal subjects including international law, legal philosophy, contract law and criminal law.

1978-2010: UK Diplomatic Service

1978-1979: Arms Control and Disarmament Dept, Foreign and Commonwealth Office (FCO).

Largely spent in Geneva as a member of the UK team negotiating a draft Comprehensive Nuclear Test Ban Treaty with the US and USSR.

1979-1984: Greek language training, then Second/First Secretary, British Embassy, Athens.

Responsible for analysis of Greek domestic and foreign policy, including Greek accession to the European Communities (EC).

1984-1986: European Community Department, FCO.

Responsible for policy on the EC Single Market, negotiation of the 1986 EC reform treaty (Single European Act) and parliamentary passage of the subsequent UK implementing legislation.

1986-1988: Assistant Private Secretary to the Foreign & Commonwealth Secretary, Sir Geoffrey Howe.

Responsible for policy on Europe, Northern Ireland, Defence, East/West relations and Africa.

1989-1991: Counsellor, European Secretariat, Cabinet Office.

Responsible for managing Whitehall's central coordination team for government policy on European Union issues, providing secretariat functions for relevant Ministerial and senior official committees and support services for Parliamentary scrutiny of EU legislation. Responsible for European Secretariat budget and staffing.

1991-1995: Head of Chancery, British High Commission, New Delhi.

Responsible for leading the High Commission team covering Indian domestic and foreign policy; supervision of a large consular and visa operation, setting and monitoring of post objectives, as well as a substantial managerial "chief of staff" role in one of the UK's largest overseas posts

1995-1999: Head of Chancery/Political Counsellor, UK Permanent Representation to the EU, Brussels.

A wide range of policy responsibilities in one of the UK's largest and busiest posts, including EU institutional and staffing issues, UK Presidency strategy and EU future financing negotiations. Also responsible for the Permanent Representation's resource, financial and staff management.

- 1999-2001: Head, Whitehall Liaison Department, FCO.  
Responsible for the FCO's working relationships with other Government departments.
- 2001-2005: British High Commissioner, Republic of Cyprus.  
Responsible for leading teams managing the UK's complex interests in Cyprus during a period of intense UN-led settlement negotiations and Cypriot preparations for accession to the EU. Also responsible for supervising substantial consular services given the large number of British tourists visiting Cyprus each year, as well as a significant expatriate British community. Accountable for post resources and annual budget management.
- 2005-2009: British Ambassador, Kingdom of the Netherlands
- Leading an Embassy managing the UK's bilateral relationship with a close neighbour, NATO ally and EU partner. Accountable for post resources and annual budget management.
  - Concurrently UK Permanent Representative to the Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (OPCW), including chairmanship of the multilateral preparations for the 2008 Chemical Weapons Convention Review Conference.
  - Responsible for the UK's working relationships with the international judicial and legal institutions in the Hague, in particular the ICC and ICTY.
  - Vice-chairman, later Chairman of the States Parties' Oversight Committee responsible for strategic decisions on the ICC's Permanent Premises project (2008-9).
  - Membership of the Foreign and Commonwealth Office's Finance Committee (see below).
- 2009-2010: Various corporate strategy roles at the Foreign and Commonwealth Office (FCO) including:
- Continuing (until end 2009) Chairmanship of the ICC Oversight Committee responsible for the final selection and award of the design contract for the ICC's Permanent Premises.
  - Membership of the FCO's Finance Committee, responsible for advising the FCO Board on effective in-year management of the FCO's operating budget.
  - Membership of the Programme Board responsible for overseeing replacement of FCO's global IT system.
  - Review of the FCO's research and analytical capability.
  - Reading work to improve search and disclosure procedures in certain judicial review cases.
- December 2010: Left the FCO to pursue a further career outside Government service.
- March 2011 onwards: Chef de Cabinet to the President of the International Criminal Court
- Advising and supporting the President and Presidency in their responsibilities for the Court's judicial management, proper administration of the Court as a whole, and external relations.
  - Accountable for the €10 million Judiciary budget; shared responsibility with senior officials in the Registry and Prosecutor's Office for inter-organ work on a wide range of strategic management issues.

## **Languages**

English

French

Dutch

Greek

