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Fatou Bensouda – Prosecutor Bensouda is the Prosecutor of the International Criminal Court (ICC), and former Attorney General and Minister of Justice of the Republic of The Gambia. Her international career as a non-government civil servant formally began at the UN [International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda](#), where she worked as a Legal Adviser and Trial Attorney before serving as Senior Legal Advisor and Head of the Legal Advisory Unit in the years of 2002 to 2004. Prosecutor Bensouda has served as delegate to United Nations conferences on crime prevention, the Organization of African Unity’s Ministerial Meetings on Human Rights, and as delegate of The Gambia to the meetings of the Preparatory Commission for the ICC.



Serge Brammertz – Prosecutor Brammertz assumed his duties as the Prosecutor of the International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia in 2008. Prior to his current appointment; he served as Commissioner of the United Nations International Independent Investigation Commission into the assassination of former Lebanese Prime Minister Rafik Hariri, as the first Deputy Prosecutor of the International Criminal Court where he was in charge of establishing the Investigations Division of the Office of the Prosecutor, and initiated the first ICC investigations in Uganda, the Democratic Republic of Congo and Darfur.



Andrew T. Cayley – Prosecutor Cayley was appointed as international Co-Prosecutor of the Extraordinary Chambers for the Courts of Cambodia in December 2009 and served in that position until September 2013. He previously served as Senior Prosecuting Counsel at the International Criminal Court where he was responsible for the first Darfur case. He also served as Senior Prosecuting Counsel and Prosecuting Counsel at the International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia and as a defense attorney before the Special Court for Sierra Leone and the International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia. Prosecutor Cayley is a Barrister of the Inner Temple and holds an LL.B and an LL.M from University College London.



David M. Crane – Prosecutor Crane is a professor of practice at Syracuse University College of Law. From 2002 to 2005 he served as the Prosecutor for the Special Court for Sierra Leone and indicted former Liberian President Charles Taylor for his role in the atrocities committed during the Civil War in Sierra Leone. Professor Crane was the first American since Justice Robert H. Jackson and Telford Taylor at the Nuremberg trials in 1945, to serve as the Chief Prosecutor of an international war crimes tribunal. He founded and advises Impunity Watch (www.impunitywatch.com), a law review and public service blog. Professor Crane is currently the Chairman of the Board of the Robert H. Jackson Center.

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Sir Desmond de Silva – Sir Desmond is one of England’s leading Queen’s Counsel in criminal law. He is a former Prosecutor for the Special Court for Sierra Leone, a position he was appointed to in 2005, and one in which he brought about the arrest of former Liberian president, Charles Taylor. In July of 2010, the President of the United Nations Human Rights Council appointed him to the independent fact finding mission regarding the Israeli interception in international waters of an aid flotilla en route to Gaza.



Brenda J. Hollis – Prosecutor Hollis was appointed Prosecutor of the Residual Special Court for Sierra Leone in February 2014 by the Secretary-General of the United Nations, having served as Prosecutor of the Special Court for Sierra Leone from February 2010 until its closure in December 2013. She had been extensively involved in the training of judges, prosecutors, and investigators for work with the International Criminal Tribunals. She served as Senior Trial Attorney from 1994 until 2001 at the International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia, and assisted the Office of the Prosecutor at the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda. Prosecutor Hollis served for more than 20 years in the United States Air Force, retiring in 1998 with the rank of Colonel. Prior to her Air Force service, she served as a Peace Corps volunteer in West Africa.



Hassan Jallow – Prosecutor Jallow is serving as the Prosecutor of the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda, a position he has held since 2003. Since 2012, he is concurrently serving as the Prosecutor of the Residual Mechanism for International Criminal Tribunals. Prosecutor Jallow previously worked in the Gambia as the State Attorney from 1976 until 1982, when he was appointed Solicitor General. In 1984, Mr. Jallow served as Attorney General and Minister of Justice for the Gambia, then, in 1994, he was appointed as a justice of the Supreme Court of the Gambia. From 2002 until 2003, Prosecutor Jallow served as a Judge in the Appeals Chamber of the Special Court for Sierra Leone.



Nicholas Koumjian – Prosecutor Koumjian has served as the international Co-Prosecutor of the Extraordinary Chambers for the Courts of Cambodia since October 2013. He worked as a prosecutor for twenty years in Los Angeles and since 2000 he has served in various international criminal tribunals. He was a prosecutor at the International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia and later at the State Court of Bosnia and Herzegovina. He headed the UN-staffed Serious Crimes Unit in East Timor and was Principal Trial Attorney at the Special Court for Sierra Leone in the trial of Liberian President Charles Taylor. He was also director of a US-funded human rights programme in Colombia, working on anti-corruption initiatives in Central and Eastern Europe. Additionally, he has represented both defendants and victims before the International Criminal Court.

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Amb. Stephen J. Rapp – Ambassador Rapp is currently serving as Ambassador-at-Large, heading the Office of Global Criminal Justice in the U.S. Department of State. Ambassador Rapp served as Prosecutor of the Special Court for Sierra Leone beginning in January 2007, his office won the first convictions in history for forced recruitment and use of child soldiers and for sexual slavery and forced marriage during time of armed conflict as crimes under international humanitarian law. From 2001 to 2007, Ambassador Rapp served as Senior Trial Attorney and Chief of Prosecutions at the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda, personally heading the trial team that achieved convictions of the principals of RTLM radio and Kangura newspaper, which used mass media to spread messages of hate before and during the Rwandan Genocide—the first in history for leaders of the mass media for the crime of direct and public incitement to commit genocide. Mr. Rapp served as a United States Attorney in the Northern District of Iowa from 1993 to 2001.