

RESUMÉ

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Hon. Lady Justice Joyce Aluoch, EBS, CBS (Rtd), is a former Judge and First Vice President of the International Criminal Court, at The Hague, The Netherlands. She is a lawyer and former judge of the High Court of Kenya. Hon. Lady Justice Joyce Aluoch is the First Chairperson of the Committee of African Union Experts on the Rights and Welfare of the Child and served as the Vice-Chairperson of the United Nations Committee on the Rights of the Child from 2003 to 2009. She has also served as the inaugural head of the family division of the Kenyan High Court and a member of the Court of Appeal.

As a legal professional, I have had a pivotal role in negotiations between the African Union and the Government of Sudan to ratify the African charter and secure the rights of children, pursued a fact-finding mission to war-torn northern Uganda on the effects of the war on children, and chaired a task-force aimed at handling sexual offences in Kenya through the implementation of the new Sexual Offences Act, 2006.

Hon. Lady Justice Joyce Aluoch, EBS, CBS (Rtd) bears a wide range of extensive experience spanning over 45 years of active legal and judicial service.

ACADEMIC BACKGROUND

- Master of Arts Degree in International Affairs (GMAP). Fletcher School of Law & Diplomacy. Tufts University; Boston, MA. USA.
- Post Graduate Diploma in Legal Studies (Dip Laws), Kenya School of Law, Nairobi, Kenya. (Admitted as an Advocate of the High Court of Kenya).
- Bachelor of Laws (L.L.B) University of Nairobi, Kenya
- Certified Advanced Mediator (CAM) and Chartered Mediator (ICMC)
- Certified Mediator, International Mediation Institute (IMI)
- Accredited Trainer (Certificate of Accreditation) for Foundation
- Accredited Mediator, Centre for Effective Dispute Resolution, (CEDR). London, UK.
- Certificate in International Commercial Arbitration, Chartered Institute of Arbitrators. London, UK
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- Certificate in "ICC Court of Arbitration and Application of the 2012 Rules". International Chamber of Commerce, Paris, France.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

2018 – present

- High Court Annexed Mediation in Kenya.
- Federation of Women Lawyers (FIDA) Kenya and private mediations

2015-2018

- Elected First Vice-President of the International Criminal

2012-2015

- Chair, Advisory Committee on Legal Texts, International Criminal Court.

2009-2012

- President; Trial Division at the International Criminal Court (ICC).

2009

- Elected Judge of the International Criminal Court at The Hague by the Assembly of State Parties to the Rome Statute in New York. Elected from the African Group of States. (List A).

2007-2008

- Judge of the Court of Appeal of Kenya. Exercising appellate jurisdiction in Appeals and Applications from the High Court.

2000-2005

- Established and founded the Family Division of the High Court of Kenya. Developed rules to facilitate the operation of the division; and introduced informal Mediation.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE CONTD.

Former Judge and First Vice-President, International Criminal Court, The Hague. IMI-Certified Mediator, CEDR-Accredited. Mediator.

1983 - 2005

- Judge of the High Court of Kenya. Exercised both original and appellate jurisdiction. Presided over many applications for setting aside Arbitration Awards issued under the Arbitration (Amendment Act) of Kenya.

1980 - 1982

- Senior Resident Magistrate. Adjudicated over criminal, civil, commercial and family law cases

1977 -1980

- Resident Magistrate. Adjudicated over civil, commercial, criminal and family law cases.

1974 - 1977

- District Magistrate. Adjudicated over Juvenile delinquency cases, mainly.

APPOINTMENTS

● Present

- Member of the International Advisory Board, Office of the Ombudsman for the United Nations Funds and Programmes

● 2019 - present

- Chairperson, Advisory Board of the First Africa-Asia Mediation Association.

● 2019 - present

- Board Member, Mediators Beyond Borders International.

● 2008

- Director, Board of Trustee of the International Association of Women Judges, in Washington D.C., elected by the African Region at the 9th Biennial Conference in Panama City, Republic of Panama

● 2007– 2008

- Chairperson, Task Force on the Implementation of the Sexual Offences Act, 2006. Developed Regulations for use by the courts, the police investigators, prosecutors and medical personnel handling sexual offenders and victims. Appointed by the Attorney General.

● 2003 – 2009

- Vice Chair & Member, United Nations Committee on the Rights of the Child, New York & Geneva. Responsible for consideration of state party reports and making appropriate recommendations for action by state parties. Elected by State Parties to the Convention on the Rights of the Child.

● 2001– 2005

- Inaugural Chair and Founder of the African Union Committee of Experts on the Rights of the Child. Prepared Rules of Practice and Procedure for the African Committee, including procedures for filing complaints to the African Committee by individuals or organizations.

2001– 2005 Contd.

- Prepared Guidelines for initial reporting to the African Committee by member States of the African Union. Elected by the Assembly of Heads of State and Government of OAU, now African Union.

2000 – 2005

- Member, Judicial Training Committee. Facilitated the training of Judges, Magistrates and paralegals. Appointed by the Chief Justice.

2000 – 2006

- Patron, Kenya Girl Guides Association. Prior to this, Chair of the Association for 6 years. Designed the 2002 “Peer Prevention Education Programme on HIV/AIDS for Girls and Young Women.” Project voted best overall at the 2002 World Aids Conference in Barcelona and is now being used as a model in many African countries.

2000 – 2005

- Director, Olave Baden Powell Society. Appointed by Olave Baden Powell Society of the World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts (WAGGS).

2000 – 2004

Judge -International Tribunal for Children’s Rights, Canada, Great Britain & Bosnia – Herzegovina. Role included travelling to afflicted regions to interview children, government and NGOs and to collect views of children affected by war in Ireland, Great Britain. Prepared a report that was submitted to the International Bureau for Children’s Rights in Ottawa, Canada, the appointing authority.

1998 – 2008

Appointed a Director of the first Dispute Resolution Centre in Nairobi, established by Anthony Gross, a Chartered Arbitrator and (IMI) Qualified Mediator. The Centre later merged with Strathmore University Dispute Resolution Centre.

1996 – 2000

Vice-Chair, Task Force established by Kenya's Attorney General on Laws relating to Women with the aim of reforming the laws. The Task Force prepared the Equality Bill and Family Protection Bill, which have been enacted into laws by Parliament.

1985 – 2003

Appointed by the President of Kenya to be a Member, Judicial Service Commission. Responsible for making recommendations to the President of Kenya on the appointment of Judges.

MEMBERSHIPS

- Member, African Arbitration Association.
- Member, Panel of Mediators of Nairobi Centre for International Arbitration.
- Member, Panel of Mediators of the Court Annexed Mediation Team in the Kenyan Judiciary and Strathmore University Dispute Resolution Centre and Federation of Women Lawyers, Kenya (FIDA-Kenya).
- Member, Dutch Arbitration Association, The Netherlands.
- Member, The Chartered Institute of Arbitrators, (MCrb) London, UK.
- Member, The Chartered Institute of Arbitrators, Kenya Branch, Nairobi, Kenya.
- Member, Arbitral Women Organization (The International Network of Women in Dispute Resolution).
- External Member, Centre for Evidence and Criminal Justice Studies, Board of Northumberland College, UK.
- Member, International Council of Commercial Arbitration (ICCA), Peace Palace, The Hague.
- Member, LLM Advisory Council, Fletcher School of Law & Diplomacy, Tufts University, Medford, MA, USA

AWARDS

2018

Class of 1947 Award (honoris causa) Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy, Tufts University. First black person to receive this honour at Tufts University.

2018

'Trailblazer' Chief of the Order of the Burning Spear (CBS) bestowed by the President of the Republic of Kenya.

2016

First Class, Chief of the Order of the Burning Spear (CBS) bestowed by the President of the Republic of Kenya.

2015

Distinguished Achievement Award - Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy.

2007

Recipient of the Judicial Certificate of Merit awarded by the Chief Justice of Kenya on the occasion of the first Judicial Open day.

2000

Elder of the Burning Spear (EBS) Award, a national honour bestowed by the President of the Republic of Kenya for human rights and humanitarian work.

COMPENDIUM

Hon. Justice Joyce Aluoch, EBS, CBS (Rtd), is a former Judge and First Vice President of the International Criminal Court, at The Hague, The Netherlands. She currently resides in Nairobi-Kenya.

She was the second woman Court of Appeal, and High Court Judge as well as Magistrate in Kenya. She has a Master's Degree in International Affairs (GMAP), from the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy, Tufts University, Boston-USA. The University awarded her the Distinguished Achievement Award in April 2015. In September 2018, the same University awarded her its top award, 'The Class of 1947 Award' (honoris causa), making her the first black person to receive such an honour, only awarded to those who have carried the University's ideals throughout their career.

Upon retirement from the bench in 2018, Justice Aluoch successfully moved her legal profession to other forms of Alternative Dispute Resolution mechanisms, namely mediation and arbitration. She is a member of the International Advisory Board of the office of the Ombudsman for the United Nations Funds and Programmes.

She co-founded Aequitas Mediators and is a Certified International Mediator (IMI), a Certified Advanced Mediator (CAM), and Chartered Mediator (MTI-East Africa), as well as a CEDR-Accredited Mediator, London-U.K. She is also an Accredited Trainer for Foundation Mediation

Skills at the Strathmore University Dispute Resolution Centre, where she serves in the panel of mediators.

She is a member of Africa Arbitration Association-Rwanda. She is also a member of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators, London and Kenya, International Council for Commercial Arbitration (Peace Palace-The Hague), Nairobi Centre for International Arbitration, where she serves in the domestic and international mediation panels. She conducts mediations under the Court Annexed Mediation Program in Kenya, FIDA-Kenya, and private mediations.

She has recently been appointed Chair of the Advisory Board of the newly formed Africa-Asia Mediation Association (AAMA). She is also a Board Member of Mediators Beyond Borders International and an "Adjunct Professor," of the Faculty of Law, the University of the Western Cape, South Africa.

She is a recipient of several international and national Awards, which include Presidential honours of Elder of the Burning Spear (EBS), First Class Chief of the Order of the Burning Spear (CBS), Trail Blazer Award (2018), for services rendered to the Kenyan nation.

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