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The International Criminal Court has a mandate to prosecute those responsible for the most serious crimes of concern to the International community. In doing so, its proceedings follow the highest standards of due process and procedural fairness.

The Rome Statute guarantees victims, accused persons and under certain conditions, suspects, the right to be assisted by counsel. The Court strives to provide these individuals with a pool of highly qualified counsel.

Therefore, experienced lawyers who wish to represent defendants, victims or witnesses before the Court must first be admitted to the List of counsel. Those who are at an early stage of their career, as well as professors of law with relevant expertise, can apply for admission to the List of Assistant to counsel.

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ARE YOU A LAWYER INTERESTED IN A NEW CHALLENGE?

As a lawyer with professional experience, you can play a vital role in the International Criminal Court. By providing legal assistance to both victims and accused, and in some cases suspects, you can make a significant contribution to advancing international criminal justice and honouring the Court's commitment to apply the highest judicial standards and full respect for the guarantees of procedural justice.

In addition, the Court is committed to promoting a diverse and inclusive environment as well as to increase the geographic and gender representation at all levels. It is the aim to achieve a balance in both its staff and among the lawyers who practice before the Court, thus actively promoting diversity in representation. In this sense, the

candidacy of women from the region is encouraged and prioritized.

The practice of law before the Court is a rewarding experience. In addition to building legal skills and professional experience, you will have the opportunity to build a strong career in international criminal law and develop professional links around the world.

HOW TO BE APPOINTED

As a first step, you must be admitted to the ICC List of counsel. If you are at an early stage of your career or if you are a professor of law with relevant experience, you can apply to be admitted to the List of assistants to counsel, from which counsels have the opportunity to choose the members of their teams.

Once admitted to one of the lists, you may be appointed at any time to act

before the International Criminal Court as the legal representative of victims, accused and, in some cases, suspects.

WHAT ARE THE REQUIREMENTS?

In order to ensure the quality of legal representation, applicants for admission to both the List of counsel and the List of assistants to counsel must meet a series of criteria.

CRITERIA FOR THE LIST OF COUNSEL

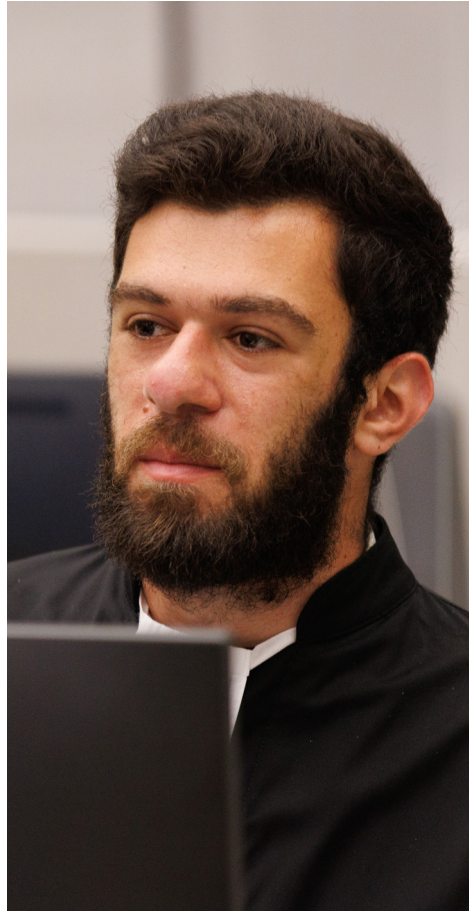
To be admitted, candidates must meet all the following requirements:

- Excellent knowledge and fluency in at least one of the working languages of the Court, i.e., French or English;
- Established competence in international or criminal law and procedure;
- A minimum of ten years of necessary relevant experience whether as a judge, prosecutor, advocate or similar role in criminal trials;
- Candidates must not have been convicted of serious crimes or disciplinary offenses deemed incompatible with the nature of the role.

CRITERIA FOR THE LIST OF ASSISTANTS TO COUNSEL

Candidates for this list must meet one of these requirements.

- Five years of experience in criminal proceedings or
- Specific competence in international law or criminal and procedural law: The ICC seeks to allow counsel to receive the assistance of professors and other academic experts with relevant experience in these areas. Even when these persons may have insufficient experience in criminal proceedings, their theoretical knowledge of the relevant law and jurisprudence make them an invaluable asset for legal teams. Your competence and experience to be included in the List will be assessed on a case-by-case basis.





HOW WILL THE COURT SUPPORT YOUR WORK?

Once admitted to the List of counsel, you will be able to participate in seminars and training opportunities. These activities include the seminar and training for counsels that the Registry organizes annually and free of charge for lawyers, in which counsels can attend presentations and discussions with international experts and Court representatives. The seminar of at least two days duration is complemented by training on issues and topics related to professional practice before the Court. Financial support is also provided, to a limited extent, to counsels who are nationals and residents of developing countries to ensure their participation in these important activities.

Appointed counsel also benefits from logistical and administrative support from the Registry, as well as guidance

and legal research support by the Office of the Public Counsel for Defence (OPCD), and the Office of Public Counsel for Victims (OPCV).

REMUNERATION

Under the ICC legal aid system, counsel and assistants to counsel who have been officially appointed to practice before the Court are adequately remunerated for the exercise of their function either representing the accused, the suspect, or the victims, if they are considered indigent. Legal teams are provided with budgets for investigations and a related daily substance allowance. The guide for applicants to the ICC List of counsel and assistant to counsel contains more details about the remuneration regime and other relevant aspects.

APPLY TODAY!

If you meet all the requirements, you are invited to apply as soon as possible. You must include all of the following documents in English or French. If the documentation is presented in a different language, this shall be accompanied by its respective translation.

FOR THE LIST OF COUNSEL

- ☐ Application form with signature and date
- ☐ Detailed curriculum vitae, which allows to appreciate the competence and experience of the candidate
- ☐ Additional Information form for the List of counsel
- ☐ Original certificate of criminal record issued by the competent authority of each of the States of which the person is a national or in which he/she has his/her domicile
- ☐ Original certificate of good standing form
- ☐ Original or certified copy of registration with the bar association or competent administrative authority
- ☐ Legible copy of birth certificate
- ☐ Legible copy of passport or travel document
- ☐ Two colour passport photos
- ☐ Current copy of the professional insurance policy (when applicable)

FOR THE LIST OF ASSISTANT TO COUNSEL

- ☐ Application form with signature and date
- ☐ Detailed curriculum vitae, which allows to appreciate the competence and experience of the candidate
- ☐ Original certificate of criminal record issued by the competent authority of each of the States of which the person is a national or in which he/she has his/her domicile
- ☐ Legible copy of birth certificate
- ☐ Legible copy of passport or travel document
- ☐ Two colour passport photographs



Candidates who are authorized by the national bar association or are professors must also present the following documents (when applicable):

- ❑ Original or certified copy issued by the bar association or by the corresponding association and/or the competent administrative authority
- ❑ Original certificate of good standing form

For academics:

- ❑ An official letter issued by the institution where the candidate works as a professor, certifying the duration and type of contract, as well as his/her specialty.

Certificates proving language proficiency in any of the working languages of the Court, i.e., French or English, might also be requested.





IMPORTANT

Incomplete applications will cause delays in processing and issuing of the ultimate decision. It is therefore imperative that interested candidates carefully read the application instructions and provide a complete application form with the requested supporting documentation.

Applications from qualified candidates of the Latin American and Caribbean region will be processed without delay. An acknowledgment of receipt of the request will be sent. In a maximum of three months from the receipt of the request, you will be informed of the results by email.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

For additional information, please refer to the Information Package, which includes the Guide for applicants to the ICC List of counsel and Assistant to counsel, the Code of Professional Conduct for Lawyers, a USB with the main legal texts and other information materials on the Court.

All documents can be downloaded from the ICC website www.icc-cpi.int or requested from css.lists@icc-cpi.int

Those interested should send the documentation and address their queries exclusively to the ICC Counsel Support Section, preferably by email.

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THE INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL COURT



The world's first permanent international criminal court

The International Criminal Court represents a historic milestone in the progress of international criminal justice. As the world's first permanent international criminal court, it is governed by the Rome Statute, an international treaty that has so far been ratified by more than 120 countries. The Court is based in The Hague, in the Netherlands, and employs around 900 staff members from around 100 States.

It was established to help put an end to impunity for the most serious crimes of concern to the international community: genocide, crimes against humanity and war crimes committed before the entry into force of the Rome Statute on 1 July 2002, as well as the crime of aggression, as of 17 July 2018,

under specific conditions and procedures.

The Court may exercise its jurisdiction over international crimes committed in the territory of a State Party or by one of the nationals of a State Party; when the United Nations Security Council refers a situation to the Prosecutor; or when a State makes a declaration by which it accepts the jurisdiction of the Court.

As a court of last resort, the ICC is intended to complement, not replace, national criminal justice systems. It can only exercise jurisdiction when national legal systems are unwilling or unable to actually carry out proceedings.





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