



## Short Biography | Ms Patricia V. Sellers

Ms Patricia Sellers is a Visiting Fellow at Kellogg College of the University of Oxford where she teaches international criminal law and human rights law. She has been widely consulted on international criminal law and humanitarian law. She has been a Special Legal Consultant to UN Women, to the Gender and Women's Rights Division of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights and to the UN Secretary's General's Special Representative to Children in Armed Conflict. In 2012, she was a member of an expert panel to review the UN Office of Internal Oversight that has initial jurisdiction over UN Peacekeepers.

Ms Sellers was the Legal Advisor for Gender, the Acting Head of the Legal Advisory Section and a prosecutor at the United Nations International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia ("ICTY") from 1994 until February 2007. She developed the legal strategies and was a member of the trial teams working on the *Akayesu*, *Furundzija*, and *Kunarac* cases. These landmark decisions remain the pre-imminent legal standards for the interpretation of sexual violence as war crimes, crimes against humanity, genocide, torture and enslavement.

She has lectured extensively on humanitarian law and international criminal law. She is the author of numerous articles including, *Wartime Female Slavery: Enslavement?* Cornell University Journal of International Law, Vol. 44:1 (2011); *Rape and Sexual Violence*, in the critically received, *A NEW COMMENTARY TO THE GENEVA CONVENTIONS* (Oxford University Press, 2015), and, the forthcoming, *(Re)Considering the Gender Jurisprudence* in *THE OXFORD HANDBOOK OF GENDER AND ARMED CONFLICT* (Oxford university Press, 2017).

She served as a story consultant to WNET-13/WIDE ANGLE, the producers of the PBS series, *Women, War and Peace*, and is currently an advisor on two documentary film projects as well as being featured in the acclaimed documentary, "The Uncondemned."

Ms Sellers is the recipient of the prestigious Prominent Women in International Law Award by the American Society of International Law. She holds an Honorary Doctorate in Law from the City University of New York, as well as an Honorary Fellow for Lifetime Achievement from the Law School of the University of Pennsylvania, her *alma mater*. Ms Sellers was also awarded the National Bar Association's Ron Brown International Lawyer Prize. |