

## ***PATRICIA VISEUR SELLERS***

### **PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

- 1994-2007: **UN International Criminal Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia (ICTY), Office of the Prosecutor** (The Hague, The Netherlands) - Legal Advisor for Gender Related Crimes and Acting Senior Trial Attorney, Trial Attorney, including from 1998 until 2002, Deputy Head of the Legal Advisory Section. Responsibilities entail advising trial teams and investigative teams on prosecution of sex-based crimes under the Tribunal's Statute, and pertinent doctrines of humanitarian law, drafting legal submissions, interviewing witnesses, leading evidence before tribunal judges and representing the Prosecutor at external meetings. Legal Advisor for ICTY and ICTR cases including, *Bralo*, *Kunarac*, *Krstic*, *Musema*, *Krajisnik*, and *Milosevic*. Prosecuting Trial Attorney in the cases of *Furundzija*, *Nikolic*, *Haradinaj*, *Akayesu* and Acting Senior Trial Attorney in *Oric*.
- 2003-2005: **Oxford University, Kellogg College**, (Oxford, England) - Developed and the taught course, "International Criminal Process" in the Masters of Human Rights Program at the Kellogg College of Oxford University.
- 2005-Present: **Oxford University, Kellogg College**, (Oxford, England) – Visiting Fellow of Kellogg College.
- 1990-1994: **European Union, Commission – Directorate General for External Relations, Southeast Asia Division** (Brussels, Belgium) - Co-Desk for Thailand and Burma. Responsibilities entailed negotiations of economic co-operation agreements between Thai government and E.U. Approval and oversight of E.U. funded projects in Thailand, including Chulalongkorn University European Studies program, AIDS/STD health projects, grants to civil society associations to prohibit entrapment of children and women into networks of human trafficking.
- 1987-1989: **Price Waterhouse** (Brussels, Belgium) - Staff Accountant in the U.S. Tax Department – Prepared U.S. income tax returns and advised U.S. expatriates on U.S. Tax Code.

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- 1982-1986: **Ford Foundation** (Rio de Janeiro, Brazil) – Program Officer in Human Rights. Established the Ford Foundation’s women’s program in Brazil. Also, oversaw program grants to strengthen the legality of workers rights *via* the Brazilian Maids Association, to organize sustainable social infra-structure in urban migrant communities and to advocate for land-use rights of rural peasants.
- 1979-1982: **Defender Association of Philadelphia** (Philadelphia, PA. USA) – Trial Attorney in state criminal proceedings, including rapes and attempted murders.

### **EDUCATION**

- 1979: **University of Pennsylvania, Law School** (Philadelphia, PA. USA) Doctorate of Jurisprudence (J.D). Emphasis on criminal and international law. Law Clerk for Acting Dean Prof. Covey Oliver. Law Clerk for Professor of Socialist Legal Systems, Prof. Chris Osakwe. Semester internship at the Center for Law and Social Policy in Washington, D.C., specialized in human rights of the mentally impaired.
- 1976: **Rutgers College, Rutgers University** (New Brunswick, NJ, USA) Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) Political Science, Presidential Scholar, Dean’s List for four years. Emphasis on Latin American Studies. Member of Rutgers College Judicial Board
- 1975: **Autonomous National University of Mexico (UNAM)** (Mexico City, Mexico) Certificate in Latin American Studies. Emphasis on twentieth century Mexican political development.

### **U. S. BAR ADMISSIONS**

- 1979: New Jersey
- 1979: Pennsylvania
- 1980: Federal District Court, Eastern Pennsylvania

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### **PUBLICATIONS**

*Upcomng*, **The Appeal of Sexual Violence: Gacumbitsi/Akayesu**, Center for Human Rights, University of Pretoria (Winter 2007).

*Upcoming*, **Common Article 3, Elements of International Crimes**, Bergsmo et al. (Kluwer Law International 2006)

*Upcoming*, **Outrages Upon Personal Dignities, Commentaries to the ICC Statute**, in O. Treffteter et al. eds. (2006)

**The Other Voices: Interpreters and Investigators of Sexual Violence in International Criminal Proceedings, in Listening to the Silences: Women and War**, Co-edited by Helen Durham and Tracey Gurd, International Humanitarian Law Series, 8. (Martinus Nijhoff Publishers 2005)

**Individual(?s) Liability for Collective Sexual Violence, in Gender and Human Rights**, ed. Karen Knop. (Oxford University Press 2004)

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*Book Review* in 15 Leiden Journal of International Law 449 (2002) of **Women, Armed Conflict and International Law**, by Judith G. Gardam and Michelle J. Jarvis, (Kluwer Law International 2002)

**Rule 89(C) and (D); At Odds or Overlapping with Rule 96 and Rule 95, in Essays and Evidence in Honour of Gabrielle Kirk McDonald**, May et al. eds. (Kluwer 2001)

**The Context of Sexual Violence: Sexual Violence as Violations of International Humanitarian Law, in Substantive and Procedural Aspects of International Criminal Law**, McDonald and Swak Goldman eds. (Kluwer 2000)

**Culture Value of Sexual Violence**, 93 Am. Society Int. Law, Proceedings. (1999)

**Rape Under International Law, WAR CRIMES: The Legacy of Nuremberg**, Belinda Cooper, ed. (1999)

**Emerging Jurisprudence of Sexual Violence Under International Law, in CONTEMPORARY INTERNATIONAL LAW ISSUE: NEW FORMS, NEW APPLICATIONS**, Proceedings of the Fourth Hague Joint Conference. (1998)

**Intentional Prosecution of Sexual Violence**, Patricia Sellers & Kaoru Okizumi, 7 Transnational Law & Contemporary Problems 1. (1997)

## ***PATRICIA VISEUR SELLERS***

**Arriving at Rwanda: Extension of Sexual Assault Prosecution Under the Statutes of the ad hoc International Criminal Tribunals, in Are International Institutions Doing their Job?** Proceedings of the 90th Annual Meeting of the American Society of International Law. (1996)

### **AWARDS**

**Honorary Fellow** awarded by the Law School, University of Pennsylvania. 2006

**Honorary Doctorate of Law** awarded by the Law School of City University of New York, (C.U.N.Y.) 2001

**Prominent Women in International Law** awarded by the American Society of International Law, (ASIL) Women in International Law Interest Group. 1999

**Martin Luther King Award**, awarded by the Black Law Student Association of Rutgers University Law School, Camden. 1998.

### **PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS**

International Association of Prosecutors

American Society of International Law

American Bar Association

Pennsylvania Bar Association

National Bar Association

**LANGUAGES** - English, French, Portuguese and Spanish

**NATIONALITY**- United States of America / Belgian