

2019 11 02 Philippe KIRSCH, OC, QC: ABRIDGED BIOGRAPHY

2009-present (selected)

Chair, Advisory Committee on Nominations of Judges of the International Criminal Court, Assembly of States Parties to the Rome Statute, 2012-2018

Chair, *ad hoc* Appeal Board in the Appeal against an administrative decision by the Secretary-General of the Permanent Court of Arbitration, 2015.

Chair, Working Group on the Rule of Law: Advancing the Protection of Human Rights, International Expert Conference, Vienna, 2013.

Member, Fact-Finding mission to Myanmar, International Bar Association, 2012-2013.

Chair, International Commission of Inquiry to investigate violations of international human rights law in Libya, UN Human Rights Council, 2011-2012.

Commissioner, Bahrain Independent Commission of Inquiry, 2011.

Judge *ad hoc* in the case *Questions relating to the Obligation to Prosecute or extradite (Belgium v. Senegal, Hissène Habré Case)* at the International Court of Justice, 2009-2012.

1998-2009 International Criminal Court

President of the International Criminal Court, and a Judge on its Appeals Chamber, 2003-2009.

Chair of the Preparatory Commission for the International Criminal Court, 1999-2002.

Chair of the Committee of the Whole of the UN Diplomatic Conference of Plenipotentiaries on the Establishment of an International Criminal Court, 1998.

1972-2003 Canadian Government

Ambassador of Canada to the Kingdom of Sweden, 1999-2003.

Legal Adviser, Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade, Ottawa, 1994-1999;
Director General, Bureau of Legal Affairs, 1992-1994.

Ambassador and Agent for Canada before the International Court of Justice in the *Legality of Use of Force Case*, 1999-2003, and in the *Fisheries Jurisdiction Case*, 1995-1998

Head of the Canadian delegation before the Panel convened pursuant to the Canada-United States Free Trade Agreement in the Matter of Puerto Rico Regulations on the Import of UHT Milk from Quebec, 1993.

Ambassador and Deputy Permanent Representative of Canada to the United Nations, New York, 1988-1992.

Director, Legal Operations Division, Department of External Affairs, Ottawa, 1983-1988.

Ambassador and Agent for Canada in the Dispute concerning Filleting within the Gulf of St.

Lawrence ("Bretagne" arbitration), 1985-1986.

Previous Assignments: Economic Law and Treaty Division, 1981-1983; United States Division, 1975-1977; Legal Operations Division, 1972-1973, Department of External Affairs, Ottawa; Permanent Mission of Canada to the United Nations, New York, 1977-1981; Canadian Embassy to Peru, Lima, with accreditation to Bolivia, 1973-1975.

Related Activities (selected)

Chair of the UN Committee for the suppression of acts of terrorism, 1997-1999; Chair of the UN Committee on the Convention on the Safety of UN and Associated Personnel, 1993-1994; President of the International Conference on Air Law on a Protocol for the Suppression of Unlawful Acts of Violence at Airports Serving International Civil Aviation, 1988; Chair of the Committee of the Whole of the International Conference on the Suppression of Unlawful Acts against the Safety of Maritime Navigation, 1988; Head of the Canadian delegation to the UN Committee on the Drafting of an International Convention against the Taking of Hostages, 1979.

Member of the Group of International Advisers to the International Committee of the Red Cross, 2000-2003; Chair of the Drafting Committee of the 26th and 27th International Conference of the Red Cross and the Red Crescent, 1995, 1999, and of the Drafting Committee of the International Conference on the Protection of War Victims, 1993; Chair of the Canadian National Committee on Humanitarian Law, 1998-1999.

Deputy representative of Canada on the UN Security Council, 1989-1990; Vice-Chair of the Committee on Sanctions Against Iraq, 1990; Chair of the Sub-Committee on States confronted with Economic Problems as a Result of Sanctions, 1990.

Chair of the UN General Assembly's Sixth (Legal) Committee, 1982-1983; Chair of the Committee on Application for Review of United Nations Administrative Tribunal Judgments, 1983, 1981.

Author or more than fifty articles and contributions to law books; numerous speeches and conferences on international criminal justice, international law and international relations.

Other

Grand Cross of the Order of the Crown (Belgium); Commander of the Order of the Cross of Oak (Luxembourg); Officer of the Order of Canada. *Queen's Counsel* (1988). Various academic, human rights and Foreign policy awards. Creation by the Canadian Council for International Justice of the Philippe Kirsch Institute for legal training in Canada, 2013.

LL.L, 1969 and LL.M. 1972, University of Montreal; member of the Quebec Bar since 1970; Honorary Doctorates of Laws from the University of Montreal; University of Quebec in Montreal; University of Ottawa; National University of Ireland; Academic Council of Odessa National Academy of Law.