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## Introduction

Kate is an Australian lawyer specialising in international criminal, humanitarian, and human rights law. She has been appearing before the international criminal courts and tribunals since 2005, in cases involving genocide, war crimes, and crimes against humanity.

Kate is currently representing Radovan Karadžić, former President of the Republika Srpska, before the United Nations International Residual Mechanism for Criminal Tribunals in The Hague.

In July 2018, she was appointed as Legal Consultant to the Independent International Fact-Finding Mission on Myanmar, established by the United Nations Human Rights Council in A/HRC/RES/34/22 on 3 April 2017.

Between 2009 and 2018, she represented Jean-Pierre Bemba, former Vice-President of the Democratic Republic of the Congo, before the International Criminal Court in The Hague, who was acquitted of all charges in June 2018.

Previously, she appeared as counsel for various accused before the United Nations International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda in Tanzania, including Minister Justin Mugenzi who was acquitted of all charges in 2013, and General Gratien Kabiligi who was acquitted of all charges in 2008. She was also co-counsel to former Liberian President Charles Taylor before the Special Court for Sierra Leone.

Kate represented victims in the first case before the Extraordinary Chambers in Phnom Penh, Cambodia. Between 2007 and 2008, she was the Associate Legal Officer to Judge Mohamed Shahabuddeen in the Appeals Chamber of the United Nations Tribunals for the former Yugoslavia.

She holds an appointment as a Senior Consultant (Africa) with the International Development Law Organisation in Rome, Italy, and is training the lawyers of the Rwandan Bar Association in defending genocide cases before the Rwandan domestic courts.

Kate holds an LL.M (First) in International Law from Cambridge University. She is published and teaches in international criminal law and transitional justice, and lives in Geneva, Switzerland.

### Qualifications and Appointments:

- Member of the Association of Defence Counsel before the International Criminal Tribunals (2015-2018)
- Member of the International Criminal Court Bar Association (2016-2018)
- Co-Chair of the International Criminal Court Bar Association Training Committee (2017)
- Solicitor of the Supreme Court of Queensland (2001).
- Solicitor of the High Court of Australia (2001).
- British Chevening (Australia) Scholarship, Cambridge University (2003-2004), awarded for 'outstanding academic achievement'.
- Vice-Chancellor's Scholarship, Bond University (1997-2000), awarded for 'academic excellence and demonstrated leadership skills'

## Reported Cases:

- *The Prosecutor v. Bagosora et al.*, ICTR-98-41-T, International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda, 18 December 2008.
- *The Prosecutor v. Gatete*, ICTR-2000-61-T, International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda, 31 March 2011.
- *Mugenzi et al. v The Prosecutor*, ICTR- 99-50-A, International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda, 4 February 2013.
- *The Prosecutor v. Charles Ghankay Taylor*, SCSL-03-01-A, Special Court for Sierra Leone, 26 September 2013.
- *The Prosecutor v. Jean-Pierre Bemba*, ICC-01/05-01/08, International Criminal Court, 21 March 2016.
- *Jean-Pierre Bemba v. The Prosecutor*, ICC-01/05-01/08, International Criminal Court, 8 June 2018.