



BIOGRAPHIES – PLENARY SESSION 3

Plenary Session 3: The role of the prosecutor in upholding the rule of law in the digital age – challenge and responses

Chair:

Cindy Clarke, Director of Public Prosecutions, Bermuda

Cindy Clarke is an Attorney-at-Law called to the Bar in England and Wales and Bermuda.

A career prosecutor, she was the head of the department's Specialist Team for 3 years, and the head of the Litigation Team for 9 years. Before being promoted to DPP, she led the department in prosecuting money laundering matters, and applications under the Proceeds of Crime Act, and on child safeguarding and domestic violence matters.

Ms. Clarke holds a Bachelor of Arts from Trent University in Canada, and a Bachelor of Laws from the University of Kent in England. She completed her Bar Vocational Course in London, and holds an Executive Diploma in Strategic Management. She has presented at various conferences hosted by the International Association of Prosecutors, Interpol, the Foreign Commonwealth and Development Office and has also taught law at the Bermuda College.

Outside of the law she has a passion for the culinary arts.

Speakers:

Ángel Valencia Vásquez, Chief National Prosecutor, Chile

Mr. Valencia attended the University of Chile School of Law from (1987-1991) and received his appointment to the bar in 1996. He received a Master of Laws (LLM) degree specializing in oral litigation from California Western School of Law in 2015 and is presently pursuing a Ph.D. at the University of Salamanca with a thesis focused on "Justice, Criminal Systems and Criminology."

He has also completed several graduate programs in Chile as well as internships and advanced training visits to courts, prosecutors' offices and law firms in Germany and the United States.

From 2002 to 2006, he served at the Chilean Public Prosecutor's Office. He was primarily responsible for investigations involving economic crimes, drug trafficking, contract killings and organized crime, and for designing and leading a pilot program for "Drug Treatment Courts" in the southern area of Santiago.

Previously, he was a professor and director of the Law School of the Catholic University of Temuco (1995 to 2000).

In 2020, he was part of the group that drafted the working document "Effective Criminal Prosecution and Rule of Law: Challenges and Lines of Action for Latin America" published by the Justice Studies Center of the Americas and Alberto Hurtado University.

He has further served as an instructor and professor for the certificate programs in Oral Litigation and Criminal Procedure of Alberto Hurtado University from 2000 to 2022, and has trained and lectured before hundreds of judges, lawyers, prosecutors, and public defenders on such matters, mainly in Chile, Mexico, Argentina, and Uruguay.

He has long provided counsel in the legislative arena. He was a member of the Working Group that drafted the parliamentary motion that gave rise to Law No. 20,357, which codifies in Chile the offenses and crimes contained in the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court.

In the field of volunteering, it should be noted that between 2014 and 2018 she was a member of the network of criminal lawyers of Fundación PRO BONO, assuming the representation of vulnerable women victims of violence, who lacked the resources to pay a trustworthy lawyer.

In 2019, in Mexico City, he received the decoration Caballero Comendador de la Educación, awarded by the Mexican Doctoral Council in recognition of his "outstanding work and leadership in education, culture and aid to humanity".

Before taking office as National Prosecutor of the Public Prosecutor's Office on January 12, 2023, for an eight year term, Mr. Valencia was in private practice with "Amenábar & Valencia Abogados", served as a part-time professor at the School of Law and Social Sciences of San Sebastián University

and has worked extensively on the development of a program on Artificial Intelligence and data systems applied to Criminal Prosecution and support to the Judicial System.

He is member of the Chilean Bar Association and Red Penal A.G.

In September 2023 he was elected to the Executive Committee of IAP.

Nick Ephgrave, Director, Serious Fraud Office, United Kingdom

Nick has been the Director of the Serious Fraud Office since September 2023, leading the organisation to deliver its mission to fight complex financial crime, deliver justice for victims, and protect the UK's reputation as a safe place to do business.

Nick has a policing background; he joined the Metropolitan Police Service in 1990, initially serving in the East End of London. He worked in a range of operational roles including as Senior Investigating Officer in the Met's Homicide command. He was responsible for designing and implementing the first iteration of the National Counter Terrorism Co-ordination Centre and was Borough Commander of Lambeth before his promotion to Commander in Territorial Policing where he led on Criminal Justice, Custody and Crime Policy for the Metropolitan Police Service.

He served as Deputy Chief Constable then Chief Constable of Surrey Police before returning to the Metropolitan Police Service as Assistant Commissioner. In this role he was initially responsible for delivering operational capabilities and specialist services across the service, then was responsible for delivering Frontline Policing, leading 22,000 officers and staff in both Local Policing and Specialist Crime business groups. He held the national Criminal Justice portfolio within the National Police Chiefs' Council and represented policing nationally as a member of both the Criminal Procedure Rules Committee and Sentencing Council.

Nanae McIlroy, Deputy Director, Japan Prosecutors Unit on Emerging Crimes, Supreme Public Prosecutors Office, Japan

Ms. McIlroy joined Japan's Public Prosecutors Office in 2004 and has handled numerous cases in cities across Japan. In April 2024, she was appointed as a deputy director of Japan Prosecutors Unit on Emerging Crimes (JPEC) in the Supreme Public Prosecutors Office.

From 2018 to 2021, Ms. McIlroy was seconded to the UNODC in Vienna as a crime prevention and criminal justice officer. She has also served as an attorney at the Ministry of Justice as well as the Legal Training and Research Institute of Japan. Throughout her career, she has worked in the secretariats of a number of international conferences and made presentations at many international programs, seminars and conferences.

Ms. McIlroy graduated from the Faculty of Law of the University of Tokyo in 2002 and received an LL.M. from Columbia Law School in 2007.

Ms. McIlroy holds bar qualification in Japan and in New York.

Mark Carroll, O.B.E, Director – Criminal Justice, International Justice Development, England

Mark is a highly experienced prosecutor and criminal justice advisor with over 25 years' involvement in the criminal justice field.

Mark has experience of working in the UK on complex serious and organised crime cases, public corruption and high-profile counter terrorism investigations and prosecutions. For a decade Mark enjoyed overseas postings in Afghanistan, Kenya and Pakistan, before spending three years in the world-renowned Counter Terrorism Division of the Crown Prosecution Service at the forefront of national CT prosecutions. Mark has a LLB in Law, a LLM in Criminal Litigation and in 2012 became an Officer of the Order of the British Empire for services to Rule of Law in Afghanistan.

Since 2019 Mark has been working in numerous countries developing capacity and delivering justice assistance, in particular on counter terrorism, anti-corruption, mutual legal assistance and digital evidence projects as part of International Justice Development and the UK Foreign Office.

Necati Nursal, Senior Prosecutor, Supreme Court of Appeal, Republic of Türkiye

Mr. Necati Nursal graduated from Istanbul Faculty of Law and Ankara University European Union Research Center International Relations Expertise Department. In his professional career, he worked as a prosecutor and judge in various courts. He served as Head of the Department of Foreign Relations and Human Rights at the Ministry of Justice, Member of the Committee of Experts in various crime committees of the Council of Europe in Strazburg and Justice Counsellor at the Representation of the European Union to Turkiye in Brussels.

He actively participated in the Turkish Judicial Reform and Turkish Prison Reform, was a member of the Specialized Commission on Justice Services and National Country Consultant in EU projects, wrote the first drafts of some Reform Laws such as Penal Enforcement, Probation, Prison Workshops by conducting comparative research in many countries and was a member of the Draft Law Commissions, and established the Probation System in Turkiye.

He has participated in many international conferences as a speaker and has 6 published books and papers. Within the scope of some national and international projects and studies he has carried out with the European Union and the Council of Europe, he has received certificates of appreciation and thanks from the Ministry of Justice, the Council of Europe, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the State

Planning Organization and the Council of Judges and Prosecutors. He is currently serving as senior public Prosecutor in the General Prosecution Office of the Court of Cassation of Republic of Turkiye.