



BIOGRAPHIES – WORKSHOP 1A

Workshop 1A: The role of the prosecutor in ensuring procedural equality between prosecution and defence

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John Logue, Crown Agent, Crown Office and Procurator Fiscal Service, Scotland

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SPEAKERS:

Victoria Buttigieg, Attorney General, Malta

Dr Buttigieg graduated with a Doctor of Laws from the University of Malta in 2001, obtained her warrant in 2002 and her Master of Laws in Financial Services in 2004.

In 2002 she started her professional career as junior lawyer within the Ministry for Resources and Infrastructure, in 2007 joined the Office of the Attorney General as lawyer and in 2012 was appointed Assistant Attorney General. Dr Buttigieg was, in 2019, appointed as the first State Advocate and on the 9th September 2020 she was appointed Attorney General for the Republic of Malta.

Rashid Ahmine, Director of Public Prosecutions, Mauritius

Rashid Ahmine is the Director of Public Prosecutions of Mauritius since December 2022. He holds a Bachelor's Law Degree (LLB) from the University of Liverpool, UK and a specialist Master's Degree

(LLM) in Banking and Finance Law from King's College London. He is a former Fellow of the National Attorneys General Training & Research Institute (NAGTRI) in the US. He is currently an Executive Committee member of the International Association of Prosecutors (IAP). He is also a member of the Association of Certified Fraud Examiner.

Mr. Ahmine is the holder of the IAP's Prosecutor of the Year Award 2012. In 2015, the ARINSA (Asset Recovery Inter-Agency Network Southern Africa) conferred another award on him for significant contribution in the field of asset recovery both in Mauritius and in the region.

He has appeared in several cases before the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council in UK and as lead Counsel in the matter of *Ruhumataly v The State of Mauritius and the DPP* (2024)

Maggie Yang Mei-Kei, Director of Public Prosecutions, Hong Kong SAR of the People's Republic of China

Ms. Maggie Yang is currently the Director of Public Prosecutions in the Department of Justice. She graduated from the University of Wales in the United Kingdom in 1989 and was admitted as a solicitor of the Supreme Court of England and Wales in 1992 and the High Court of Hong Kong in 1993. She was called to the Bar in 2021. She joined the Prosecutions Division of the Department of Justice in 1994.

Ms. Yang has a wide range of experience in many aspects of Criminal Law in particular the White Collar Crime and the Public Order Events. Before becoming the Director of Public Prosecutions, she was the head of the Major Fraud team in the Commercial Crime Unit, the head of the Advisory unit of the Court of First Instance, District Court and the Magistrates Court Units, and the head of the Cybercrime and Public Order Events Unit in the Prosecutions Division of the Department of Justice.

Adley Duncan, Senior Crown Counsel, Department of Public Prosecutions, Bermuda

Adley Duncan is a Senior Crown Counsel in the Department of Public Prosecutions for Bermuda, with over fifteen years of prosecuting experience. He appears at all levels of the court system in Bermuda, and specialises in the prosecution of homicide and other serious crimes.

He occasionally contributes to legal publications, and offers training to police and other criminal justice stakeholders when the opportunities arise. He has a Master of Laws in Jurisprudence and Legal Theory, and thoroughly enjoys spending time at the beach when he is not engaged in trial.

Niamh McDermott, Senior Prosecutor, Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions, Ireland

- Niamh McDermott, B.A (Hons), LL.B, LL.M
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