



BIOGRAPHIES – WORKSHOP 2A

Workshop 2A: Collaboration between stakeholders to ensure the rights of victims in the criminal justice system

CHAIR:

Matthew Frick, Crown Counsel, Department of Public Prosecutions, Ministry of Legal Affairs, Bermuda

Matthew Frick is Crown Counsel for the Department of Public Prosecutions in Bermuda. Born and raised in Bermuda, Matthew was a member of the Bermuda Police Service for 5 years before attending Dalhousie University to obtain his Juris Doctor with a specialization in criminal procedure. Matthew also holds a bachelor's degree with joint majors in Economics and Psychology from the University of New Brunswick.

Matthew did his pupillage in the department under the Director, Cindy Clarke, was called to the Bermuda Bar early 2023 and is currently in the litigation team within the department. He has assisted and lead numerous trials in both the Magistrates Court and the Supreme Court covering a wide range of matters. Matthew has a passion for technology, often being called to assist with matters requiring computer expertise both in the court room and with case management, and is excited to see how technology and Artificial Intelligence is going to revolutionize the practice of law.

SPEAKERS:

Alexandra Ramusch, Deputy Procurator General, Procurator General's Office, Austria

Ms. Ramusch was appointed a Deputy Procurator General of the Austrian Procurator General's Office in 2023. Previously, she had been serving as Senior Public Prosecutor at the Central Public Prosecutor's Office for Combating Economic Crimes and Corruption (2014-2023) and as Public Prosecutor at the Vienna Public Prosecution Office (2013-2014). She also has several years of experience in the private sector as attorney at law.

She studied law at the University of Vienna, at the Vienna University of Economics and Business and at the London School of Economics and Political Science.

Mariyam Shahuma, Senior Public Prosecutor, Prosecutor General's Office, Maldives

Ms. Mariyam Shahuma holds the position of Senior Public Prosecutor at the Prosecutor General's Office in the Maldives. With a prosecutorial tenure commencing in 2015, she has adeptly represented the Prosecutor General in matters of profound significance, navigating the intricacies of high-profile cases. Her multifaceted role has seen her serve as the leader of several prosecution units including Major Crimes Unit, Economic and Financial Crimes Unit and Appeal Unit. Currently she is the head of the Family and Child Unit, exercising vigilant oversight over the prosecution and investigation of sexual offenses, offenses against children, and domestic violence cases. In addition to that, she is also working a project to enhance victim support services in the Maldives.

Esther Kwiet, Deputy Solicitor for Public Prosecutions, Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions, New South Wales, Australia

Esther has been a prosecutor with the ODPP since 2009. She worked in the Specialised Prosecution unit which prosecuted police officers, high profile and organised crime for a number of years before moving to Director's Chambers where she was a Senior and Principal Legal Adviser to the Director of Public Prosecutions.

Esther was appointed a Deputy Solicitor of Public Prosecutions in 2023. She has oversight of 140 staff including the Specialised Prosecutions Teams, the Witness Assistance Service and the Drug Court. Esther is also the Executive Lead for First Nations at the ODPP and works closely with Jane on various strategic projects that relate to the Witness Assistance Service and better supporting victims of serious crime.

Jane Wolf, Manager of the Witness Assistance Service, Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions, New South Wales, Australia

Jane has worked as a social worker in the legal system for 19 years. She has worked for the ODPP for 10 years as both a Witness Assistance Officer and Team Leader.

Jane was employed by the State Coroners Court in 2010. In 2013 she was appointed the State Coordinator of the Coronial Information and Support Program and into the role of Assistant Coroner. Jane was employed as Witness Intermediary as part of the Child Sexual Offence Evidence Pilot from 2016 to 2018, facilitating communication between children giving evidence and legal parties at court. Jane was appointed Manager of the Witness Assistance Service in 2021. She has oversight of 64 staff within the Witness Assistance Service and provides strategic and policy assistance to the Solicitor's Executive and Director's Chambers in relation to victims of crime.

Edward Muhumuza, Chief State Attorney, Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions, Uganda

Edward Muhumuza is a Chief State Attorney/Legal Manger to the Director of Public Prosecutions, Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions (ODPP), dealing with Legal and Policy matters at National and International Level.

He previously worked at the Anti-Corruption Department, and District filed Offices around the country prosecuting a multiplicity of offences. He was recently recognized for his outstanding Prosecution of Cases involving Trafficking in Persons in Uganda - 2023. He has worked in the Office of Director of Public Prosecutions for 15 years.

He holds a Master of Laws (LLM) from Makerere University Kampala, Post Graduate Diploma in Legal Practice, LLB Makerere University Kampala. In addition, he has trained in Anti-corruption, Money Laundering, Financial Investigations, Asset Recovery; and Counter-Terrorism from the International Institute for Justice and the Rule of Law in Malta.

Dasongee Kwon, Prosecutor, Seoul Southern District Prosecutors' Office, Republic of Korea

Dasongee Kwon is currently the prosecutor of the Seoul Southern District Prosecutors' Office, where she is in charge of trials in various crime cases. Since her appointment as a prosecutor in 2015, she has deal with various types of crimes including financial crimes, environmental crimes, sexual crimes. Before becoming a prosecutor, She worked as a real estate appraiser at NHbank for three years. She graduated from Sungkyunkwan University Law School, and holds a B.A. (Library and Information science) from Yonsei University.