



BIOGRAPHIES – WORKSHOP 2B

Workshop 2B: Transparency and public confidence in the criminal justice system

CHAIR:

Dr Angela Brooks, Deputy Director, Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions, Turks and Caicos Islands

Native to the Island of Grand Turk in the Turks & Caicos Islands Dr. Brooks commenced her studies in Toronto Canada majoring in Sociology, however her vocal nature and dedication to a safe Turks & Caicos pushed her to commence Legal Studies in the United Kingdom. After completing her LLB at The University of Buckingham, Dr. Brooks pursued a Master's Degree in International and Commercial Law. She then attended the University of West England where she received a Postgraduate Diploma, in Bar Vocational Studies.

On returning to the Turks and Caicos Islands, Angela gained employment with the Attorney General's Chambers as Crown Counsel and swiftly climbed the ranks to Senior Crown Counsel. In 2012 the DPP Office was created where Angela was appointed the coveted position as Deputy Director Of Public Prosecutions. The first local in this position.

Dr. Brooks has benefitted from numerous trainings programs over the years which has afforded her the opportunity to gain specialty skills.

In July 2021 Dr. Brooks graduated with her Doctorate in Philosophy in Christian Counselling from Kingdom Truth University in Jacksonville Florida. She aspires to continue her work in counselling, public speaking, national and international.

Dr. Brooks is married to Desmond Brooks and they have 6 children.

SPEAKERS:

Adam Dalrymple, President, British Crown Counsel Association, Canada

Adam has been a prosecutor for approximately 17 years and is the President of the British Columbia Crown Counsel Association as well as the Vice-President of the Canadian Association of Crown Counsel. As a director and member of the executive of these Associations he has focused on mental health and wellness for prosecutors, good governance, access to justice, and prosecutorial independence. He is a strong proponent of prosecution exchange programs. In 2017, he spearheaded the first mental health survey of prosecutors in British Columbia and Canada. His prosecution practice is varied. He is currently assigned to Vancouver Youth Court and a largely Indigenous circuit court on British Columbia's Central Coast. When he's not working, he enjoys to travel, workout, hike, softball, and walk his 4 year old Chocolate Labrador Retriever, Bourbon, on the many trails in and around Vancouver.

Sally Dowling SC, Director of Public Prosecutions, New South Wales, Australia

Sally Dowling SC was appointed as Director of Public Prosecutions (NSW) in August 2021 for a 10-year term.

Ms Dowling graduated from the University of Sydney in 1994 and was admitted as a solicitor in 1995. Called to the Bar in 1997, she worked in private practice until 2002 when she was appointed a Crown Prosecutor and joined the ODPP. In her 16 years in the Office, Ms Dowling prosecuted hundreds of matters, at trial and on appeal. She was appointed Senior Counsel in 2013 and in 2016 was appointed a Deputy Senior Crown Prosecutor and head of the Appeals Unit.

In 2017, Ms Dowling was appointed to the Racing Appeals Tribunal NSW, and in 2019 acted as Senior Counsel assisting the NSW Special Commission of Inquiry into Crystal Methamphetamine.

In 2020 Ms Dowling returned to the private Bar, appearing in coronial inquests and in criminal and regulatory matters both for the prosecution and defence.

Raelene Sharp KC, Director of Public Prosecutions, Commonwealth, Australia

Raelene Sharp KC was appointed the Director of Public Prosecutions (Cth) on 4 December 2023, for a 5-year term.

Ms Sharp has over 20 years' experience in both domestic and international legal domains, specialising in criminal law, investigative and administrative law. In addition to Bachelors in Law and Arts (majoring in linguistics), she has a Master of Laws in Public International Law (International Criminal Law) from Leiden University.

Before being called to the Victorian Bar in 2010, Ms Sharp worked as a solicitor for 10 years, first at the Office of Public Prosecutions (Vic), at the (then) Australian Crime Commission and at the United Nations in Lebanon.

Ms Sharp was appointed senior counsel in 2022.

Ms Sharp sits on the Criminal Justice Law Enforcement Forum, the Serious Financial Crime Taskforce and the Commonwealth Association of Directors.

Gilles Charbonnier, General Prosecutor, Ministry of Justice, France

Deputy General Prosecutor at the Cassation Court (France)

President of the International Francophone Association of Public Prosecutors (AIPPF) (since 2024 onwards) after having been Deputy General Secretary (2015-2018), treasurer (2018-2024) and temporary administrator (2023-2024) of the association.

Positions held:

Since September 2024: Deputy General Prosecutor at the Cassation court (France)

2013-2024: Deputy Prosecutor General at the Appeal court of PARIS,

2010-2013: Deputy Public Prosecutor at the First instance Court of Evry

2008-2010: Inspector of Judicial services (Paris)

2005-2008: Secretary General of the European Judicial Training Network (Brussels) : development of standards and training policies and activities at the European level; designer of the Exchange programme between judicial authorities throughout Europe

2003-2005: Lecturer at the Department of ongoing training at the National School for the Judiciary (Paris) in charge of European issues, training courses in labour law, courses relating to the investigation and the implementation of the law of March, 9th, 2004 adapting justice to the evolutions of crime.

2000-2003: Investigating judge then Vice-president in charge of the investigation at the general service of the First instance Court of Paris

1999-2000: Head of labour contract Department of Ministry of Employment

1995-1999: Head of the extradition section at the Service of International Affairs (Ministry of Justice)

1989-1995: Deputy public prosecutor at Chalon sur Saône (1989-1992) then Evry (1992-1995)

International missions:

-Contact point: EUROMED, CrimEx and European Judicial Network (EJN) (for 2022)

-In the framework of the United Nations: Criminal justice and social cohesion

-In the framework of the Francophone International Organization (OIF)'s activities : fight against terrorism and organised crime: Mali, Senegal, Cameroon, Madagascar, Djibouti, Romania ; protection of children victims of violence and abuses : Ivory Coast

-About organised crime : Spain, Italy, United Kingdom, Brazil, Morocco, Algeria, Serbia...

-About the judicial organisation and the quality of justice : Romania, United Arab Emirates, Hungary...

-About training of judges and prosecutors : Albania, Ukraine, Jordan...

- Support to the candidate countries for entry into the European Union : Czech Republic, Bulgaria, Croatia.
- Support for the rule of law : Albania, Palestine, Serbia, Bosnia-Herzegovina ...

Teaching:

Preparation in criminal law and criminal procedure for examinations -University of Paris 5 -; member of examination boards for entry into the profession of lawyer.

Publications:

- Coordinator of the Bulletin of the International Francophone Association of Public Prosecutors (AIPPF) (for 2020 onwards) and author of articles about 1) the Guide about the civil status elaborated by the Francophone International Organisation 2) the fight against the prostitution of minors (October and December 2021 and January 2022) 3) the judicial policy against the domestic violences (June 2022)
- Supervisor of the Report of the Working group about the prostitution of minors presented to the Secretary of State in charge of child care (June 2021)
- Annual Guide of procedures and Activity report of the Agreement and Control Commissions of Ile-de-France (2016-2022)
- Supervision of the Paris General Prosecution's Annual Report of Activities (2017, 2018, 2019)
- Member of the supervision Committee of the Francophone International Organization (OIF) concerning the guide about children victims of violence and abuses (published in 2015) and the guide related to the strengthening of the civil status (published in 2014 and in 2022 after complete updating)
- Presentation of the functions of public prosecutor (interview on the website of LEXTINSO 2014)
- Report of the International Conference of the judicial inspectorates within the European Union (brochure printed by the Ministry of Justice and Freedoms 2011)
- Co-author of the "Panorama of judicial systems in the European Union" (518 pages), available in English as in French version (BRUYLANT editions, September 2008)
- About judicial training (EJTN newsletter, articles about the EU Exchange Programme for the judiciary...)

Belinda Hughes, Executive Director Legal, Independent Commission Against Corruption, Papua New Guinea

Belinda Hughes has a career history of over 19 years in law enforcement and regulation.

Beginning her career with the NSWPF she spent over 10 years prosecuting all levels of crime as a senior prosecutor. She spent 3 years leading the team and prosecuting outlaw motorcycle gangs and criminal groups in New South Wales. Her biggest prosecution was of 55 gang members. Belinda left NSWPF as a Sergeant and specialist legal advisor in counter terrorism and major incidents.

Belinda moved to Transport for NSW as a Senior Manager leading 30 prosecutors, administration staff and managing over 36,000 matters per year.

Following there Belinda moved to the National Heavy Vehicle Regulator as the National Director of Prosecutions. Leading a team of 50 based across five states and a territory.

Belinda is now the Executive Director of Legal for the Independent Commission Against Corruption in Papua New Guinea.

Belinda has a Diploma in Policing, a Bachelor in Criminology, a Bachelor of Laws and a Masters in Law (Criminal Practice).

Nchimunya Munkombwe, Senior State Advocate, National Prosecution Authority, Zambia

Mr. Nchimunya Munkombwe is a Senior State Advocate under the National Prosecution Authority in Zambia. He was appointed Senior State Advocate and deputy provincial head in Eastern province on 22nd June, 2022. He has been involved in the criminal prosecution throughout his working career. He joined the National Prosecuting Authority on 1st January 2018 as a State Advocate and before that he worked as a Senior Public Prosecutor under the Zambia Police Service from 2nd July, 2003. He holds a certificate in basic prosecution from the National Institute of Public Administration. He also holds a Law degree and a Master's degree from the University of Zambia. He was admitted to the Zambian Bar on 24th March, 2017.

In 2019, he received an award from the Judiciary of Zambia in recognition of his contribution towards restoring dignity for the incarcerated.