

CURRICULUM VITAE

Name : Aruna Devi NARAIN

Date of Birth : 8 July 1968

Qualifications :

- LL.B, London School of Economics, University of London (1990)
- LL.M, London School of Economics, University of London (1992)
- Called to the Bar at the Middle Temple, London and to the Mauritian Bar (1992)

Relevant Work Experience:

- Law Officer at Attorney-General's Office of Mauritius from 1993 to 2015. Served successively as State Counsel, Senior State Counsel, Principal State Counsel, Assistant Parliamentary Counsel, Assistant Solicitor-General and Parliamentary Counsel.
- Have appeared as Counsel for the State before all Courts and many statutory tribunals of Mauritius until 2015. Have appeared for the State in reported constitutional cases, including cases on discrimination, before the Supreme Court and the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council.
- Appointed (part-time) Chairperson of the National Pension Appeals Tribunal in April 2015.
- Appointed Puisne Judge of the Supreme Court of Mauritius in July 2015.
- Part-time Lecturer in "Law of Evidence" (1995-1999) and "Constitutional Law" (2004-2011), Council of Legal Education. Member of the Board of Examiners in 2008, 2009 and 2010.
- Deputy Electoral Commissioner, General Elections, 2014, and Village Council Elections, 2012.

- Member of the Law Reform Commission (2011-5).

Involvement in Human Rights and International Law Matters

- One of the main officers in charge of the human rights desk at the Attorney-General's Office from 1995 to 2015.
- Have been involved in the preparation of all Government reports submitted to human rights treaty bodies between 1995 and 2015, including reports submitted to the CEDAW Committee.
- Have appeared before various human rights treaty bodies (Human Rights Committee; Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights; African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights; Committee against Torture; Committee on the Rights of the Child) for the purpose of presenting and defending Government reports.
- Member of Government delegation at the Universal Periodic Review (UPR) of Mauritius before the Human Rights Council (2008). Worked on follow-up reports of Mauritius under the UPR.
- Acted as resource-person for the Commonwealth Secretariat in connection with the preparation for UPR of Swaziland (2011) and Seychelles (2014).
- One of the main legal advisers of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs between 1994 and 2015. Have worked on various complex international law issues on behalf of the Government of Mauritius.
- Also gave legal advice on a regular basis to the Ministry of Women's Rights (now Ministry of Gender) on numerous issues, including those pertaining to the implementation of CEDAW and other human rights instruments, as well as The Hague Convention on Civil Aspects of International Child Abduction, in Mauritius.

- Chief Programme Officer, Criminal Law Section, Legal and Constitutional Affairs Division, Commonwealth Secretariat, London. (September 2003- April 2004).
- Resource-person/Consultant for the Commonwealth Secretariat /United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) on several occasions between 2002 and 2015 (on various issues including international cooperation in criminal matters, asset recovery, the International Criminal Court and counter-terrorism).
- Regularly participated in meetings of Senior Officials of Law Ministries of the Commonwealth between 2004 and 2015. Also represented Mauritius at meetings of Senior Legal Officials of the African Union and the Southern African Development Community (SADC).
- Member of the team from the Government of Mauritius that defended submissions for an extended continental shelf made to the UN Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf between 2009 and 2015.
- Deputy Agent for Government of Mauritius in arbitral proceedings brought by Mauritius in relation to the Chagos Archipelago.

Publications

- Publications include “**Technology in Court: the Mauritian Experience**” (Commonwealth Judicial Journal, Vol 18 no 4, December 2010) and “**Preparing for Piracy Trials in Mauritius**” (Commonwealth Law Bulletin, Volume 39, No 1, March 2013).