

Name and first name: Winter, Renate

Date and place of birth: 8 March 1944, Vienna

Working languages: English, French, Spanish, German, Dutch

Current position/function:

Member of the Appeals Chamber of the Special Court of Sierra Leone (appointed by the UN Secretary General in June 2002). Elected President of the Special Court for Sierra Leone from 2008 to 2010.

Main professional activities:

Since June 2002 Judge to the Appeals Chamber of the Special Court for Sierra Leone;

2000-2002: International Judge with the United Nations Mission in Kosovo (UNMIK) at the Mitrovica Regional District Court and Justice at the Supreme Court of Kosovo

1996-2000: UN Centre for International Crime Prevention, Vienna, expert consultant on the implementation of the Convention on the Rights of the Child on four continents

1981-1996: Judge at the Vienna Youth Court

Educational background:

The candidate holds a Law Degree as well as a Master Degree in Interpretation from the University of Vienna.

Other main activities in the field relevant to the mandate of the treaty body concerned:

Throughout her career, Justice Winter has worked for child-friendly juvenile justice and the protection of children. She has worked with State parties from diverse legal cultures on the implementation of the Convention on the Rights of the Child.

As an international judge in post-conflict situations, Justice Winter acquired first-hand experience in tackling challenges in the protection of women and children, including the rehabilitation and reintegration of children affected by armed conflict.

Renate Winter has contributed to a number of United Nations draft model laws and manuals in the area of juvenile justice. She has long-standing expertise in the prevention of child abuse and the protection of children against organized crime, including trafficking.

- Founding member of the International Institute for the Rights of the Child (Institut International des Droits de l'Enfant – IDE)
- Contributor to the Draft Model Law on Juvenile Justice, the UN Manual on Juvenile Justice, and the Draft Model Law on Child Victims & Witness Protection
- Rapporteur of the Council of Europe on Family Mediation
- Chair of the Scientific Committee for European Master Studies in Mediation
- Cross-regional field experience in juvenile justice projects

List of most recent publications in the field:

- Children as victims and witnesses – a question of law and of rights, 2009
- Les Droits de l'Enfant: Douze récits pour ne pas s'endormir, 2004
- Bringing medical evidence of torture to international tribunals, in: Shedding light on a dark practice, 2009
- Der Special Court for Sierra Leone. Ein Erfahrungsbericht, in: Vom Recht der Macht zur Macht des Rechts, 2006
