

**Kheshoe Parsad MATADEEN (Mauritius)**

**Date and place of birth:** 26 March 1952

**Current position/function:** Senior Puisne Judge, Supreme Court of Mauritius

**Main professional activities:**

My pre-judicial career was spent at the Attorney-General's Office where I advised the various Ministries, Government Departments and the Police Force on major legal issues and appeared for the Director of Public Prosecutions in major criminal cases and for the Government in major civil cases. My duties also comprised a heavy component of legislative drafting.

I was elevated to the rank of Queen's Counsel in 1991.

After holding the posts of Parliamentary Counsel and Solicitor-General successively I was made a Judge of the Supreme Court in 1994 and was appointed Senior Puisne Judge (the equivalent of Deputy Chief Justice) in 2007.

I have also been a Judge of Appeal of the Court of Appeal of the Seychelles from 1999 to 2003 and am since 2005 a Judge of the Appellate Division of the Court of Justice of the COMESA (Common Market for Eastern and Southern Africa) which sits in Lusaka, Zambia.

**Educational background:**

LL.B (Hons) (London) (1977)

Barrister-at-Law of the Middle Temple (1978)

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

I have actively participated in a number of seminars, workshops and conferences, both at national and international level, on issues dealing with Human Rights.

As Solicitor-General I was responsible for the preparation of the several national periodic reports required to be submitted under various U.N. Conventions.

I prepared and presented the second periodic report for Mauritius to the United Nations Human Rights Committee in Geneva in July 1989.

I have also been a regular intervener at the annual SADC Chief Justices Forum where a number of issues involving Human Rights in Africa are normally discussed.

Since 1998, I have been a regular participant at the Annual Workshop organized by Trinity College, Dublin for the African Chief Justices and Senior Judiciary. The various topics discussed every year have invariably included Human Rights.

I have over the years been a member or chairman of several statutory bodies.

I was awarded the Commonwealth Foundation fellowship in 1989 and the report I submitted was circulated at the Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting of that year.

I have a keen interest in legal education. I have been for a number of years a part-time lecturer in law at the University of Mauritius and was also for a brief period the Head of the Law School.

I have also lectured at the Council of Legal Education of which I have been successively a member and from 1996 to 2008 the Chairman.

I have been a member of the Commonwealth Lawyers Association for more than three decades and I still take an active part in most of the Commonwealth Law Conferences.