

**Elections for the position of judge at the International Criminal Court (December 2023)  
Term 2024-2033**

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### **Current positions**

*Criminal court judge (France and international)*, with solid political and diplomatic experience gained over a career in the courts, government departments, embassies and international organizations. Specializing in international criminal justice, comparative law and governance of international courts.

*International judge in the Kosovo Specialist Chambers* since 2019: pre-trial judge for crimes against humanity, war crimes and offences against the administration of justice, after contributing to the drafting of the Rules of Procedure and Evidence. More than 350 decisions handed down: confirmation of indictments, arrest and detention warrants, searches and seizures, authorizations for witness protection measures, admission of victims.

### **Main professional activities**

*Chef de Cabinet to the President of the Special Tribunal for Lebanon (STL) (2015-2019)*  
Head of the legal team drafting decisions and adviser to the President for legal, diplomatic, political and administrative matters. Budget preparation and human resources management for the Chambers.

*Liaison judge/Justice Attaché for the United States, Washington D.C. (2012-2015)*  
Coordination with the U.S. Department of Justice on French investigations in the fields of counter-terrorism, international crimes and organized crime. Preparation and follow-up of the execution of requests for mutual legal assistance in criminal matters, extradition and transfer of prisoners.

*Adviser to the French Ministers of Justice and Foreign Affairs (2009-2012)*  
Adviser on criminal legislation and criminal policy, coordination of the Ministry of Justice's international policy, oversight of the establishment of the War Crimes and Crimes Against Humanity unit within the Judicial Court of Paris.

*Legal Adviser at the Civil Law Affairs Directorate of the French Ministry of Justice (2006-2009)*  
European and international negotiations in intellectual property law and company law with the European Union, the European Patents Office, the OECD, UNCITRAL and UNIDROIT. Drafting bills, decrees and memorandums.

*Investigating judge at the Judicial Court of Meaux (2003-2006)*  
Leading investigations and preparations for 300 criminal cases (homicides, sexual offences against children, violence against women, financial cases, organized crime).

## **Education**

École Nationale de la Magistrature/French National School for the Judiciary (graduating class of 2001)

DEA (Master's degree) in Criminal law and criminal policy in Europe (1999, University of Paris I, Panthéon-Sorbonne)

## **Other activities in the field relevant to the position of judge at the International Criminal Court**

### *Governance and oversight of the courts:*

Nicolas Guillou has recognized expertise in the effectiveness of international criminal justice. Having worked as an expert at the European Commission to assess European Union candidate countries, he then worked on establishing performance indicators in international criminal jurisdictions, and in particular the International Criminal Court (ICC). Nicolas Guillou also drafted two reports on the effectiveness of the legal proceedings before the Special Tribunal for Lebanon (STL) and the Kosovo Specialist Chambers (KSC) and took part in the general audit of the ICC as an expert on governance.

### *Professional code of ethics:*

After working on the adoption of codes of ethics for judges at the STL and the KSC, Nicolas Guillou was appointed scientific coordinator of the Ethica project, directed by the Nuremberg Academy, the Siracusa International Institute and the Ecole Nationale de la Magistrature. The aim is to prepare a collection of ethical obligations for international criminal judges.

### *Professional training:*

Nicolas Guillou regularly directs training sessions for national and international judges, in particular in Sudan (on fair trial and professional codes of ethics), in the Central African Republic (on governance of courts and effectiveness of trials), in Cameroon (on intellectual property law) and in France (on mutual legal assistance in criminal matters and comparative law).

## **List of the candidate's most recent publications**

*The three-tiered governance model for the ICC*, (to be published - with Maria Manolescu), in Blokker (N.), Vasiliev (S.), Cuyvers (A.), Lawson (R.) (ed.) "Governance of International Courts and Tribunals: Institutions, Practices and Norms", 2023

*Du droit pénal à la politique criminelle : l'envers du décor* (with Emanuela Fronza, Kathia Martin-Chenut, Carlo Sotis, and Juliette Tricot), in *Cheminer avec Mireille Delmas-Marty, Mélanges Ouverts*, 2022

*Le temps et la justice pénale internationale*, in *Diritto Penale Contemporaneo, Revista Trimestrale*, Milano, 2018

*Diplomatie judiciaire*, in Beauvallet, (O.) (ded.), *Dictionnaire encyclopédique de la justice pénale internationale*, Berger, 2017

*Vers une définition du crime international d'écocide*, (With Emanuela Fronza), in Neyret, (L.) (ed.), in *Des écocrimes à l'écocide - Le droit pénal au secours de l'environnement*, Bruylant, Bruxelles, 2015

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