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### Profile

Kate has been appearing before the international criminal courts and tribunals since 2005, representing former heads of state, military leaders, and victims of international crimes in some of the leading cases in the field.

At the International Criminal Court, Kate spent 10 years representing former Vice-President of the Congo, Jean-Pierre Bemba. She was also Counsel to Congolese militia leader Bosco Ntaganda, and appeared on behalf of Maxime Mokom from the Central African Republic. Most recently, Kate was assigned as Associate Counsel to represent the interests of Joseph Kony, leader of the Lord's Resistance Army (LRA) in the first in absentia proceedings before the ICC.

Kate represented former Liberian President Charles Taylor on appeal before the Special Court for Sierra Leone, and was counsel to former President Radovan Karadžić on appeal before the UN Residual Mechanism for Criminal Tribunals in The Hague. Kate was one of the youngest Lead Counsel to appear before the UN International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda, representing former minister Justin Mugenzi. Kate is currently Lead Counsel of Mr Prosper Mugiraneza before the UN Residual Mechanism, and Legal Consultant to former President Hashim Thaçi, before the Kosovo Specialist Chambers in The Hague.

Kate's practice also extends to transnational repression and hostage diplomacy. She was Lead Counsel to Hotel Rwanda subject Paul Rusesabagina, who was kidnapped and detained in Rwanda, and acted on behalf of US citizen Ryan Corbett and two other UK citizens held hostage by the Taliban. Kate also represents Rwandan dissident and activist Victoire Ingabire Umuhiza, detained in Rwanda.

In 2018, Kate was appointed as Legal Consultant to the Independent International Fact-Finding Mission on Myanmar, established by the UN Human Rights Council, and currently represents a group of Rohingya victims in Cox's Bazar, Bangladesh. Kate was also part of a legal team representing civil parties in the first case before the Extraordinary Chambers in Phnom Penh, Cambodia in 2009.

Kate holds an appointment as a Senior Legal Advisor with the Public International Law and Policy Group in Washington, D.C., and is a member and former President (2023-2024) of the Association of Defence Counsels practicing before the International Courts (ADC-ICT). Kate is published and teaches in international criminal law and procedure, and holds an LL.M (First) in International Law from Cambridge University.

## **Publications**

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## Education

LL.M (First), University of Cambridge, (2004)

BA/LLB (Hons First Class), Bond University, Australia (2000)

## Related practice areas

International Criminal Law

International Human Rights Law

International Law