

BIOGRAPHIES



■ Patricia Viseur Sellers L'79 (Louis H. Pollak Public Service Award)

Patricia Viseur Sellers is Special Advisor for Prosecution Strategies to the Prosecutor of the International Criminal Court in The Hague and a Visiting Fellow at Kellogg College of Oxford University, where she teaches International Criminal Law on the Masters of Human Rights faculty. Patricia is an international lawyer specializing in international human rights law, international criminal law, humanitarian law and gender. She has served as the Special Advisor to the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights and to the Secretary General's Special Representative for Children in Armed Conflict, as well as advised governments, international organizations, and civil society groups.

From 1994-2007, Patricia was the Legal Advisor for Gender Related Crimes and Senior Acting Trial Attorney in the Office of the Prosecutor for the International Criminal Tribunals for the former Yugoslavia and Rwanda. In that capacity, she advised teams of investigators and trial attorneys on the prosecution of sex based crimes under the tribunals' Statutes and pertinent doctrines of humanitarian law. She has litigated and advised on the leading international criminal law cases regarding wartime sexual violence, sexual violence and genocide, and sexual violence and enslavement as a crime against humanity, including the Prosecutor v. Furundzija, the Prosecutor v. Akayesu and the Prosecutor v. Kunarac.

She has lectured widely, testified as an expert witness at international courts, and authored numerous articles on international criminal law. The most recent is the chapter, "Rape and Sexual Violence" in "The 1949 Geneva Conventions: A Commentary" to be published by the Institute of Humanitarian Law in Geneva in 2015.

Prior to her work as an international prosecutor, she served at the Directorate General for External Relations at the European Commission, the Ford Foundation in Rio de Janeiro, and the Philadelphia Defender Association.

She is the recipient of the American Society of International Law's Prominent Women in International Law award. She was named an Honorary Fellow by Penn Law School in 2006 and received an Honorary Doctorate of Law by the Law School of City University of New York in 2001. She has also been awarded the Martin Luther King Award bestowed by the Black Law Student Association of Rutgers University Law School.

Patricia earned her B.A. from Rutgers University in 1976, and her J.D. from the University of Pennsylvania Law School in 1979.