



ADC-ICT

Association of Defence Counsel practising
before the International Courts and Tribunals

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Organisational
Membership

ABOUT US

Founded in 2002, the ADC-ICT was originally created to represent Defence Counsel at the UN International Criminal Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia (ICTY). Today, it is a thriving bar association situated to provide expertise and community for defence in international criminal law.

For law firms, legal organisations, and bar associations, joining the ADC-ICT offers numerous benefits for members of your organisation. It provides opportunities for **networking, legal training, and participation in events**, facilitating connections among individuals from various backgrounds. These gatherings serve as platforms for exchanging insights and establishing professional relationships with peers interested in justice, human rights, and global affairs. Membership includes advantages such as **reduced or waived training fees** and opportunities to earn **Continuing Legal Education (CLE) credits** through training programs, enhancing members' professional development.

The ADC-ICT is the only organisation to specifically represent the defence and the rights of the accused in the sphere of international criminal justice and is the only recognised Association at the UN International Residual Mechanism for Criminal Tribunals (IRMCT) which is tasked with residual functions from both the ICTY and the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda (ICTR). The ADC-ICT has also been granted observer status at the **Military Commissions in Guantanamo Bay** and members are eligible to travel to Guantanamo Bay to observe proceedings.

Comprised of various committees, with annually elected members, the ADC-ICT offers a range of member services, including **professional legal training, ethical guidance, amicus curiae briefs, and an annual conference** that gathers renowned experts in the field of international criminal justice.

Membership in the Association is **open to all** with an interest in international criminal justice, granting access to member-only benefits, exclusive content, discounts, and more.



OUR SERVICES



Training

The ADC-ICT provides training on international criminal law practice and procedure as well as regular advocacy training sessions. Certificates can be issued for domestic Continuing Legal Education (CLE) requirements. Members receive a discount for all training events and conferences.



Ethical Advice

The ADC-ICT Disciplinary Council can provide confidential advisory opinions to members on issues which may arise in the practice of international criminal law.



Amicus Filings

The Amicus Committee is available to assist with filing amicus briefs on issues which may arise for members in their cases.



Professional Networking

The ADC-ICT holds regular events both online and in-person which provide members with the opportunity to network. The Annual Conference which is held in December each year brings together the international criminal law community to discuss pertinent issues. We also provide access to a worldwide network of top-level practitioners of international criminal law and criminal law for calls to action or assistance.

MEET OUR TEAM

Executive Committee 2023-2024



Dragan Ivetić, President, USA

Dragan Dan Ivetić is currently Lead Counsel for Ratko Mladić before the UN-IRMCT and vice-president/director of the International Innocence Project, a not-for-profit that works to prevent wrongful convictions, free the innocent and create fair, compassionate, and equitable systems of justice for everyone. He maintains his own law practice in Chicago and has previously defended several persons before the ICTY and IRMCT.



Kate Gibson, Vice President, Australia

Kate Gibson has been representing accused before the international criminal courts and tribunals since 2005, including before the SCSL, ICTR and IRMCT. Kate was the Lead Counsel of Paul Rusesabagina, detained in Rwanda, and is part of the legal team of former Kosovo President Hashim Thaçi before the Kosovo Specialist Chambers. She also represents a group of Rohingya victims in the Myanmar/Bangladesh pre-trial proceedings before the ICC. Kate is an Associate Tenant of Doughty Street Chambers.



Marie O'Leary, Vice President, USA

Marie O'Leary is currently acting Principal Counsel of Office of Public Counsel for the Defence (OPCD) of the International Criminal Court. For nearly two decades, Ms. O'Leary has had the opportunity to serve international criminal law through work on defence teams and for the courts/tribunals, serving on committees and in project work, and as lecturer and author. She is barred in Minnesota and has experience with both the Minneapolis City Attorney and the State Public Defender's office.



Geoff Roberts, Vice President, UK

Geoff Roberts is currently Co-Counsel representing Rexhep Selimi before the Kosovo Specialist Chambers. He has previously represented Anselme Nzabonimpa before the IRMCT and Assad Sabra before the STL as well as working for the Defence teams of Naser Oric and Rasim Delic at the ICTY, Thomas Lubanga at the ICC and Ieng Sary at the ECCC.



Colleen Rohan, Vice President, USA

Colleen Rohan is an expert in criminal defence litigation in both domestic and international courts. She has represented members of the military and private clients in complex cases involving charges of genocide, murder, terrorism, war crimes and crimes against humanity. In her domestic practice she specialised in death penalty cases, gang-related cases, international extradition and post-conviction remedies.

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Focal Points



Sarah Bafadhel
UK

Focal Point for Diversity and
Inclusivity



Arnold Laisser
Tanzania

Focal Point for ICTR Matters



Mirjana Vukajlović
Serbia

Focal Point for ICTY Matters

The ADC-ICT Focal Points are appointed to provide expert advice and assistance to the Executive Committee.

The Focal Point for Diversity and Inclusivity is responsible for advising the Executive Committee on issues related to diversity within the organisation and the international courts.

The Focal Point for the ICTR is responsible for providing expert advice on relevant issues in the region of East Africa.

The Focal Point for the ICTY is responsible for providing expert advice on relevant issues in the region of the former Yugoslavia.

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Committees

The ADC-ICT is comprised of a number of different committees each of which has a particular mandate either from the Constitution or from the Executive Committee. Elections take place once per year at a General Assembly.

Disciplinary Council

- Aidan Ellis, UK
- Novak Lukić, Serbia
- Dražen Plavec, Croatia
- Ingo Klaus Wamser, Germany

Membership Committee

- Jason Alarid, USA
- Rhys Davies, UK
- Jens Dieckmann, Germany
- Peter Haynes KC, UK
- Kurt Kerns, USA

Rules Committee

- Gregor Guy-Smith, USA
- David Josse KC, UK

Amicus Committee

- Sarah Bafadhel, UK
- Jason Antley, USA
- Sarah Bafadhel, UK
- Van Hampton, USA
- Véronique Talbot, Canada
- Mirjana Vukajlović, Serbia

Training Committee

- Jason Antley, USA
- Marie O'Leary, USA
- Annie O'Reilly, Ireland

Auditor

- Mirjana Vukajlović, Serbia

Head of Office

Dominic Kennedy, UK

OUR PROJECTS

Events and Conferences

The ADC-ICT organises regular training events for its members on a variety of topics relevant to practice at the international courts and tribunals. These are recorded and made available to members through our online training portal.

The ADC-ICT holds an annual conference in The Hague which attracts high level speakers and participants from all over the world. The Conference is an opportunity to discuss pertinent issues which are happening in international criminal justice both in The Hague and further afield.

There are also social events which are organised for members which provide a relaxed atmosphere to meet each other and share ideas.



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Selected Previous Events

- Brave New World: What is Modern International Justice?
- Webinar Series on Open Source Evidence
- Fairness in International Criminal Justice: Reality or Utopia?
- International Criminal Law: Past, Present and Future Perspectives
- Masterclass on Joint Criminal Enterprise
- Masterclass on the Realities of International Judging
- Webinar on Legal CV and Cover Letter Writing

Mock Trial and Advocacy Course

The ADC-ICT organises an annual mock trial and advocacy training course. The course is a week long event held in The Hague. The week includes five practical evening training sessions and a one-day Mock Trial exercise in the UN-IRMCT courtroom in front of international Judges and Counsel.

The evening sessions focus on practical skills and expertise and are given by experienced Counsel to prepare participants for a career in international criminal law. Topics include "legal drafting", "oral trial advocacy", "opening and closing statements" and "ethics in international criminal law". Participants will be requested to make written filings in teams as well as perform in the courtroom on the day of the Mock Trial in front of judges.



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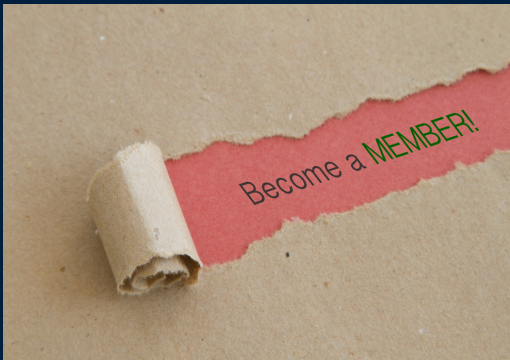
Guantánamo Bay Military Commissions Observer Programme

The ADC-ICT was granted NGO Observer Status at the Military Commissions in August 2019 by the Pentagon's Guantánamo Bay Convening Authority. This grants permission for ADC-ICT representatives to travel to Guantánamo Bay, Cuba to carry out the role as an observer at the Military Commission proceedings. There are currently only 26 participant organisations worldwide which have been granted permission to observe proceedings. The ADC-ICT can only send members to observe proceedings.

Members who are selected will travel to Guantánamo Bay for a week to observe the hearings and publish reports on behalf of the ADC-ICT.



JOIN THE ADC-ICT



The ADC-ICT offers different tiers of organizational membership, providing access to its services, including training sessions and networking events, for members of your organization.

Organisational Annual Fees 2024

1-10 members - €500

10-50 members - €1,000

50-100 members - €2,000

100-300 members - €3,500

300-1000 members - €7,500

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