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The Honourable
JUSTICE
VERONIC WRIGHT

LIST A - CRIMINAL LAW & PROCEDURE

Judge of the Court of Appeal of The Gambia
as Candidate for Election as

JUDGE OF THE INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL COURT.



At the 25th Session of the Assembly
of States Parties
New York, December 2026

My Vision for the International Criminal Court

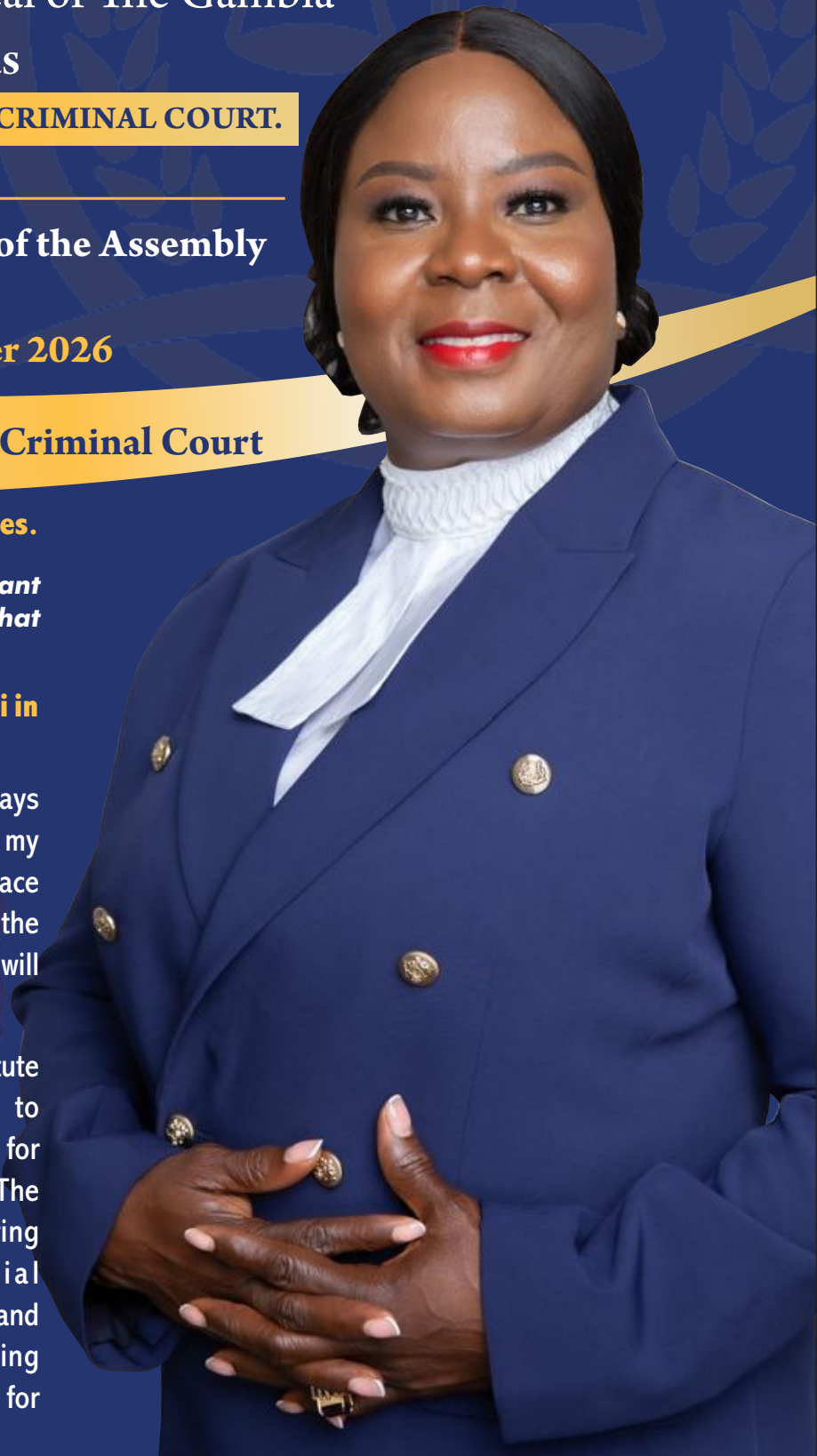
Justice that reaches victims of atrocity crimes.

"I did not think that my family was important enough for the ICTR to want to know what happened to us."

A survivor of the Genocide against the Tutsi in Rwanda speaking to me.

These words have stayed with me since my days as a prosecutor at the ICTR and they shape my vision for the ICC. The Court must be the place where survivors, regardless of their status or the scale of their suffering, know that their voices will be heard.

As a judge, I will be grounded by the Rome Statute and guided by established jurisprudence to ensure a fair, independent and impartial trial for every person who appears before the Court. The ICC's legitimacy depends on its unwavering commitment to due process, judicial independence and the right of both victims and the accused. I am committed to delivering principled, impartial and authoritative justice for the greatest violations of human rights.

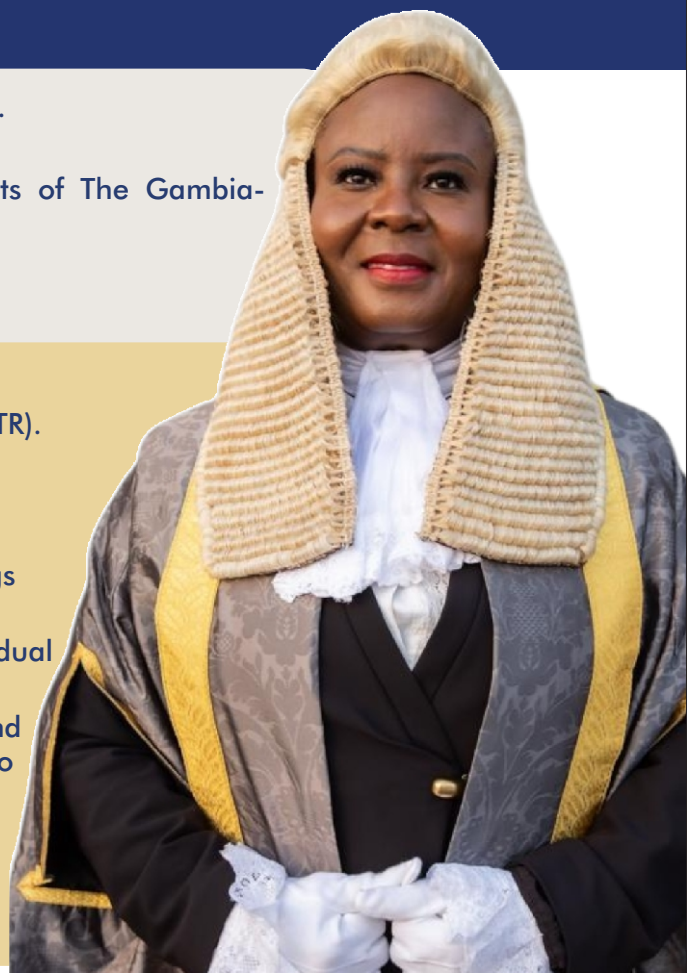


35+ YEARS DISTINGUISHED CAREER

- ★ Principal State Counsel and national prosecutor in The Gambia.
- ★ Court of Appeal judge and ad-hoc Supreme Court justice.
- ★ Chair of drafting committee of the establishing instruments of The Gambia-ECOWAS Special Tribunal.
- ★ Legal Adviser at the Commonwealth Secretariat, London.
- ★ Prosecutor and Senior legal adviser at the United Nations

NEARLY 18 YEARS OF UNITED NATIONS SERVICE

- ★ Trial Attorney, International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda (ICTR).
- ★ Senior Analyst, International Commission of Inquiry into the Assassination of Benazir Bhutto, former Prime Minister of Pakistan.
- ★ Senior Regional Legal Adviser, United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC).
- ★ Officer in Charge, Office of the Prosecutor, International Residual Mechanism for Criminal Tribunals (IRMCT) – Arusha.
- ★ Senior Legal Adviser for Sexual and Gender -based crimes and Crimes against Children, United Nations Investigative Team to promote Accountability for Crimes committed by ISIS/Da'esh (UNITAD).
- ★ Senior Programme Officer and Head of Human Rights and Gender Section, United Nations Office on Counter-Terrorism (UNOCT).



What I bring to the ICC

Proven criminal justice delivery

Decades of practical experience across every stage of the criminal justice process – investigations, prosecutions, trials and appeals.

Extensive international criminal law expertise

Expert knowledge of the substantive and procedural law that governs the ICC forged through years of applying the law of genocide, war crimes and crimes against humanity at the ICTR and IRMCT and UNITAD.

Judicial temperament and collegiality

Ability to articulate views, listen to and engage with other perspectives to resolve cases justly, judiciously and according to law and precedent.

Bridging legal systems

A common law lawyer with a deep understanding of civil law legal traditions through years of working in West and Central Africa and at the ICTR where the fusion of civil and common law legal systems was its hallmark.

“Justice Wright’s strong point is her breadth of experience across many jurisdictions, dealing with a range of ethnicities, religious groups and the high regard she is held amongst her many international peers.”

Sir Donald C. McKinnon, former Commonwealth Secretary General

“I have worked with Justice Wright for many years in different capacities. Her qualifications, experience and personality will be valuable assets on ICC bench”

Hon. Hassan B. Jallow, Chief Justice of The Gambia and former ICTR Prosecutor

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INTERNATIONAL
CRIMINAL LAW



SEXUAL & GENDER-
BASED CRIMES



CRIMES AGAINST
CHILDREN



HUMAN
RIGHTS



TRANSNATIONAL
ORGANISED CRIME



INTERNATIONAL
JUDICIAL COOPERATION