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##### CURRICULUM VITAE OF CHIEF JUSTICE Asraf ally caunhye

**NAME CAUNHYE Asraf Ally**

**DATE AND PLACE OF BIRTH 18 November 1954 – Mauritius**

**NATIONALITY Mauritian**

**WORKING LANGUAGES English and French**

**EDUCATION Barrister at law (1976) educated at the**

**University of London and The Middle Temple, London, UK**

**CURRENT POSITION(S)** Asraf Ally Caunhye was the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Mauritius until 17 November 2021. He was also the President of the Court of Criminal Appeal and of the Court of the Civil appeal. He was the Head of the Judiciary and Chairperson of Judicial and Legal Service Commission which appoints Supreme Court Judges.

**PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES**

He has been serving as a Judge of the Supreme Court since 2001 and as Chief Justice until 17 November 2021.

He has been actively involved in the practical implementation and enforcement of human rights for the past 45 years. First, as a practicing member of the private bar from 1976 to 1982. He then served as a Magistrate and Senior Magistrate from 1982 and 1986.

From 1986 to 2001 he was posted at the Ministry of Justice and the Attorney General’s Office and he worked closely with Government Ministries and other organisations, in order to draft the periodic reports of Mauritius for the United Nations International Covenants on Human Rights. As Parliamentary Counsel and Head of the legislative drafting department from 1998 to 2001, he drafted legislation for the setting up of the National Human Rights Commissions and for incorporating human rights norms in legislation dealing with environmental protection, protection of the child, protection from domestic violence, public health, social security, housing, education and employment.

He has also been engaged in the implementation of human rights both at Regional and International levels. He has worked and interacted with a broad range of experts from UN bodies, the Commonwealth, l’Organisation Internationale de la Francophonie, the African Commission on Human Rights, Southern African development Community (SADC) and the South African Judges Commission.

He formed part of the working group for the drafting of the founding Charter of South African Judges Commission, Zanzibar (2003); He presented a paper on the promotion and protection of Human Rights at the 3rd Conference of the Chefs d’Institution et de l’Association des Cours Constitutionnelles ayant en Partage l’Usage du français et le Conseil Constitutionnel in Djibouti (2002); He acted as Chairperson of the Experts’ Meeting of the First Organisation of African Unity (OAU) Ministerial Conference on Human Rights in Africa (1999). He participated as an expert in the Human Rights Experts Meeting, Commonwealth Law Ministers Conference, Trinidad & Tobago; He was in charge of the Human Rights Department in the Ministry of Justice and Human Rights (1997 – 2001); Presented a paper on Comparative Islamic and Civil Law, Rabat, Morocco (1997); He participated in the final drafting of SADC Treaty on Free Movement of Goods and Persons and on Extradition and Drug Trafficking, (Lesotho and Harare, Zimbabwe) (1996); and also participated as an expert in the Réunion d’experts de la Francophonie sur les Droits de l’homme in Bucarest in Septembre and Cairo in November (1995); UN – UNITAR Fellow in International Law (1994); He has also been member of the National Law Revision Commission and Member of the Court of the University of Mauritius (1995 – 2000); Chairman of Mauritius Society of Authors (1994 – 1996); Secretary of the Bar Council (1990- 1992); Chairperson of Mauritius Magistrates’ Association (1984 – 1985) and Chairperson of Central Prisons Board (1983 – 1985)

He has been a regular lecturer in Constitutional Law and Human Rights at the Council of Legal Education and the Institute of Judicial and Legal Studies