Curriculum Vitae

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| Date of Birth | 1 January 1947 |
| Educational Qualification(s) | * Secondary schooling at St Joseph’s College, Mauritius, Higher School Certificate (A levels) in English, French and Latin. * 1966-1969, Leeds University, England. LLB Hons * 1970- called to the Bar, Lincoln’s Inn, London England * 1971-72 – Université de Paris II, Panthéon. Examen Préalable doctorat d’Université en Droit Civil – First in his promotion |
| Summary of Professional Skills | * Joined the State Law Office in 1972 and been in public service (State Law Office/ Judiciary) for over 41 years. * Occupied all the existing posts at the Judiciary. * Appointed Judge of the Supreme Court of Mauritius in 1989 and Chief Justice in 2007 * Retired as Chief Justice in December 2013 * Have been a lecturer in civil law at the University of Mauritius and in commercial law at the Council of Legal Education. Also chaired the Board of Examiners for Barristers, Attorneys and Notaries. On several occasions, I have presented the Judiciary of Mauritius and sat as panelist at international conferences. * From 1999 to 2001, served as Member of the United Nations Working Group on Minorities of the Sub-commission and participated in seminars in Kumanovo, FYR Macedonia and in Gaborone, Botswana. * President over two Commissions of Enquiry, viz one on the National Handicraft Centre in 1991 and the other on the Police Department in 1999 * Serving since 2007, as a Commissioner of the African Commission on Human and People’s Rights and Chair of the Working Group on the Rights of Older Persons with Disabilities. * Elaborated the Protocol on the Rights of Older Persons in Africa which is awaiting ratification of African Union States Parties and also the Draft Protocol on Rights of Persons with Disabilities in Africa which is now being processed by the African Union Commission for adoption by the African Union. * Presently involved with elaboration of a Draft Protocol on the Rights of Citizens to Social Protection and Social Security in Africa * June 2013- Elected to serve on the UN Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination [CERD] for a term of 4 years. * **Now standing for re-election at the CERD for a second term.** * Since November 2014, appointed non-executive Chairman of Board of Directors of ABC Banking Corporation |
| List of Publications | * Author of United Nations Working Paper on Human Rights Problems and Protection of the Roma (August 2000)- [E/CN.4/Sub.2/2000/28] * Author of United Nations Working Paper on Human Rights and Weapons of Mass Destruction, or with Indiscriminate effect, or of Nature to cause Superfluous Injury or Unnecessary Suffering (August 2002)- [E/CN.4/Sub.2/2000/38] * Author of up-date United Nations Working Paper on Weapon of Mass Destruction for the Fifty-fifth Session of the Sub-Commission on the Promotion & Protection of Human Rights (August 2003)- [E/CN.4/Sub.2/2000/35] * Author of Paper on “The Legal System of Mauritius and its Approach to arbitration” presented at the Workshop organized by the Arbitration Foundation of Southern Africa (AFSA) and The Mauritius Chamber of Commerce and Industry (MCCI), 11-12 April 2007 * Chapter on “The Rights of Older Persons and Persons with Disabilities in Africa” in the book “The African Regional Human Rights System: 30 Years after the ACHPR and Beyond”- (2011) * 4th March 2013, Inaugural Talk to celebrate Law Day in Mauritius on Democracy and the Rule of Law * 6-10 April 2015, ACHPR Human Rights Promotion Mission to the Republic of Seychelles * 26 November 2015, Presentation at Palais des Nations Seminar between the joint Permanent Representations in Geneva and Brussels on the African Governance Architecture (AGA) * 9-10 September 2016, Presentation on Changing Society and the Judiciary: Perspective from a small jurisdiction at the 2nd Summit of the Chinese Judicial Studies Society, Chongqing, People’s Republics of China |
| Languages | English and French (Written and Spoken)  Hakka (Chinese-minority dialect)  Mauritian Creole dialect |
| Hobbies | Swimming  Table-tennis |
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| Awards | 1. 20 July 2007: Medal of Grand Officer of the Order of the Star and Key of the Indian Ocean [G.O.S.K.] 2. 23 August 2007: Honorary Freedom of the City of Port Louis 3. 17 October 2007: Honorary Freedom of the City of Curepipe 4. 31 March 2009: Honorary Bencher of the Honourable Society of the Middle Temple, London 5. 2 October 2009: Honorary Bencher of the Honourable Society of Lincoln’s Inn, London 6. April 2011 – Award of the Distinguished Lawyer of the World Jurist Association, Washington 7. November 2012 – Award of the Gusi Peace Prize, The Philippines 8. November 2013 – Award of International Jurists 2013 in New Delhi from the International Council of Jurists, the All India Bar Association and the Indian Council of Jurists |