

Professor Dr. Charles C. Jalloh
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Biographical Summary

Dr. Charles C. Jalloh is Professor of International Law at Florida International University (“FIU”), Miami, USA and Founding Editor of the *African Journal of Legal Studies* and the *African Journal of International Criminal Justice*. Elected by the UN General Assembly as a member of the International Law Commission, for the term which began in January 2017, Professor Jalloh is only the second Sierra Leonean to have been honoured with election to the ILC. During his first term, he has actively participated in and contributed to the Commission’s important task of assisting the UN General Assembly with the promotion of the progressive development of international law and its codification.

A prolific scholar, Professor Jalloh has published widely on aspects of international law including over 70 articles, book chapters and essays in top peer-reviewed journals such as *American Journal of International Law*, *Case Western Reserve Journal of International Law*, *International Criminal Law Review*, *Journal of International Criminal Justice*, *Michigan Journal of International Law* and *Vanderbilt Journal of Transnational Law*. He has also been a (lead or co) editor or author of 13 books with top academic and other presses. These include *The Legal Legacy of the Special Court for Sierra Leone* (Cambridge University Press, 2020); *The African Court of Justice and Human and Peoples’ Rights in Context: Development and Challenges* (Cambridge University Press, 2019); *Africa and the International Criminal Court* (Oxford University Press, 2017); *The International Criminal Court in an Effective Global System* (Edward Elgar, 2016); *The Sierra Leone Special Court and Its Legacy: The Impact for Africa and International Criminal Law* (Cambridge University Press, 2015); *Shielding Humanity: Essays in International Law in Honour of Judge Abdul Koroma* (Martinus Nijhoff, 2015); and *Promoting Accountability Under International Law for Gross Human Rights Violations in Africa: Essays in Honour of Prosecutor Hassan Bubacar Jallow* (Martinus Nijhoff, 2015).

Professor Jalloh’s scholarly contributions have been cited by legal scholars, practitioners, and judges. He is also a recipient of many research grants and academic honours such as the RJ Reynolds Distinguished Visiting Professorship from North Carolina Central University School of Law (2010), the Buchannan Ingersoll & Rooney Faculty Scholar Award from the University of Pittsburgh Law School (2013-2014), the FIU Top Scholar Award (2015), the FIU Senate Faculty Award for Excellence in Research and Creative Activities (2018) and the Fulbright Lund Distinguished Chair in Public International Law (2018-2019) from Lund University and the Raoul Wallenberg Institute of Human Rights and Humanitarian Law in Sweden.

Before joining academia, Professor Jalloh distinguished himself as a legal practitioner. Called to the Bar as a Barrister and Solicitor in Ontario, Canada in 2004, he has advised governments and international organizations on issues of domestic and international law and appeared in proceedings before international criminal tribunals. His practice experience includes as Counsel, Department of Justice Canada and the Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade; Associate Legal Officer in the Trial Chamber of the UN International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda working on high profile cases involving the 1994 Rwandan genocide; Legal Adviser and Duty Counsel in the UN-backed Special Court for Sierra Leone in Freetown and in The Hague, and as a Visiting Professional in the International Criminal Court (ICC). Between 2012-2014, he served as co-chair of the International Criminal Law Interest Group of the American Society of International Law, and between 2014-2016, was a Rapporteur for the International Law Association’s Committee on Complementarity in International Criminal Law. He has been a member of the Advisory Panel to the President of the International Criminal Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia and the Advisory Board of the War Crimes Committee of the International Bar Association. For several years, Professor Jalloh served as an independent expert for the African Union Commission on issues of international law and twice appeared as an external *amicus curiae*

counsel before the ICC Appeals Chamber. In 2019-2020, he chaired the Panel of Experts assisting the Committee on the Election of the Prosecutor established by the ICC Assembly of States Parties and is currently a member of the Sierra Leone National Group for the Nomination of Candidates as Judges of the International Court of Justice. He is a member of the Advisory Board of eyewitness to Atrocities and the Founding President of the Center for International Law and Policy in Africa based in Freetown, Sierra Leone.

His education includes a Bachelor of Arts from the University of Guelph, Dean's Honor List, as well as Bachelor of Laws and Bachelor of Civil Law degrees from McGill University, Canada. He also earned a Master's in International Human Rights Law, with distinction, from Oxford University, United Kingdom, where he studied as a Chevening Scholar and graduated with Distinction. He holds a Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) specializing in International Law from the Faculty of Law, University of Amsterdam.