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## International Law Commission

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## Filling of casual vacancies in the Commission

### Note by the Secretariat

#### Addendum

#### List of candidates

1. As at 1 April 2026, the name of the following candidate had been submitted to fill the seat vacated following the resignation of Phoebe Okowa:

Oagile Betheul Key Dingake (Botswana)

2. The curriculum vitae of the candidate is contained in the annex to the present note.



## **Annex**

### **Curriculum vitae\***

#### **Oagile Betheul Key Dingake (Botswana)**

##### **Career Synopsis**

Judge – National and Supreme Courts of Papua New Guinea, February 2018 to present.

Judge – Residual Special Court of Sierra Leone, November 2013 to present.

Justice of Appeal – Court of Appeal of Seychelles. August 2020 to October 2021.

Judge – High Court of Botswana. December 2005 – January 2018.

Judge – Industrial Court of Botswana. September 2002 – November 2005.

Deputy Chief Executive Officer. Motor Vehicle Fund, Botswana. September 2001 – August 2002.

Lecturer – University of Botswana. October 1993 – September 2000.

Visiting Lecturer – International Development Law Institute, Rome, Italy. 1999.

Senior Partner – Moupo, Motswagole and Dingake Attorneys, Gaborone, Botswana. April 1992 – September 2000.

Legal Professional Assistant – Kgaodi and Partners, Gaborone, Botswana. March 1990 to March 1991.

##### **Education**

Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) in Constitutional Law  
University of Cape Town. 1996–2000.

Master of Laws (LLM)  
University of London. 1991–1992.

Bachelor of Laws (LLB)  
University of Botswana. 1984–1989.

Dr Justice Key Dingake served as an acting Justice of Appeal on several occasions in Botswana, as a Justice Court of Appeal of Seychelles, and is currently a judge of the Supreme and National Courts of Papua New Guinea (PNG).

With the cumulative experience gained from sitting as a Judge of a Specialist Labour Court, High Court, Supreme Court, and an International Court, Key currently chairs a working committee of judges focusing on rules amendments.

As a Judge of the High Court, Key had the privilege to be the Chairperson of Law Reporting Committee, which graded judgements, of the superior courts for purposes of law reporting. He also had special training in Judicial Case Management, in the United States of America, and chaired a Committee of Judges and Registrars to investigate the best financing model for the judiciary in Botswana.

In 2019, Key was appointed by the Chief Justice of Papua New Guinea to chair the Efficiency Task Force, whose main aim was to investigate the root cause of backlogged cases and recommend concrete measures to redress the situation.

Key has delivered numerous judgements that have been reported in Botswana Law Reports, and many of which have attracted wide ranging academic commentary, in regional and international law journals.

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\* Curricula vitae are issued without formal editing.

Several of his judgements are part of training materials compiled by international organizations, such as, the International Labour Organization (ILO), United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), and United Nations programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS).

Key has facilitated numerous judges training on International Law, Human Rights, Electoral Law, Rule of Law and Health, Human Rights, HIV and TB in many countries in Africa, i.e. Kenya, South Africa, Lesotho, Swaziland, Uganda, and Seychelles.

In 2017, Key was nominated by the University of Cape Town, South Africa, to run as a candidate for the UN Special Rapporteur on the Independence of Lawyers and Judges.

## **Leadership**

### **Academia**

- Honorary Professor of Law, University of Cape Town, South Africa.
- Extra – Ordinary Law Lecturer, University of Pretoria, South Africa.
- Adjunct Professor of Law, James Cook University, Australia.
- Professor of Law, San Beda University, Philippines.
- Visiting Professor of Law, University of Lay Adventists of Kigali.
- Adjunct Professor of Law, University of New England, Australia.
- Faculty Member/Facilitator, Judicial Institute of Africa, University of Cape Town, South Africa.
- Co-Convenor/Facilitator, Judging in a Constitutional Democracy, Post Graduate Diploma in Judicial Studies, University of Cape Town, South Africa.
- Chancellor, AMB University College.

### **Judicial**

- President, Africa Judges Forum on HIV, Human Rights and the Law.
- Executive Member, Africa Judges and Jurists Forum.
- Chairman, Africa Centre for Justice Innovation.
- Chairperson, Judicial Commission (Task Force) on the Financial Independence of the Judiciary in Botswana.
- Chairman, Law Reporting Committee, High Court of Botswana. Convenor, Judicial Conferences (2009–2011).
- Chairman – The Rules Amendment Committee of the Residual Special Court of Sierra Leone.
- Chairperson: Efficiency Task Force: National and Supreme Courts of Papua New Guinea.

### **Committee's/Forums:**

- Co-Chairperson for the African Think Tank on HIV, Health and Social Justice.
- Member of the Institute of Small and Microstates, Victoria, University of Wellington, New Zealand.

### **Highlights**

- 2024 Visiting Professor of Law, University of Lay Adventists of Kigali.
- 2018 appointed Adjunct Professor of Law by James Cook University in Australia.
- 2014 Awarded Honorary Professorship of Law, University of Cape Town.

- 2013 Judge Residual Special Court of Sierra Leone.
- 2013 Won Bronze Gravel Award from Women's Link Worldwide for promoting gender justice.
- 2011 Extra-Ordinary Law Lecturer – University of Pretoria.
- Professor of Law, San Beda University, Philippines.

#### **Key strengths**

- Legal and Judicial skills.
- Loyalty to judicial oath.
- Judicial Case Management.
- Court Management Systems.
- Public Policy and Administration.
- Public International Law.
- Legal Practice Law.
- Constitutional Law.
- Civil Law.
- Commercial Law.
- Criminal Law.
- International Humanitarian Law.
- Corporate Law.
- Labour Law.
- Litigation.
- Policy analysis and development.
- Case analysis.
- Mediation and arbitration.
- Legal Research.
- Developing legal strategies to be in line with legal standards and precedents.
- Key stakeholder engagement.
- Public Speaking.
- Lecturer of Law.
- Leadership, Training and Mentoring.
- Judicial Training.

#### **Publications**

Magistrates' Bench Book of Botswana. 2022.

Lawyers. 2020.

Towards a People's Constitution for Botswana. 2019.

Judges. 2019.

In Pursuit of Justice. 2019.

Constitutionalism and the Rule of Law in Botswana. 2011.

Chasing the Mirage: Women and the Administration of Justice in Botswana. 1999.

Individual Labour Law in Botswana. 2008.

Collective Labour Law in Botswana. 2008.

The Role of Electoral Systems in the Institutionalisation of Democratic Governance in SADC. 2006.

Money, Politics and Law in the SADC region. 2006. Digest of Commercial Laws of Botswana. 2005.

**Additional information available upon request:**

- National and Supreme Court Cases from 2018 to present.
- Judgements – Leading Cases in Seychelles from 2018 to 2021.
- High Court Judgements in Botswana from 2007 to 2015.
- Industrial Court Judgements in Botswana from 2003 to 2006.
- Notable speeches given from 2014 to 2021.
- List of reports that Key participated in to reform law and other law reform initiatives.
- Conference Papers from 2013 to 2021.
- Papers/Presentations at Judicial Training Workshops from 2016 to 2022.
- List of Consultant work from 2017 to 2021.
- Contactable references.

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