

Judge Patrick Lipton Robinson

(Member of the Court since 6 February 2015)

Born on 29 January 1944 in Jamaica.

After graduating in 1964 with a B.A. Degree (UCWI-London) in English, Latin and Economics, Judge Robinson was a Graduate Teacher of English in Jamaica from 1964-1966. Following his call to the Bar in 1968, Judge Robinson went on to begin a long and distinguished career in public service, working for the Jamaican government for over three decades. From 1968 to 1971, he served as a Crown Counsel in the Office of the Director of the Public Prosecutions. Between 1972 and 1998, he served briefly as Legal Adviser to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, subsequently in the Attorney General's Department as Crown Counsel, Senior Assistant Attorney-General, Director of the Division of International Law, and as Deputy Solicitor-General.

Judge Robinson's long-standing experience in United Nations affairs dates back to 1972, when he became Jamaica's Representative to the Sixth (Legal) Committee of the United Nations General Assembly, a position that he held for 26 years. He played a leadership role on several items in the Committee, including the definition of aggression and the draft statute for an international criminal court. From 1981 to 1998, he led Jamaica's delegations for the negotiation of treaties on several subjects, including extradition, mutual legal assistance, maritime delimitation and investment promotion and protection.

Judge Robinson was a member of numerous international bodies. As a member of the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights from 1988 to 1995, and its Chairman in 1991, he contributed to the development of a corpus of human rights laws for the Inter-American System. As a member of the International Law Commission from 1991 to 1996, he served on the Working Group that elaborated the draft statute for an international criminal court. Judge Robinson also served as a member of the Haiti Truth and Justice Commission from 1995 to 1996, was a member of the International Bio-ethics Committee of UNESCO from 1996 to 2005, serving as its Vice-Chairman from 2002 to 2005. He represented Jamaica on several United Nations bodies, including the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law (UNCITRAL) and the United Nations Commission on Transnational Corporations, serving as Chairman of that Commission's Twelfth Session in 1986. He represented Jamaica at all sessions of the Third United Nations Conference on the Law of the Sea and was accredited as an ambassador to that Conference in 1982.

Judge Robinson was elected a Judge of the International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia in 1998 and served as the Tribunal's President from 2008 to 2011. Judge Robinson has also served as an arbitrator in disputes under the International Convention for the Settlement of Investment Disputes.

Judge Robinson is a Barrister of Law, Middle Temple, United Kingdom. He holds a B.A. in English, Latin, and Economics from the University College of the West Indies (London), an LLB with honours from London University, and an LL.M. in International Law from King's College, University of London, in the areas of the Law of the Sea, the Law of the Air, Treaties, and Armed Conflict. He also holds a Certificate of International Law from The Hague Academy of International Law.
