



MANAGING AUTHORITIES OF THE ORGANISATION

Executive Director: Chantal van Cutsem

Law degree from KULeuven in 1998. As a lawyer at the Brussels Bar (2002-2007), she specialised in Immigration Law and International Criminal Law, after having coordinated access to justice projects for juvenile offenders in the Philippines (1999-2001). Active for ASF since 2001, she worked on transitional justice projects in Burundi and Rwanda (2001-2002), served as a member of the Board of Directors (2003-2007), before joining the team at Headquarters to ensure the strategic coordination of programs in the Great Lakes region, then in MENA. She became the Head of ASF in December 2017.

Board of Directors

President: Edgar Boydens (19.06.2014 > 13.12.2020)

Lawyer at the district bar in Brussels since 1978. Graduated from KU Leuven with a degree in law (1978). In his day-to-day work his preferred areas of practice include civil law, with particular interest in personal and family law and international private law. Initially worked as section leader at the Bar, and from 1991 to 1994 was also a member of the Bar Council. From 1 September 2003, he held the position of Vice-President of the Dutch-speaking Bar in Brussels. From September to August 2006, he was President of the Dutch-speaking Bar in Brussels. Elected as a member of the general meeting of the Flemish Bar Association since 2006. Teacher of professional ethics at the Brussels Bar internship school, and author of a number of publications on various aspects of lawyers' professional ethics. Lecturer at KU Leuven since 2009. President of the Flemish Bar Association (OVB) from September 2011 to August 2014.

Vice-President: Patrick Henry (23.06.2016 > 22.06.2019)

Graduated from the University of Liège in 1977. President of the Liège Bar from 2007 to 2009. Chairman of AVOCATS.be from 2013 to 2016. Chief editor of legal magazine "Jurisprudence de Liège, Mons et Bruxelles" (J.L.M.B.) since 1987. President of the CCBE Human Rights Commission. He specializes in urbanism, environmental issues and medical rights.

Treasurer: Frans Macken (27.09.2012 > 24.06.2018)

Former Audit Director Merchant Banking at BNP Paribas Fortis.

Olivier Haenecour (14.12.2017 > 13.12.2020)

Lawyer at the Mons Bar and Former President of the Bar. Concerned by the political and justice issues in Congo, he is the current President of a Twinning Committee with the Kananga Bar.

Pierre Legros (14.05.1992 > 08.06.2020)

Member of the Brussels Bar, Former President of the "Ordre français des avocats du barreau de Bruxelles"; Founder of ASF and ASF-World; Visiting Professor in professional ethics at the Université Libre de Bruxelles.

Claude Maon (14.12.2017 > 13.12.2020)

Migrations law, Humanitarian Law and Private International Law Specialist. Former lawyer at the Brussels Bar; former Office Coordinator (ASF DRC); former Coordinator of Access to Justice Projects and International Consultant in DRC (UNDP); former International Consultant in Chad (UNDP); former International Consultant in Tunisia (ASF); former International Consultant in Chad (ASF); former International Consultant in Ivory Coast (ICTJ); former Protection Officer (UNHCR); former legal specialist in CAR (UNDP); and currently Legal Advisor within Médecins Sans Frontières.

Jacqueline Oosterbosch (26.06.2013 > 22.06.2019)

Lawyer at the Supreme Court. Former and other activities: Research Fellow at Liège University; judicial training missions in Rwanda; member of the Supreme Council of Justice; Vice-President of the Union of Lawyers for Democracy.

Tim Op de Beeck (14.12.2017 > 13.12.2020)

Lawyer at the Leuven Bar Association; member of the Leuven Law Society and Teacher of Criminal Law at the Trainee School (Leuven Bar); member of the commission on Immigration Law and the commission on Criminal law at the Flemish Bar Association (OVB). Co-author of *Introduction to Criminal Law*, edited by the OVB.

Hafida Talhaoui (10.04.2000 > 22.06.2019)

Member of the Antwerp Bar; Former member of the Council of the Bar of Antwerp; Lawyer at the International Criminal Court, member of the criminal law commission with a particular interest in human rights, women's rights, international criminal law and the fight against terrorism, speaker at the opening of the Flemish Conference of the Bar of Antwerp. Several presentations about the protection of minorities and the position of women in the Arab world and other training of the judiciary (Ministry of Justice)

Filip van Bergen (25.06.2009 > 08.06.2020)

Lawyer specialized in social right, employment and labor law, social security, immigration, international mobility, reorganizations, flexible techniques of remuneration; Member of the editing team of *SocialWeb* (ED. De Boeck); Registered at the bar of Antwerp.

Jean-Marc Verjus (16.12.1997 > 24.06.2018)

Member of the Liège Bar; Member of the commission for international development and the cooperation within the Liège Bar; ASF representation in Rwanda, Morocco, Lebanon and in Spain.

Luc Walley (16.12.1997 > 22.06.2019)

Member of the Brussels Bar specialising in human rights and humanitarian law, refugee and immigration law; former president of ASF and ASF-World; lawyer defending victims at the International Criminal Court; former member of the Council of the Brussels Bar; member of the consultative committee for international humanitarian law of the French section of the Belgian Red Cross, participation in several ASF mission especially in the Great Lakes region, collaboration in the legal assistance programme.

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