

Curriculum vitae

Mr Justice Joseph Azzopardi

Son of the late Michael and Maria nee' Azzopardi, Joseph Azzopardi was born in Senglea on the 8th April 1955. He received his primary and secondary education at government schools and entered University of Malta in October 1974, from where he graduated as Notary Public in 1978 and as Doctor of Laws in 1979. He was active in youth organisations and was the first president of the Federation of Maltese Youth Organizations in 1980.

On being called to the Bar in January 1980 he started his private practice and continued to practise at the Law Courts for the next twenty three years, specialising mainly in Civil Law and Matrimonial Law. In his private practise he also served as consultant to various constituted bodies including Lohombus Corporation and the Public Transport Authority. He was appointed director of the then Mid Med Bank from 1981 to 1987, and was a member of the Housing Authority Board from 1997 to 2003. He also served as a Commissioner of Justice from 1997 to 2003 and was Chairman of various disciplinary Boards including those at Maltacom p.l.c and the Malta Freeport Corporation.

After serving as a member of the Committee of the Chamber of Advocates for four years he was elected President of the Chamber of Advocates in January 2000, and served in that capacity until his appointment as Judge of the Superior Courts on the 23rd May 2003. As President of the Chamber he was an *ex officio* member of the Commission for the Administration of Justice. He is currently President of the Family Section of the Civil Courts.

Mr Justice Azzopardi has also served as examiner in Civil Law in the Faculty of Laws of the University of Malta.

He is married to Maria nee' Attard and has a daughter.