

Curriculum Vitae

Mr Justice David Paul Scicluna

Son of Paul and Winifred nee' Mahoney, born in Sliema on the 13th December 1952. He received his primary education at the Sacred Heart School in St. Julian's (1957 – 1961)) and his secondary education at St. Aloysius College in B'Kara (1961 – 1968), then proceeding to the Junior College of the Royal University of Malta (1968 – 1970). In 1974 he obtained his Diploma of Notary Public from the Royal University of Malta and in the following year graduated as Doctor of Laws from the same University with a thesis on "*The Limitations of Maltese Methods of Treating the Offender*". He was called to the Bar in January 1976 and worked in private practice till 1984 when he was appointed Magistrate and assigned duties in the Court of Magistrates both in Malta and in Gozo. He was the first Magistrate to preside over the newly reorganised Juvenile Court.

Between 1988 and 1994 he served as Chairman of the Interdepartmental Commission Against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking and between 1994 and 1998 as Chairman of the National Commission against Drug and Alcohol Abuse. In these capacities he participated in the U.N. Conference for the Adoption of the 1988 Convention Against Illicit Trafficking in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances, the 1990 London World Ministerial Drugs Summit, the 1993 Special Session of the General Assembly to analyse the global situation in respect of the drug problem, several sessions of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs in Vienna and meetings of the Permanent Correspondents of the Pompidou Group of the Council of Europe.

In 1996 he graduated Magister Juris in European Law from the University of Malta with a thesis entitled “*The Preliminary Reference – A Means of Cooperation or a Source of Contention?*”.

Dr. Scicluna has published a number of monographs on methods of treatment of offenders and legal aspects of drug abuse and illicit trafficking. Between 1990 and 1999 Dr. Scicluna was a visiting lecturer in the Department of Social Studies of the University of Malta where he lectured on “Law and Sentencing Practices” and “Crime and the Administration of Justice”. He also lectured on “Juvenile Law” at the Academy of Criminal Justice (formerly the Police Academy). He is now an external examiner within the Faculty of Laws.

In 1998 Dr. Scicluna was appointed Judge of the Superior Courts, sitting in the First Hall of the Civil Court and, since 2002, ordinarily sitting in the Court of Criminal Appeal both in its inferior and in its superior jurisdiction. He is the Maltese Judiciary’s contact person for the Association of Councils of State and Supreme Administrative Jurisdictions of the European Union. Dr. Scicluna is also one of the founding members of the Association of Judges and Magistrates of Malta and a Fellow of the Salzburg Seminar in American Studies.

He is married and has three children.