

Curriculum Vitae

Chief Justice Emeritus

Vincent Anthony De Gaetano

Son of the late Vincent and of Annie Montanaro, Vincent Anthony De Gaetano was born in Sliema in August of 1952. He received his primary education at St. Joseph's Convent School (Sliema) and his secondary education at the Jesuit College of St. Aloysius (1961-1968) and at 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 he graduated as Doctor of Laws from the same University with a dissertation on dual nationality in international law. He was called to the Bar in January of 1976, and after a few months in private practice he proceeded as a Commonwealth Scholar to the University of Cambridge (Gonville and Caius College) where he read criminology and public law, obtaining his Diploma in Criminology in 1977.

Dr De Gaetano joined the Attorney General's Office in Malta in July of 1979 as a Senior Counsel for the Republic; he was appointed Assistant Attorney General in August 1988 and Deputy Attorney General in July 1989. In March 1994 he was appointed Judge of the Superior Courts (with duties mainly in the Criminal Court and Court of Criminal Appeal), and on the 26 August 2002 was appointed Chief Justice. As Chief Justice he also became President of the Constitutional Court, of the Court of Appeal and of the Court of Criminal Appeal, and Deputy Chairman of the Commission for the Administration of Justice. On the 22 June 2010 he was elected by the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe as the judge in respect of Malta on the European Court of Human Rights. He resigned from the post of Chief Justice (retaining, however, the office of a Judge of the Superior Courts) on the 9 September 2010, and was accorded the title of Chief Justice Emeritus.

Chief Justice De Gaetano has published several articles on legal subjects both in local and foreign journals. Between 1986 and 1988 he was a visiting lecturer in sociology of deviance and law in the Department of Social Studies of the University of Malta and at the Institute of Philosophy and Human Studies of the Faculty of Theology of the Archdiocese of Malta. Between 1987 and 1991 he was Visiting Lecturer in criminal law and law of criminal procedure in the Faculty of Laws of the University of Malta, becoming a regular Lecturer in 1991 and Senior Lecturer in January of 1994 (on a non-remunerative basis since his appointment to the Bench in March of 1994). After his appointment as Chief Justice the post was converted into an Honorary Senior Lectureship.

Chief Justice De Gaetano has also represented Malta on several committees of the Council of Europe and has also participated in Council of Europe missions to Armenia and Azerbaijan. He was also Chairman of the Steering Committee on Legal Co-Operation (CDCJ) and of the Multidisciplinary Group on Corruption (GMC) of the Council of Europe, and also helped in the setting up of the Group of States Against Corruption (GRECO) of the Council of Europe. Between 1980 and

1987 he was a regular contributor to, and local correspondent of, the Commonwealth Law Bulletin. Chief Justice De Gaetano is also a founding member of the Association of Judges and Magistrates of Malta.

He is married to Marie-Therese Ambrogio, and they have two daughters.