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Fidelma Donlon Named Deputy Registrar



Fidelma Donlon, an Irish lawyer and academic, has been named Deputy Registrar of the Special Court for Sierra Leone. Ms. Donlon will take up the post in late June.

Ms. Donlon is a graduate of University College Dublin, and she trained as a solicitor at the Law Society of Ireland.

From 1999 to 2005 she headed the Criminal Institutions and Prosecutorial Reform Unit for the Office of the High Representative of Bosnia and Herzegovina, where she oversaw the establishment of the hybrid War Crimes and Organised Crimes Chambers in the Bosnian State Court. She was appointed Deputy Registrar of the Bosnian War Crimes Chambers in 2005.

Ms. Donlon specializes in international criminal law, international human rights law, and transitional justice, and she has written extensively on international courts. In 2008 she served as an advisor to the Special Court on transitional issues – the Court’s ongoing legal obligations after the completion of trials and appeals – and authored the report “The Residual Functions and Residual Mechanism Options for the Special Court for Sierra Leone”.

Ms. Donlon is currently completing her Ph.D. at the Irish Centre for Human Rights, National University of Ireland.

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