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Joseph F. Kamara Named Acting Prosecutor



The Secretary-General of the United Nations has named Sierra Leonean lawyer Joseph Fitzgerald Kamara as Acting Prosecutor of the Special Court. The appointment is effective as of 8 September.

Joseph Kamara is the first Sierra Leonean to hold this post. He succeeds Prosecutor Stephen Rapp, who resigned this month to become the United States Ambassador-at-Large for War Crimes. He will serve as Acting Prosecutor until a new prosecutor is appointed.

Joseph Kamara joined the Office of the Prosecutor in January 2004, and a year later he was called upon to lead the CDF Prosecution Team as Senior Trial Attorney. He was named Deputy Prosecutor in August 2008.

Prior to joining the Special Court, Mr. Kamara worked for eight years as prosecutor in the Office of the Director of Public Prosecution, where he rose to the rank of Senior State Counsel. In 1996, and again from 2000-2004, he worked in private practice, including several law firms in Washington, D.C.

In July 2009, Joseph Kamara was elected as President of the Sierra Leone Bar Association.

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