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Ms. Hilburn-Holmes is an international human rights lawyer and diplomat with over twenty-five years of experience. She is a graduate of Brandeis University, and Georgetown University Law Center, and a member of the Pennsylvania Bar.

After serving as Legal Adviser to the US Embassy in Bonn/Berlin Germany from 1993 to 1994, Ms. Hilburn-Holmes joined the Office of the Prosecutor at the International Criminal Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia (ICTY) in June 1994. From 1998 – 2002 Ms. Hilburn-Holmes returned to US Government service as Deputy Legal Counselor in the US Embassy in The Hague where her work encompassed a number of different international legal institutions in The Hague -- including the ICTY, the International Court of Justice (ICJ), the Permanent Court of Arbitration (PCA), and the Hague Conference on Private International Law (HCOPIL), among others. In addition, Ms. Hilburn-Holmes was a US Department of State liaison to the Scottish Court in the Netherlands for the Lockerbie/Pan Am 103 terrorism trial. In June 1999, she was a member of the US Observer Delegation to the UNESCO Diplomatic Conference on the *1954 Hague Convention on the Protection of Cultural Property in the Event of Armed Conflict* in June 1999.

Ms. Hilburn-Holmes returned to service with the Office of the Prosecutor at the ICTY in 2003 and subsequently accepted her government's nomination to become Co-Registrar of the Iran-United States Claims Tribunal where she served from 2004 – 2009. During this time, she also began studies in human rights and citizenship education and became an active Governing Board Member of a Dutch Foundation responsible for Dutch-International Primary Education in The Hague.

In mid-2009, Ms. Hilburn-Holmes and her family relocated to the United States where she is continuing to explore curriculum issues in the field of human rights/global civics education for school age children.