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Mr. Johnson is a career prosecutor with a degree in Economics from the University of Texas, at Austin, and a Jurist Doctorate from Catholic University, Columbus School of Law, in Washington, D.C. He is a member in good standing since 1981 of the Bar with the Supreme Court of the State of New Hampshire, the United States District Court for N.H., and the United States First Circuit Court of Appeals. He currently serves as the Senior Advisor to the Prosecutor General of the Republic in Dili, Timor Leste. Mr. Johnson also serves as the Director of the Information Management Project for all Justice Sector Institutions and is responsible for building an integrated information management system within the Courts, Police, Public Defenders, Prisons and Prosecutor General's Office.

In 2008 Mr. Johnson, as Senior Evaluation Expert and Team Leader, directed an evaluation team of national experts and researchers on the effectiveness of the Bangladesh Anti-Corruption Commission under a Special Services Agreement with United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), in Dhaka, Bangladesh. In 2007 Mr. Johnson served in Kabul, Afghanistan as the Senior Advisor to the Attorney General of Afghanistan and Chief of the Attorney General's Office Support Section (AGOAS) for the Justice Sector Support Project under International Narcotics and Law Enforcement, U.S. Department of State.

As a United States Institute of Peace Senior Fellow in 2006 and 2007, Mr. Johnson focused on issues involving international humanitarian law and "Complementarity" between international and national courts, in the Jennings Randolph Program for International Peace. The fellowship will result in a book on the interrelationship between national justice sector institutions and international judicial institutions in post-conflict societies.

From 2004 to 2006 Mr. Johnson served with the United States Department of State – Office of War Crimes Issues, as the Registrar (Chief Project Executive Officer) for the Court of Bosnia and Herzegovina - War Crimes Chamber and Organized Crime, Economic Crime, and Corruption Chamber, establishing the first sustainable national level War Crimes Chamber in Bosnia and Herzegovina under international standards of fair trial and due process of law with multinational funding and international expert participation.

As the Registrar he and his management staff were required to prepare and implement a long-range justice sector plan for the construction (reconstruction of war damaged buildings), staffing, and operation of a fifteen thousand square meters facility housing eight modern and automated courtrooms, judicial chambers, court management operations, prosecutors offices, security and detention facilities, and a high security computer network and automation information management system. The project required the international financial management of over fifty million Euros in donor and national funds over the life of the project.

The Registrar recruited and supervised a staff of international judges, prosecutors, and defense counsel from fifteen countries and a national staff of over two hundred. The international

experts began transitioning out of the Court in the second year of the project. The United Nations Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia certified the competence of the Court to fully meet international standards in 2005. In addition to the construction of a pre-trial detention facility, a three-hundred bed prison facility was designed and prepared for construction as part of the project.

In 2001 Mr. Johnson was appointed the Chief of Prosecution for the United Nations, International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia (ICTY) and (Acting Deputy for) the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda (ICTR) - Office of the Prosecutor. In his role as Chief of Prosecution, Mr. Johnson supervised seventy-five lawyers in twelve teams and over forty support staff from eighty-nine countries. Mr. Johnson Directed the Prosecution Division in the trials and trial preparation of cases before the Tribunal.

Having been elected to ten, two-year terms as the Merrimack County Attorney, Concord, New Hampshire, (from 1982 to 2001) Mr. Johnson served as the Chief Law Enforcement Officer for over twenty-seven police departments and three hundred officers, Chief Prosecutor for Superior Court and six District Courts and legal counsel to the public corporation of Merrimack County with a budget of over forty million dollars.

As a Legal Specialist with ABA-CEELI in 1997, in the Office of the Prosecutor for the United Nations International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia, Mr. Johnson established the review process for national indictments of war criminals in Bosnia and Herzegovina known as the "Rules of the Road" project sponsored by the U.S. Department of State.

Throughout his career, Mr. Johnson has served on numerous boards and associations including among others, the American Bar Association (ABA) Criminal Justice Section, ABA House of Delegates, National Criminal Justice Standards Committee, The ABA National Trial Advocacy Competition, Board of Directors with the National District Attorneys Association, Drafting Committee for the National Prosecution Standards II, the Criminal Justice Resource Center. He is the recipient of the ABA English Award for Professionalism, the Daniel Webster International Lawyer Award, and twice designated as Prosecutor of the Year award in his home jurisdiction.