

# Curriculum Vitae – Miri Sharon

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## SUMMARY

An international law practitioner since 2001 in different fields of work (International Criminal law, Human Rights Law, and International Humanitarian Law) including legal reform; working for the United Nations, Academic institutes, and government agencies. In 2001 joined the Ministry of Justice and was involved in drafting and presenting reports to the UN human rights bodies, and providing legal advice on other areas of international law. In 2006 joined the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime and worked on the development and implementation of standards and norms in crime prevention and criminal justice, organized crime, and human rights in the criminal justice system. Provided legal advice and developed tools such as Model Laws, Handbooks and Training programmes; supervised junior staff as well as senior consultants; led project development and implementation; and organized international conferences and expert meetings, as well as national workshops. In 2009 started focusing on access to legal aid and supported the development and implementation of the [UN Principles and Guidelines on Access to Legal Aid in Criminal Justice Systems](#). Was involved in mainstreaming [human rights within the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime](#) (2009-2015). Since 2016 has been working as an independent consultant and contributed to several publications, conducted legal assessments, developed programmes and participated in project evaluation.

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

March 2016 – December 2023 Consultancy services: contribution to UN Women Access to Justice Tool (Women in the Criminal Justice System), finalising UNODC Regional Programme for West Africa, conducting assessments on trafficking in persons and smuggling of migrants in Kyrgyzstan, drafting of UNODC **Handbook on Quality in legal aid**, evaluation of the global programme on organised crime, drafting a study on trafficking in persons in South Africa, drafting a report on cybercrime and study on liability of internet service-providers, developing a **global assessment tool on legal aid** (UNODC), drafting a **Reference Manual on Legislation on SFMP** for Medisafe Project (EU), and evaluation of UNODC counter-terrorism project on promoting the ratification of ICSANT.

July 2010 – December 2015 **Drug Control and Crime Prevention Officer**, Justice Section, Division for Operations, UNODC. Covering: Standards and Norms in crime prevention and criminal justice, in particular **Access to Legal Aid, Human Rights** in the criminal justice system (including gender issues). Work included support to normative developments, development of tools and studies (e.g. the global study on legal aid) and delivering technical assistance to Member States.

August 2006 – June 2010 **Associate Drug Control and Crime Prevention Officer**, Legal Advisory Section (since March 2008 Organized Crime and Criminal Justice Section), Treaty and Legal Affairs Branch, Division for Treaty Affairs, UNODC. Areas of work included the implementation of the Convention against Organised Crime and its protocols, in particular Trafficking in Persons, Smuggling of Migrants, and application of standards related to child victims and witnesses.

July 2006 Joined the United Nations as Secretariat staff after successfully passing the national competitive recruitment exams in 2003 (NCRE/YPP).

- November 2005-July 2006 **Coordinator**, Concord Research Center for the Integration of International Law in Israel; **Staff Lawyer & Lecturer**, Concord Clinic for the submission of *amicus curiae* briefs in the field of Public International Law (in particular human rights issues); **Coach**, the Students Team for the Jessup moot court Competition; **The School of Law, The College of Management Academic Studies.**
- August 2001 – October 2005 **Legal Advisor**, the Department for International Agreements and International Litigation, **Ministry of Justice**, Israel. Main subjects: Human Rights Law (reports to human rights bodies and advice to government ministries), International Humanitarian Law, International Criminal Law, the Law of Treaties, Trafficking in Persons; a member of inter-Ministerial teams on the ICC and on Universal Jurisdiction; member of delegation to the HRC in July 2003; member of the legal team in the ICJ the advisory opinion concerning “the legal consequences of the wall” (I. C. J. Reports 2004, p. 136).
- June 2000 - August 2000 **Criminal Prosecutor, District Attorney's Office**, Tel-Aviv (employed for a short period prior to departure to the Netherlands, for LLM studies). During this period dealt mostly with fraud cases (reviewing evidence, preparing indictments, instructing police, appearing in court).
- June 2000 Admitted to the Israeli Bar after passing the Bar exams.
- March 1999 - March 2000 **Legal Intern, District Attorney's Office**, Tel-Aviv. Worked closely with a senior prosecutor on all stages of the case (preparation of indictments, trial preparation, and examination of witnesses) on cases involving serious crimes such as sexual violence and murder.
- September-November 1999 **Legal Intern, UN Headquarters Internship Program**, JAB & JDC secretariat. Participated in the hearings of the JDC, conducted legal research (e.g. on “the burden of proof in disciplinary hearings”), and drafted the final report to the UN Secretary-General.
- March 1997-December 1998 **Project Assistant, Ministry of Foreign Affairs**, Legal Adviser's office. In charge of the legal aspects of a project for establishing a computerised Treaty Database.
- November 1998-March 1999 **Teaching Assistant**, Hebrew University, Law Faculty. Public International Law.
- October 1996 - March 1999 **Educator** "The National Council for Promoting the Rule of Law and Democracy in Israel". The program included one-day legal workshops for high school students and law enforcement officials, on a variety of topics such as violence among teenagers, the right to dignity, manifestly illegal orders, etc.

## **ACADEMIC QUALIFICATIONS**

- Since October 2022** PhD candidate (stage A), Law Faculty, Tel Aviv University, Israel
- 2000-2001** L.L.M (*cum laude*) in **Public International Law, International Criminal Law Specialization**, Leiden University, the Netherlands (thesis title: “The Foca Judgment and the Definition of Rape in International Criminal Law – should consent be an element of the crime?”)

1995-1999

L.L.B in **Law and International Relations**, the Hebrew University, Jerusalem, Israel

### **KEY SKILLS AND COMPETENCIES**

- Legal research and drafting, development of legal tools (model laws);
- Experience in working in diverse multicultural environments, including at the senior level;
- Advising Member States on legal reform;
- Developing and delivering training programmes, in particular rule of law and human rights;
- Designing and implementing projects;
- Conducting assessments and evaluations (IPEDT certificates);
- Recruiting and supervising junior staff as well as senior consultants;
- Committed to promoting human rights and gender equality.

### **KEY TOPICS**

- Access to Legal Aid in Criminal Justice System;
- Violence against Women and access to justice for women;
- Human Rights in the Criminal Justice System (prisoners, children, victims);
- Human Rights & gender in the UN;
- **Supranational** criminal law (organized crime, trafficking in persons, smuggling of migrants);
- International criminal law.

### **ACHEIVEMENTS**

April 1999 - Receiving the **Spirs Prize** for Excellency in Public International Law, from the Law Faculty in the Hebrew University; Participating on behalf of the Hebrew University in the conference on "Human Rights and the Environment", held in Malaga, Spain (paper: "the Protection of the Environment in International Humanitarian Law").

March 1997 - Winning a students' **competition in Public International Law** (moot court) at the Hebrew University. Participating in the European Model UN Conference in July 1997 and 1998.

### **PUBLICATIONS**

Shavit Matias, Miri Sharon, [\*The International Criminal Court\*](#), (Hebrew) 15 Hamishpat 2003.

Orna Ben-Naftali, Miri Sharon [\*What the ICJ did not say about the Duty to Punish Genocide: The Missing Pieces in a Puzzle\*](#), 5 Journal of International Criminal Justice 829-838 (Sept. 2007).

Miri Sharon, [\*The Death Penalty and the United Nations Standards and Norms in Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice\*](#), Vienna Conference on the Abolition of the Death Penalty (November 2-13, 2011).

Miri Sharon, [\*The United Nations Principles and Guidelines on Access to Legal Aid in Criminal Justice Systems\*](#), International Judicial Monitor, (American Society of International Law, Spring 2013 Issue);

Contribution to [\*UN Women Access to Justice Tool: Module 4\*](#) (2018) (Intellectual Property of UN Women).

Drafting of [UNODC Handbook on Ensuring Quality of Legal Aid Services in Criminal Justice Processes: practical guidance and promising practices](#) (2019), with prof. Alan Paterson (Intellectual Property of UNODC)

Drafting of UNODC Assessment Tool – Legal Aid in the Criminal Justice system (forthcoming end 2023, Intellectual Property of UNODC, forthcoming 2024)

Drafting of Medisafe Reference Manual on Legislation on SFMP – an African Perspective (Intellectual Property of the European Union, November 2023)

### **LANGUAGES**

Hebrew (mother tongue)

English (excellent)

French (level 7-UN language courses)

Arabic (level 3-UN language courses)

### **REFERENCES**

Available on request.