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EDUCATION

- Primary school at Aruba; secondary school in Zeist, The Netherlands
- Officer's training, Royal Netherlands Navy / Marine Corps (1967-1968)
- Law studies, Utrecht University, The Netherlands (1968-1971)
- Postgraduate studies in law and marine affairs, University of Washington, Seattle, Washington, USA (1973-1974); LL.M-degree
- Research student in international law, University of Cambridge, England; member of Jesus College (1974-1975)
- Doctor of Laws, Utrecht University (1982); thesis on "Marine scientific research and the law of the sea".

POSITIONS HELD

- Research associate, Institute of Public International Law, Utrecht University (1971-1973)
- Lecturer in international law, University of Amsterdam (1975-1976)
- Head, Legal Affairs Section, North Sea Directorate (1976-1978); Assistant legal counsel (international law) (1978-1980); Deputy legal counsel (1980-1985); Head, Division of Maritime Waterways and Ports (1985-1987), Netherlands Ministry of Transport, Water Management and Public Works
- Adjunct Professor of Public International Law, Erasmus University Rotterdam (1985-1987)
- Professor of Public International Law; Director, Institute of Public International Law; Director, Netherlands Institute for the Law of the Sea (NILOS), Utrecht University (since 1987)

FORMER ACTIVITIES

- Member of Dutch delegation to meetings in the framework of the Oslo Dumping Convention, Paris Convention, Bonn Agreement, London Dumping Convention, IMO, OECD, International Rhine Commission etc.; chairman of various groups and commissions (1976-1987)
- Deputy-Judge in the District Court of Rotterdam (1981-1992)
- Consultant on maritime legislation to the Department of Sea Communications, Republic of Indonesia (1983-1986)
- Consultant on fisheries and marine pollution legislation to Governments of Netherlands Antilles and Aruba (1989-1992)
- Consultant, South Pacific Forum Fisheries Agency (1993-1994)
- Project-leader law of the sea (1987-1991) Netherlands-Indonesian Legal Cooperation Program
- Member and vice-chairman of the Netherlands delegation for negotiations with Belgium on questions concerning the rivers Meuse and Scheldt (1987-1993)
- Member, North Sea Commission of the National Advisory Council on Water Management and Public Works (1987-1992)
- President, Netherlands Society of International Law/Netherlands Branch of the International Law Association (ILA) (1992-1997; Hon. Secretary 1986-1991; Vice-President 1991-1992)
- Chairman of the ILA Committee on the Exclusive Economic Zone (1989-1992) and the ILA Committee on Coastal State Jurisdiction Relating to Marine Pollution (1992-1997)
- Member of the Executive Council of the American Society of International Law (1992-1995)

- Member of the Board of Editors, *Netherlands Yearbook of International Law* (1985-1994) and *Netherlands International Law Review* (1987-1995)
- Lecturer at the Hague Academy of International Law (1994) (on “The exercise of enforcement jurisdiction at sea”)
- Visiting lecturer at various institutions, including Universitas Padjadjaran (Bandung), University of Helsinki, University of the Netherlands Antilles, University of Aruba, University of Washington, IMO Maritime Law Institute (Malta), Netherlands Defense College
- Chairman of ICC Arbitral Tribunals in case No. 8351 (1994-1996) and case No. 8311 (1995-1999)
- Dean of the Faculty of Law, Utrecht University (1995-1998)

PRESENT OTHER ACTIVITIES

- Member of the Scientific Council and the Commission on Public International Law of the T.M.C. Asser Instituut (1986-)
- Member of the Standing Advisory Commission on Public International Law, Netherlands Ministry of Foreign Affairs (since 1986; Chairman of the Commission 1990-1998)
- Member of the Executive Council of the International Law Association (1987-)
- Member of the Executive Board of the Law of the Sea Institute, University of Hawaii, now at the University of Miami (1990-)
- Co-director, Rhodes Academy of Oceans Law and Policy, Rhodes (1995-)
- Member of the Executive Committee of the Netherlands Centre for International Legal Cooperation (1996-)
- Director of Studies of the International Law Association (1997-)
- Counsel to Indonesia in the *Case concerning sovereignty over Pulau Ligitan and Pulau Sipadan (Indonesia/Malaysia)*, International Court of Justice (1997-)
- Expert in the field of marine scientific research nominated by the Netherlands under Article 2, Annex VIII on Special Arbitration of the UN Convention on the Law of the Sea (1997-)
- Arbitrator nominated by the Netherlands under Article 2, Annex VII of the UN Convention on the Law of the Sea (1998-)
- Member of the Advisory Body of Experts on the Law of the Sea of the Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission (1998-)
- Member of the Curatorium of the Royal Netherlands Naval College (1999-)

PUBLICATIONS

Author and editor of several books and many articles in the field of public international law, in particular the law of the sea

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