

Curriculum Vitae

MADAM JUSTICE ABIGAIL LOFARO

Daughter of Joseph Attard and of Doris nee` Gulia, Abigail Lofaro was born in Cospicua in September 1961. She received her education at the Cospicua Primary School, at the Convent of the Sacred Heart, at De La Salle College and at the University of Malta. She received the Diploma of Notary Public in December 1982 and graduated Doctor of Laws in April 1984 with a dissertation on marriage annulment. In May 1984 she received the warrant to practise as a lawyer.

Dr Lofaro was for a number of years legal advisor to the Housing Department, later on assuming concurrently the functions of Acting Housing Secretary and Acting Secretary to the War Damage Commission. Subsequently she was appointed to the Law Reform Commission, headed by the late Dr. Edgar Mizzi.

Dr Lofaro served also as Private Secretary to the Parliamentary Secretary responsible for Social Accomodation. After relinquishing the public service she went on to work as a lawyer in private practice, dealing mostly with civil and commercial matters and specialising in separation and marriage annulment cases.

In December 1995 Dr Lofaro obtained a Diploma in Canonical Marriage Cases, Jurisprudence and Procedure from the Archdiocese of Malta.

On the 9 January 1996 she was appointed Magistrate for both Malta and Gozo. On the 20 November 2001, Magistrate Lofaro was awarded the degree of Magister Juris in European and Comparative Law after having successfully completed a two year course at the University Malta.

Magistrate Lofaro was appointed a Judge of the Superior Courts on the 5 September 2006. She regularly represents Malta at meetings and conferences organized by the International Labour Organization and by the European Association of Labour Court Judges.

Madam Justice Lofaro is Honorary President of the Lourdes Band Club, Qrendi.

She is married to Dr Pierre Lofaro, and they have a daughter.