Curriculum Vitae

Mr Justice Ian Spiteri Bailey

Ian Spiteri Bailey was born in Attard, Malta, in 1968. He is married and has two daughters.

He received his primary education at St. Francis School, Balzan and his secondary education at St. Aloysius College. He pursued his intermediate education at the New Lyceum and his tertiary education at the University of Malta (1987-1993), leading to the conferment of the Diploma of Notary Public in 1991 and Degree of Doctor of Laws in 1993, following the submission of his thesis on International Criminal Law finalised under the tutorship of Chief Justice Emeritus Dr Vincent DeGaetano.

He subsequently specialised his studies in EU Employment & Social Policy Law with the University of Leicester, obtaining a Masters in Law in 2004. Other studies were pursued throughout his career, obtaining a Diploma in Canonical Marriage Cases, Jurisprudence and Procedure, organized by the Archdiocese of Malta in 1994 and he became a qualified mediator and member of the London based Centre for Effective Dispute Resolution (CEDR) following studies and exams pursued in London in 2013.

Ian Spiteri Bailey practised law in Malta between April 1994 and April 2021, when he was appointed a Judge of the Superior Courts. As a practicing lawyer, he established his own boutique law firm specializing in Employment & Industrial Relations Law. He was industrial and employment law consultant to various national organizations, trade unions and public and private entities.

Ian Spiteri Bailey was also a Member of the Committee of the Chamber of Advocates for about 16 years, and served as 'Vice-President' for four years between 2011 and 2015, He also served for long years as 'ethics officer' within the same Committee.

Throughout his 28 years of legal practice, Ian Spiteri Bailey not only established his practice, but served as chairperson of the Small Claims Tribunal for 5 years, Chairperson of the Planning Appeals Board for 6 years, Chairperson of the Refugee Appeals Board for 6 years, Commissioner for Oaths presiding over local tribunals for 4 years and was a member of the Constitutionally appointed National Employment Commission for 3 years.

For a few years, Ian Spiteri Bailey was a visiting lecturer in employment and industrial relations law at the University of Malta and he also served as a part-time judicial assistant. Between 2009 and 2015, he was a substitute member on the European Union Agency for Fundamental Human Rights, representing Malta on the Management Board.

For two months, before being appointed Judge, Ian Spiteri Bailey served as Chairperson of the Public Review Contracts Board.

He presides over the Commercial Section of the First Hall of the Civil Court and is President of the same Section. This Section of the First Hall of the Civil Court deals with Corporate Law, Intellectual Property Law, Competition Law and Maritime Law amongst others. He also presides on the Constitutional Court in its first instance.

Ian Spiteri Bailey is Malta's representative at The European Union Intellectual Property Office (EUIPO) Judges Network.

