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Summary

Dr Rosalie Balkin is former Director of Legal Affairs and External Relations at the International Maritime Organization (IMO) (London). While she held this position she also served as Secretary of IMO's Legal Committee and for a time also as IMO's Assistant Secretary-General.

She was previously Assistant Secretary in the Office of International Law at the Federal Attorney-General's Department in Canberra, Australia. She has held academic posts, including at the University of the Witwatersrand in Johannesburg, South Africa; at the University of Melbourne and the University of New South Wales in Australia; and at the University of Cambridge, UK.

Details

Born in South Africa in 1950, Dr Rosalie Balkin completed her education (BA, LLB and PhD) at the University of the Witwatersrand. She emigrated to Australia in 1977, and was admitted as a Barrister, New South Wales Supreme Court and a Barrister and Solicitor, Australian Capital Territory Supreme Court in 1987.

Between 1977 and 1987, she held a variety of short term, academic positions in Australia, the United Kingdom and Canada.

Between 1987 and 1998 she worked in the Office of the Australian Attorney-General, first as Counsel; then Attorney-General Senior Government Counsel; then Assistant Secretary, Office of International Law.

She joined the International Maritime Organization (IMO) in August 1998 as Director, Legal Affairs and External Relations Division and was promoted in 2011 to Assistant Secretary-General. She retired on 31 December 2013.

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