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1961 - 1967	Greek-Latin studies at St. Barbara College (Jesuits) in Gent
1967 - 1972	Law school at Gent University – Licence in Law
1972 - 1973	Notary degree and assistant at the Seminar of European law at University of Gent
1973 - 1974	Common Law at King's College London and work as intern in several London law firms
from 1974	Attorney at the Bar of Gent (preference : criminal and international criminal law, accidents and physical damage, building law, commercial law and contracts, professional liability, successions)
1975 – 1976	Military service in the Belgian Navy –lieutenant bridge
1976- 1979	Work as intern in a notary’s office
30.11.1989	Appointment as deputy Judge in the Tribunal of Commerce in Ghent
30.6.94 – 9.11.97	Secretary-General of Avocats sans Frontières (Attorneys without Borders)/ coordination of ASF’s first mission in Rwanda “Justice pour Tous au Rwanda”
10.11.97 – 31.12.00	Vice-President of Avocats sans Frontières
September 1998 and june 1999	Expert missions for the Belgian Government in Burundi – Sector of Justice – redaction of reports concerning the state and needs of Justice in Burundi
January 2005	Assignment as defence counsel in Prosecutor/Th. Muvunyi before ICTR
March 2006 – February 2007	Defence counsel at the pre-trial stage for Mr Thomas Lubanga Dyilo, first accused before the ICC
November 2013 – march 2015	Defence counsel at the pre-trial stage for Mr. Jean-Jacques Kabongo Mangenda in the Bemba II & all case before the ICC
March 2010	Secretary-General of International Criminal Bar
July 2010	Defence-counsel at the Special Tribunal for Lebanon

Between 1994 and 2000 Me Flamme had the privilege, together with others, to create and develop Avocats sans Frontières (Lawyers without Borders) and more specifically to elaborate projects of aid to Justice in Rwanda and Burundi, projects named “Justice pour Tous au Rwanda” and “Justice pour Tous au Burundi”.

These projects have contributed in an important way to make governments realize the importance of the sector of justice in development and cooperation. They also helped to create a national genocide-justice in Rwanda. The similar project in Burundi was later copied by the UN which thus doing took its first steps in justice.

He also attended the Conference of Rome on ICC, where he launched, together with Me Elise Groulx the idea of a worldwide coalition of attorneys, which gave birth to International Criminal Bar (ICB), in the absence of an official Bar-Association at the ICC.

He was a founding member of ICB, a member of the Board for several years and has been elected as a member of the Executive Committee on the General Assembly of this international organization in march 2010 in Barcelona. He has been Secretary-General of this organization for three consecutive years. He advocated the creation of an independent Bar at the ICC, arguing that the ICC (as the ICTR) were acting illegally and against the own principles of Havana, by refusing to create an independent Bar. This was finally created in 2017.

Me Flamme wrote an article about the pre-trial stage in the Lubanga case “ The Lubanga case before ICC, an historic event, also for the rights of defence ?”. This article has been published in the “Revue Québécoise de Droit International” in april 2011 and in the Dutch law review “Strafblad” of august 2008.

He has also written an article about functional immunity for counsel in international criminal proceedings. It will be published in the Belgian law-journal “ Revue de droit pénal et de criminologie” and about “ *the fundamental right to a fair and full defence before the ICC: an analysis* ” in “defence rights – International and European developments – Gert Vermeulen ed./ Maklu 2012 .

He is the co-author of the annotated “*Code of international Criminal Law and Procedure*” published by Larcier in 2013.

He is the author of several press-articles about criminal international law and has written a book about the Rwandan genocides an the international criminal justice under the title “*Rwanda 1994. The conspiracy of the powerful*”, edited by the Flemish editor Van Halewyck. He prepares now a translation in French.

He was defence counsel for Gen. Gratien Kabiligi, in a damage-claim against the UN, has defended doctor Eugène RWAMUCYO in France and Jean-Baptiste MUGIMBA in the Netherlands, and defends presently several persons accused of genocide in Rwanda. He also defends Mme. Martina Johnson, accused of war-crimes and crimes against humanity in Liberia in 1992. He has defended Mr. Fabien NERETSE in the first genocide-trial in Belgium, in October – December 2019.

He is presently defence counsel for 2 persons, both accused of genocide and crimes against humanity in Rwanda before the Courts in Brussels.

He is the first defense counsel to have defended a case before the ICC, where he defended Mr. Thomas Lubanga Dyilo .

He is presently involved in the support committee for Nobel Prize winner Dr. Denis MUKWEGE regarding justice for the victims of the genocides in Congo, together with Dr. Reginald MOREELS, former Belgian Minister of Cooperation and former President of MsF (doctors without borders).

He is also involved with justice for the Kurdish people in Northern Syria.

Languages:

- native tongues: Dutch and French
- fluently: English
- notions: German and Italian