

Biography Judge Wolfgang Schomburg

From 2001-2008 Prof. Dr. h.c. Wolfgang Schomburg served as Judge at the (UN) International Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia (UN-ICTY). He first acted as Presiding Judge of Trial Chamber II, and later as Judge of the Appeals Chambers of both ICTY and the (UN) International Tribunal for Rwanda (UN-ICTR). In 2008 he was awarded the “Great Cross of Merit of the Federal Republic of Germany” by the President of Germany.

Schomburg began his professional career in 1974 as a public prosecutor and judge in the former West-Berlin. From 1989-1991 he served as Undersecretary of State at the Senate Justice Department in Berlin during its reunification. Following a period acting as defense counsel in own offices, he subsequently was appointed Judge at the German Federal Court of Justice (Criminal Matters) in 1995. In June 2013 he was awarded Doctor of Civil Law h.c. in Durham Cathedral. He has frequently published books and articles on International Law and International Cooperation in Criminal Matters.