

Biography

GORDANA TADIĆ - CHIEF PROSECUTOR OF THE PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE OF BIH

Gordana Tadić was born in 1962 in Živinice where she completed elementary school and gymnasium.

She graduated from the Faculty of Law at the University of Sarajevo in 1985 and passed the bar exam in 1995.

From August 1985 until the middle of 1995, she worked as an independent legal officer for all types of legal affairs in the Dark Coal Mine "Đurđevik" LLC in Đurđevik.

From mid-1995 until the beginning of 1998, she worked as a legal officer first in the Municipal Court and then in the Municipal Prosecutor's Office in Živinice.

From 1997 to 2003, she was the Deputy Municipal Prosecutor in Živinice and has worked on all types of cases within the jurisdiction of the Municipal Prosecutor's Office.

From 2003 to 2011, she served as the Prosecutor of the Tuzla Cantonal Prosecutor's Office in the Department for Economic Crime, Corruption and Tax Evasion.

In 2012 she was appointed Deputy Chief Prosecutor of the Cantonal Prosecutor's Office of the Tuzla Canton and was the Head of Department for Violent and Sexual Crimes and General Department.

Gordana Tadić was appointed Prosecutor of the Prosecutor's Office of Bosnia and Herzegovina by a Decision of the High Judicial and Prosecutorial Council of Bosnia and Herzegovina dated 20 November 2013.

She was appointed Deputy Head of the Special Department for War Crimes of the Prosecutor's Office of Bosnia and Herzegovina and the Head of Section I on 19 February 2014, which is when she first began managing the Special Department for War Crimes in the Prosecutor's Office of Bosnia and Herzegovina.

On 7 July 2014, she was appointed Deputy Chief Prosecutor of the Prosecutor's Office of Bosnia and Herzegovina and, on 25 August the same year she was appointed Head of the Special Department for War Crimes.

On 29 September 2016, Ms. Tadić was appointed Acting Chief Prosecutor of the Prosecutor's Office of Bosnia and Herzegovina by a Decision of the High Judicial and Prosecutorial Council of Bosnia and Herzegovina, as of when she manages and represents the Prosecutor's Office of BiH.

She was appointed Chief Prosecutor of the Prosecutor's Office of BiH by the decision of the High Judicial and Prosecutorial Council (HJPC) of Bosnia and Herzegovina of 23 January 2019.

The Chief Prosecutor of the Prosecutor's Office of Bosnia and Herzegovina heads the Task Force on Combating Terrorism and Strengthening Counter Terrorism Capacities, as well as the Task Force on Combating Trafficking in Persons and Organized Illegal Immigration, both established by the Council of Ministers of Bosnia and Herzegovina.

Ms. Tadić is also a member of the following bodies, groups and associations:

- The State Committee for Security of Civil Aviation of BiH;
- The Working Group for the Development of an Organized Crime Strategy in Bosnia and Herzegovina (2017-2020);
- The Managing Board of an international criminal justice cooperation project implemented by GIZ - Prosecutor's Network of the Western Balkans,
- The Expert Team tasked with drafting the National War Crimes Strategy;
- The Negotiating Team with the International Commission on Missing Persons (ICMP);
- The Managing Board of the IPA 2017 project - Countering Serious Crime in the Western Balkans implemented by GIZ, CILC an Italian MoI;
- The Managing Board of WINPRO II - Regional Witness Protection Project;
- The Strategic Forum of the Heads of Prosecutor's Offices and Police Bodies;
- The Working Group for Assessing the Compliance of Regulations in BiH with the Warsaw Convention;
- The Southeast European Prosecutors Advisory Group - SEEPAG.
- The Steering Committee of the EU4Justice Project

From 1996 to 2016 the Chief Prosecutor Gordana Tadić was a member of the Municipal Election Commission in Živinice and a member of the Association of Election Officials of Bosnia and Herzegovina.

She participated and presented at numerous domestic and international conferences, including the following:

- the annual UNDP conference in New York, "Strengthening the Rule of Law for Sustainable Peace and Development",
- the promotion of the book "Prosecuting Conflict-Related Sexual Violence at the ICTY" authored by ICTY Chief Prosecutor Serge Brammertz and Deputy Prosecutor Michelle Jarvis,
- meeting with representatives of the OSCE Permanent Council based in Vienna,
- meetings of the Permanent Conference of Organized Crime Prosecutors
- regional conference in Zagreb on the fight against international organized crime, attended by the US Attorney General
- meetings of the Prosecutor's Network of the Western Balkans

- meetings of the IPA 2017 - Countering Serious Crime in the Western Balkans managing board
- meeting with the high level delegation of the Financial Action Task Force (FATF), in which she presented the work of the Prosecutor's Office of BiH
- conference of all Chief Prosecutors presenting on the topic "Terrorism and the role of the Prosecutor's Office of BiH in Counterterrorism"
- Prosecutorial College 2019 in Neum in which she moderated a session on the fight against illegal migrations as the Head of the Task Force on Combating Trafficking in Persons and Organized Illegal Immigration.

While performing the prosecutorial function she actively participated in a number of trainings on various fields of interest including the following:

- "Role of Prosecutors: Relations with Police, Victims and Witnesses" Federation BiH Ministry of Justice, Association of Prosecutors of the Federation of BiH, American Association of Lawyers/Legal Initiative for Central and Eastern Europe, August 1997,
- "New Solutions in the Criminal Legislation of the Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina", Federation BiH Ministry of Justice, American Association of Lawyers and US Department of Justice, Tuzla, September 1999,
- "Working Seminar for Judges and Prosecutors of Bosnia and Herzegovina on the European Convention on Human Rights and its Application in Bosnia and Herzegovina", Council of Europe, Bihać, April 2002,
- Practical Seminar "Criminal Procedure Code ", Embassy of the United States of America, US Department of Justice and Judicial and Prosecutorial Training Center,
- "Investigating and Prosecuting Financial Crime", Office of Overseas Prosecutorial Development, Assistance and Training - US Department of Justice and the Federation BiH Judicial and Prosecutorial Training Center, March 2008,
- "Financial Investigations", US Department of Justice (ICITAP), December 2009,
- "Improving the Fight against Corruption", European Union (EUPM), November 2010,
- "Improving the Fight against Corruption", European Union (EUPM), May 2011
- "Improving the Fight against Corruption ", European Union (EUPM), December 2011,
- "Strengthening Capacities of the Main Actors in Providing Adequate Legal Aid, Psychosocial Support and Health Care for Foreign Victims of Trafficking in Persons in Bosnia and Herzegovina ", Ministry of Security of Bosnia and Herzegovina, March 2013,
- "Trial Advocacy Training ", US Embassy in Bosnia and Herzegovina, July 2014,
- "Best Practices and Regional Cooperation in Investigation and Prosecution of War Crimes Cases ", US Embassy in Montenegro, Montenegrin Judicial Training Center, September 2014,
- "Mutual Assistance and Extradition", US Embassy in Bosnia and Herzegovina, Sarajevo, March 2015,

- "Strengthening Public Finance Management in Bosnia and Herzegovina", Ministry of Finance and Treasury of BiH and European Union, Sarajevo, May 2015.

Chief Prosecutor Gordana Tadić has participated as lecturer, moderator and educator in numerous domestic, regional and international conferences, organized by the United Nations Development Program (UNDP), the OSCE Mission, EUROJUST, IPA 2017 project - Countering Serious Crime in the Western Balkans and many other activities.

Since being appointed to the Prosecutor's Office of BiH, the Chief Prosecutor has been a participant and host to several regional war crimes prosecutors' meetings which included prosecutors from the region and the Chief Prosecutor of the ICTY/IRMCT, Serge Brammertz, and continues to contribute to strengthening the regional co-operation and the fight against the impunity for war crimes.

During the course of work, in line with the openness of the BiH Prosecutor's Office for cooperation, the Chief Prosecutor met with numerous diplomatic representatives and officials of international organizations accredited in Bosnia and Herzegovina, in order to strengthen the rule of law in Bosnia and Herzegovina.