Curriculum vitae

Marie-Françoise Bechtel (France)

I. Principal professional functions and activities

Since 2003: Member of the Conseil d’Etat (which is legal adviser to the Government and France’s supreme administrative court)

Member of the Council of State’s Interior Section

• Legal adviser to the Government on administration

• Status of civil servants and public employees, territorial communities

• Justice, home affairs and immigration

• Culture and communication, education and universities

Member of the Council of State’s Litigation Section

• Court of last resort judge for litigation related to territorial communities (structures, financing, personnel management), environmental issues, local and European elections

2000-2003: Director of ENA (National School of Public Administration)

• Management of the public institution (finances, personnel, policymaking, definition of national projects and international cooperation projects)

• Organization of the recruitment and training of students, who will serve as administrators in all French civil service areas

• Conduct of missions for international cooperation in the training of administrators, notably in Western and Eastern Europe, Lebanon, the Syrian Arab Republic and China

1999-2000: Legal Adviser to the Minister of the Interior


• Assessor at the Council of State’s Litigation Section (litigation on urban planning, all issues relating to overseas territories and the State civil service)

1992-1993: Adviser to the Minister of Justice

• Constitutional issues and status of personnel under public law (prison officers, specialist educators, non-magistrate staff in tribunals and courts)

• Legal adviser to the Government (issues referred to the Interior Section) and litigation judge (in the taxation field)

1984-1986: Adviser to the Minister for Education and Higher Education

• All issues relating to private teaching establishments (financing, teacher status, control)


II. Other public activities

2002-2009: Member of the United Nations Committee of Experts in Public Administration (CEPA)

• Spoke at CEPA annual meetings on issues of governance, including a presentation in 2009 on “The management of human resources: global challenges and recommendations in the form of a comparative study”

• Participated in the fifth Global Forum on Reinventing Government, held in Mexico City in November 2003

2004 to date: Chamber President at the National Court of Asylum of France

1990-2003:

• Member of the Tribunal des conflits (Court of Arbitration) from 1997 to 1999

• Member and general rapporteur of the Advisory Committee for the revision of the French Constitution from 1992 to 1993

• Rapporteur at the Military Pension Commission from 1980 to 1982

1983-1990: Senior lecturer at the Paris Institute of Political Studies

III. Publications

*Revue française d’administration publique* (French Journal of Public Administration): from 1986 to 1999, wrote columns on most areas relating to public administration and policy