

H.E. Justice Ariranga Govindasamy Pillay G.O.S.K (Mauritius): Member SADC – Tribunal (2005 - 08); President SADC – Tribunal (Dec 2008 -)

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**Born:** Port Louis, Mauritius, 14 June 1945

**Education:** Barrister-at-law, Lincoln's Inn, London (U.K) (1972); B.A.(Hon.) in Jurisprudence, Merton College, Oxford (U.K)(1971); Bachelor of Science in Economics (Hon.) London School of Economics, London,(U.K)(1969); Recipient of Fellowship for Research on study on Minority Rights and the American Judicial System, U.S.A Government (1994); UN Fellowship for participation in International Law Seminar (1985); Recipient of Fellowship in trademarks, Government of Australia (1982); UN Human Rights Fellowship in Constitutional Law and Human Rights (1981); UN/UNITAR Fellowship in International Law (1979); WIPO – Fellowship in patents and trademarks (1976); UNESCO Fellowship in copyright (1974); Recipient of the State Scholarship, the Laureate Scheme to pursue tertiary Education in U.K. (1965); Royal College, Port Luis, Mauritius (1957 – 64)

**Professional Experience:** Legal Consultant (2007); Honorary Professor of the University of Mauritius (2002); Acting President of the Republic of Mauritius for short periods of time, in the absence of both the President and the Vice-President (2002-2005); Chief Justice of Mauritius and Chairman of the Judicial and Legal Service Commission of Mauritius (1996-2007); Chairman of the Council of Legal Education of Mauritius (1994-96); Puisne Judge and Acting Senior Puisne Judge of the Supreme Court of Mauritius (1987 – 96); Legal adviser at the Attorney-General's Office and Ministry of Justice, having been appointed successively as Crown Counsel, Senior Crown Counsel, Principal Crown Counsel, Assistant Solicitor-General and Parliamentary Counsel (1972-1986).

**Member:** Member of a joint UN/ECOWAS fact finding team on Alleged disappearance or Death of 44 Ghanaians in The Gambia( 2008 – 09); Regular Member of SADC Tribunal (2005- 08 ); Resource Person in human rights recruited from time to time by the Office of the U.N. High Commissioner for Human Rights, Geneva, Switzerland(2003- ); Honorary Bencher of Lincoln's Inn, U.K (2001); Honorary Fellow of the Society for Advanced Legal Studies, U.K. (2000); Member of the Court of Appeals of Seychelles (1999 - 2003); Adviser to the Governing Council of the African Centre for Democracy and Human Rights Studies (1998 - ); member of the Judicial and Legal Service Commission of Mauritius (1995-96); Member of the UN Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights (1997- ); Chaired moot international competitions on human rights; Drafted human rights reports on behalf of Mauritius for the UN Human Rights Committee and for the UN Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination; Represented Mauritius at International Conferences and seminars in various fields e.g. human rights, intellectual property and international law matters; Negotiated bilateral Air Services and Loan Agreements on behalf of the State of Mauritius.

**Distinctions:** Grand Order of the Star and Key of the Indian Ocean, (G.O.S.K.), State of Mauritius (1986); Gold Medal, Bar Association of Mauritius (2004); Honorary Professor, University of Mauritius (2002); Honorary Freedom, The City

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**Languages:** English; French