

BERNARD LEROY



France's
candidate
to the
International
Narcotics
Control Board
(INCB)

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BERNARD LEROY, A LAWYER BY TRAINING

A lawyer specializing in narcotics

Bernard Leroy is one of the few members of the International Narcotics Control Board to be a lawyer by training. He brings expert knowledge of the international narcotics control framework, as well as over 10 years' experience as a magistrate specializing in drug cases.

Significant international experience

Bernard Leroy has in-depth knowledge of the challenges associated with implementing international conventions on narcotics. He worked as Senior Legal Adviser to the UNODC for 20 years, where he carried out technical assistance missions in over 40 countries to help enhance national legislation and practices.

Using a balanced approach to the world drug problem

Bernard Leroy is fully committed to the INCB's major role as a guardian of the treaties, and he believes that compliance with conventions is the basis for all international cooperation on drugs. However, he supports a balanced approach which fully respects human rights in order to counter the world drug problem, as set out in the outcome document of the 2016 UN General Assembly Special Session on Drugs (UNGASS). Bernard Leroy was one of the first people to advocate introducing alternatives to prison in France.

Languages spoken

English, French, Spanish

Education

- Law graduate of the University of Caen Normandy, the Institute of European Studies in Sarrbrücken (Germany) and University Paris X.
- Graduate of the French National School for the Judiciary (ENM) (1979).

Former positions

- Senior Legal Adviser, United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) (1990-2010)
- International, Legislative and Legal Affairs Adviser to the French Interministerial Mission for the Fight against Drugs and Drug Addiction (1988-1990).
- Investigating magistrate specializing in drug cases, Évry Regional Court (tribunal de grande instance d'Évry) (1979-1988).

Activities to combat drugs

- Director of the UNODC's Legal Assistance Programme and coordinator of the decentralized team of legal experts, Bogota, Tashkent and Bangkok (1990-2010).
- Head of the mutual legal assistance team responsible for helping the Afghan government draft a new drug control law (2004).
- Author of the report resulting in the first European coordinating committee to combat drugs (1989).
- Chair of the study group on cocaine trafficking in Europe, Council of Europe (1989).
- Member of the French delegation for the final negotiations of the United Nations Convention against Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances (1988).
- External member of the Management Board of the French Monitoring Centre for Drugs and Drug Addiction (OFDT) (2013).
- Chair of the World Bank and UNODC joint team (the Stolen Asset Recovery (StAR) Initiative) which organized the freezing and subsequent recovery in Switzerland of misappropriated assets under the Jean-Claude Duvalier regime in Haiti (2008).
- Member of the Executive Board of the international section of the National Association of Drug Court Professionals (2006).
- Co-founder of Essonne Accueil, a non-governmental organization providing treatment services for drug addicts (1982).
- Co-author of the preparatory study for the law introducing community service sentencing as an alternative to imprisonment in France (1981).

Training activities

- Lecturer in the Master's in Security and Public International Law, Jean Moulin Lyon 3 University (2005-2013).
- Organizer of the continuous training programme on tackling drug trafficking and drug addiction for members of the French judiciary, French National School for the Judiciary (ENM) (1984-1994).
- Lecturer in the field of social work, University Paris 13 (1984-1988).
- Lecturer for psychiatry students in the field of forensic expertise and responsibility, Faculty of Medicine, Paris-Sud University (1983-1990).

Publications

- ***Handbook of Transnational Criminal Law***, Neil Boister and Robert Curie (ed.) [Routledge, 2014].
- **"The International Drug Control System"**, in cooperation with Cherif Bassiouni and J. F. Thony, in *International Criminal Law: Sources, Subjects and Contents* (Martinus Nijhoff Publishers, 2007)
- ***Ecstasy***, from Inserm's Expertises collectives collection (Éditions Inserm, 1997)
- ***Étude comparative des législations et des pratiques judiciaires européennes face à la drogue*** Commission of the European Communities, 1991)
- **« Le travail au profit de la communauté, substitut aux courtes peines d'emprisonnement »**, *Revue de science criminelle et de droit comparé*, n° 1 (Sirey, 1983)
- ***Drogues et drogués***, Association for Studies and Research of the French National School for the Judiciary (ENM) (1983)