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## **Biography**

### **IZET ODOBAŠIĆ – PROSECUTOR OF THE PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE OF BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA**

He was born in Šturlić, Cazin municipality, on 24 October 1959, where he completed his primary school and classic-programme secondary school.

He graduated from Sarajevo University Faculty of Law after studying at it in the period between 1978 and 1982.

He did his Internship at Bihać Regional Hospital and at Bihać Municipal Court after which he worked as Head of Department for General and Legal Affairs at Bihać hospital until 1988 when he was appointed Head of Department for Professional and Common Affairs of the Municipal Assembly and Executive Board of Bihać Municipality. In 1992 he was appointed Secretary of the Municipal Secretariat for Economy, Finance, Social Affairs and General Administration, as well as a member of the Executive Board of the Bihać Municipality, and he held this position until 1995.

In the period between 1988 and 2001, he was the Secretary and member of the Bihać Municipal Election Commission and a member of the Association of Election Officials of Bosnia and Herzegovina.

In the period between 1995 and 2000, he was a Deputy Head of Bihać Customs House and his duties included the establishing and conducting of customs administrative and misdemeanour procedures, auditing and control of customs and administrative procedures, as well as activities of an instructor-trainer for the initial training of customs officers under a programme designed by the Federation Customs Service and CAFAO (Customs Fiscal and Assistance Office).

In the organisation of the Canadian Adult Education Institute, he finished the school of management under a US-Canadian behaviourist method and success theory.

He passed the bar exam in 1998.

He was appointed judge at Bihać Cantonal Misdemeanour Court in 2000 and then President of that Court in 2001. He continued in this post until the completion of the misdemeanour reform in

Bosnia and Herzegovina and the inclusion of the misdemeanour justice in the jurisdiction of the so-called regular courts.

While serving as a magistrate, he was involved in the Misdemeanour Reform Project in Bosnia and Herzegovina as a member of the High Judicial and Prosecutorial Council of Bosnia and Herzegovina in the period 2002-2006. His duties included the drafting of new legislation for misdemeanour proceedings and the organisation of performance of the judicial function in this field.

By a decision of the High Judicial and Prosecutorial Council of Bosnia and Herzegovina issued in September 2002, he was appointed a member of the first assembly of the Managing Board of the Centre for Education of Judges and Prosecutors in the Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina and, until the end of his term in 2006, he was, among other things, involved in the development of programmes for the initial training of judges and prosecutors, judicial and prosecutorial interns and expert associates, and following the initial training of Centre trainers, also as a trainer in the field of misdemeanours and in the field of application of the European Convention on Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms, gender equality and protection from domestic violence. During that time, he made several study trips in connection with the aforementioned Centre activities and, among others, visited the Judicial Academy of the Kingdom of the Netherlands and the Judicial Academy of the Republic of Portugal.

During this period, he was involved in drafting initial versions of the Gender Equality Law, Law on Protection from Domestic Violence (one version for both Entities), the Family Law of the Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina, the Law on Traffic Safety on Roads and the Misdemeanour Law (single version for both Entities).

He is an active member of the Presidency of the Association of Magistrates and of the Association of Mediators in Bosnia and Herzegovina, within which he received necessary training for a mediator in the field of justice.

The High Judicial and Prosecutorial Council of Bosnia and Herzegovina appointed him Cantonal Prosecutor at the Cantonal Prosecutor's Office of the Una-Sana Canton in October 2008 and he held this position until 12 January 2013 when he took office of a Prosecutor at the Prosecutor's Office of Bosnia and Herzegovina.

He attended a number of local and international conferences and seminars dedicated to judicial and prosecutorial functions, customs and international trade, organisation and operation of administration and local self-government, administrative proceedings, elections, census of the population, and labour and labour relations.

He has been a member of the Association of Prosecutors in Bosnia and Herzegovina since 2010.

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