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Rory Field formally took over the role of Director of Public Prosecutions of Bermuda on 5 September 2007. Under the Bermuda constitution his office is independent and is charged with instituting and undertaking all criminal prosecutions in Bermuda. Since being in Bermuda he has personally prosecuted in the Privy Council, Court of Appeal and Supreme Court. He established a Witness Care Unit in 2008 to assist with the reluctance of witnesses to come forward and give evidence. In 2008 he joined the development board of the Global Prosecutors E-Crime Network (GPEN). He is Chair of the Bermuda Criminal Law Reform sub Committee.

In 2003 – 2007 he was Legal Advisor on Organized Crime to the OSCE (Organisation for Security and Co-operation in Europe) Mission to Serbia. As such he advised the Serbian Ministry of Justice, the Chief Prosecutor of Serbia and the Organised Crime Prosecutor of Serbia on how to fight organized crime and serious crime more effectively through legislative and institutional improvements. He instigated several important developments in areas such as witness protection, hi-tec crime, asset confiscation and the development of international approaches to fighting cross border crime.

In 1999 – 2001 he served as Director of Public Prosecutions of Belize. Whilst there he personally prosecuted many of the most serious and high profile cases that came before the Supreme Court. He prosecuted almost every case which came before the Court of Appeal. He also prosecuted 2 murder appeal cases before the Privy Council.

Prior to his experience in Belize, Rory was Treasurer of the Bar Human Rights Committee of England and Wales. As such, he undertook on his own two missions to Sierra Leone in 1998 and led a mission to Turkey in 1999. More recently in 2007 he was the UK representative of the Foreign and Commonwealth Office on an 11- day EU Mission to the Philippines to find methods to deal with the recent spate of extra judicial killings. His advice was particularly sought on issues of prosecution enhancement and witness protection.

He was called to the Bar in London in 1980 and is a member of the Middle Temple. After call, he worked in international banking for several years in London, Malaysia, Hong Kong, Oman and New York. He commenced practice at the Bar in 1989. When in England, he practices in London from 15 New Bridge Street Chambers and specialises in criminal prosecution and defence. His work covers all areas of serious crime.

When in London he lectures at Bar School and he regularly contributes articles to legal journals. He is married with one son.