

Jean-François Thony

Biography



Jean-François Thony, Honorary Prosecutor General, is the President of the Siracusa International Institute for Criminal Justice and Human Rights (Italy).

He began his career in the French Judiciary as Examining Judge (juge d'instruction), Deputy Prosecutor (substitut du procureur), and Chief Prosecutor (procureur de la République). He joined the United Nations International Drug Control Programme in early 1991 as Senior Legal Adviser and later became Programme Manager of the UN Global Program against Money Laundering. In July 2000, he was appointed as Judge, Court of Appeal of Versailles (France).

He joined the Legal Department of the International Monetary Fund (IMF) in July 2002 to serve as Assistant General Counsel and Head of the Financial Integrity Group, with the responsibility of overseeing and coordinating all anti-money laundering and combating the financing of terrorism (AML/CFT) activities of the IMF. He was appointed in September 2007 as Director of the French "Ecole Nationale de la Magistrature" (National School for the Judiciary), where he served for more than four years. In February 2012, he was appointed as Prosecutor General of the Court of Appeal of Alsace, in Colmar (France) and in 2018, as Prosecutor General of Bretagne in Rennes (France).

Former Chairman of the National Conference of Prosecutors General (2017-2019), Jean-François Thony is also the Executive Vice-President of the International Association of Penal Law, a member and Chairman of the Financial Oversight Committee of the International Association of Prosecutors (IAP), a member of the European Commission Expert Group on Judicial Training, a member of the Academic Committee of the United Nations International Anti-Corruption Academy (IACA, Laxenburg, Austria), and a member of the Scientific Committee of the Research Group on Financial Crime (DELFICO-CEFTI), Aix-Marseille University. He also serves as a consultant for the International Monetary Fund and the European Union AML/CFT Global Facility. He has published several studies and research papers on the issues of money laundering and terrorism financing. He was awarded the distinctions of *Officier de l'Ordre de la Légion d'honneur*, *Chevalier de l'Ordre national du mérite* and of *Chevalier de l'Ordre des palmes académiques*.

He is married and the father of four children.