

Alumna profile: Rose D'Sa

Programmes: LLB Law (1979), PhD, (1983)

Rose D'Sa is one of the UK Government nominated Members of a Brussels-based advisory body, the European Economic and Social Committee (EESC). In 2010 she was nominated again for a further five-year term until 2015.



Rose was born in Kenya and educated at Loreto Convent, Nairobi and at Millfield School, Somerset (where she was the holder of a tennis scholarship!). She graduated with First Class Honours from the University of Birmingham and also gained a PhD in Public International Law. After qualifying as a Barrister in 1981 she held a visiting lectureship at the Kenya School of Law, and lectureships in Law at Cardiff and Bristol University, before being appointed to work in the Commonwealth Secretariat in London where she assisted Commonwealth Governments on compliance with International Human Rights Law. She was subsequently appointed as the first Professor of European Law at the University of Glamorgan in Wales and awarded a Jean Monnet Chair in EC Law by the European Commission. Her numerous publications include European Community Law on State Aid published in London in 1998 by Sweet and Maxwell, with a Foreword by the former European Commission Vice-President, Lord Neil Kinnock.

As an authority on European Law, she has worked for Cardiff law firms Edwards Geldard and Morgan Cole. She also won the 'Welsh Woman into Europe' prize for 1995 and was honoured by an invitation from the Queen to a State Banquet at Buckingham Palace a decade later, together with her husband, Emeritus Professor John Matthews.

Further information:

- [Profile of Dr D'Sa on Kenya Broadcasting website \(http://www.kbc.co.ke/news.asp?nid=66775\)](http://www.kbc.co.ke/news.asp?nid=66775)
- [Profile on the EESC website \(http://memberspage.eesc.europa.eu/Detail.aspx?id=2000972&ord=0&cr=1&inst=CES\)](http://memberspage.eesc.europa.eu/Detail.aspx?id=2000972&ord=0&cr=1&inst=CES)