

From May 2014 to January 2015, I served as Pro Bono Case Manager for an ongoing case at the International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia (ICTY) in The Hague. Initially much of my time was spent preparing for the opening of the Defence case in the summer of 2014. Having taken up my position following the rejection of an appeal for judgment for acquittal by the Trial Chamber (pursuant to Rule 98 *bis*), the team was in the midst of preparing exhibits for submission at trial when I joined. This consisted of sifting through the various documents, photographs, video stills, etc. compiled over the years and collating these proposed exhibits into binders for the Tribunal, counsel and any relevant witnesses. (I was also personally responsible for editing a video for submission upon the resumption of the trial.) Following the opening of the Defence case, my role became more that of a traditional Case Manager and my daily responsibilities varied considerably and according to necessity. On occasion I was called upon to conduct research into issues arising at trial and assist in the drafting of a variety of legal motions and replies, however most of my time during this period was spent reading through witness testimonies and mining these accounts for legal points of relevance. I was also charged with drafting summaries of these witness testimonies and filing these away in the database used by the United Nations. In the fall of 2014 the accused fell ill and the Tribunal Chamber ordered a stay of proceedings. The case has not yet resumed and is currently on an indefinite hiatus.

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