HAGUE CASE LAW – LATEST DEVELOPMENTS[1]

International Criminal Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia

(1) *The Prosecutor* v. *Hartmann (Trial Chamber)*

On 14 September 2009, a Specially Appointed Chamber found Florence Hartmann guilty of contempt of court and sentenced her to pay a fine of EUR 7,000 payable in two instalments of EUR 3,500 on 14 October 2009 and 14 November 2009 respectively. Hartmann served as spokesperson for the former Chief Prosecutor of the Tribunal, Carla del Ponte, for six years, and she was convicted for disclosing the contents, purported effect and confidential nature of two Appeals Chamber decisions from the *Milosevic* case in her publications, which included a book and an article. The Specially Appointed Chamber dismissed Hartmann's argument that the information she published was already put in the public domain. According to the Specially Appointed Chamber, a decision remains confidential until a Chamber explicitly decides otherwise.

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1. See: <www.icj-cij.org/>; <www.un.org/icty/>; <www.un.org/ictr/>; <www.pca-cpa.org/>; and <www.haguejusticeportal.net/>.

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