

Curriculum vitae of Armand DE DECKER

President of the Belgian Senate

- Bachelor of Law (U.L.B. – University of Brussels, 1973)
- Barrister in Brussels since 1973
- Armoured Troops Reserve Officer

Born in Brussels, October 8th, 1948

Married to Jacqueline Rousseaux, Barrister and Member of Parliament

Professional career:

- Former member of the Brussels Young Bar Committee
- Winner of the Janson Prize
- Trainee solicitor in the office of Emile Verbruggen, LL.M., from 1973 to 1977
- Partner in the law firm Forton et associés (1977 to 1982)
- Partner with barristers Jacqueline Rousseaux and Philippe Delannay since 1982

Political career:

- Member of the Executive Board constituting the “P.R.L.–Reformist and Liberal Party” in 1979.
- Member of the Bureau and the Executive Bureau of the P.R.L., and afterwards of the M.R.–Reformist Movement, since 1979.
- Deputy General Secretary of the P.R.L. from 1979 until 1981
- President of the regional section of the P.R.L. of Brussels from 1990 until 1994.
- Adviser to the Minister of Defence Charles POSWICK.
(Martens Government III - 1980)
- Alderman for culture in the municipality of Uccle from 1989 until 1995.
- Member of the House of Representatives since November 8th, 1981.
Sat continuously in the Commissions for Foreign Affairs and Defence.
Re-elected in 1985, 1987 and 1991.
- Senator since May 21st, 1995, re-elected in 1999 and 2003
- President of the Council of the Brussels-Capital Region
from June 1995 until July 13th, 1999
- President of the Belgian Senate from July 14th, 1999 until July 20th, 2004
- Minister for Development Cooperation from July 21th, 2004 until July 12th, 2007.

- Burgomaster of Uccle since November 24th, 2006.
- President of the Belgian Senate from July 12th, 2007
- Minister of State since November 24th, 2009

International Political Career:

- Member of the Consultative Assembly of the Council of Europe from 1982 till 1999 and again from September 2003 till July 20th, 2004.
- Member of the Assembly of the Western European Union from 1982 till 1999 and again from September 2003 till July 20th, 2004.
- Founding member of the C.S.C.E. – now O.S.C.E – Assembly (Madrid 1991).
- President of the Assembly of the Western European Union (2003-2004) (where he was also Vice-President and President of the Defence Commission)
- “Alternate Governor” of the World Bank, from July 2004 to July 2007.
- Representative of Belgium at the UN General Assemblies in 2004, 2005, 2007
- Representative of Belgium at the OECD Development Assistance Committee from 2004 to 2007
- Member of the European Union’s Council of Ministers for Foreign Affairs from 2004 to 2007

Miscellaneous:

- Administrator of the Royal Institute for International Relations (Brussels)
- Member of the “International Institute for Geopolitics” (Paris)
- President of the “Liberal Society for Studies and Conferences”
- Administrator of the Belgium “Touring-Club” and “Touring Secours ASBL”
- Honorary President of the “Alzheimer Belgium” association
- President of the “Jardins de la Mémoire ASBL” (Memory Gardens Association), a rest and care home specialising in Alzheimer’s patients of the Erasme Hospital (Free University of Brussels).
- Vice-President of the Belgian Centre for the Expertise on Central Africa (E-CA)
- Member of the International Relations committee of the Free University of Brussels.

Decorations:

- Great Cross of the Order of Leopold II (Belgium)
- Grand Officer of the Order of Leopold (Belgium)
- Great Cross of the Order of Isabel the Catholic (Spain)

- Great Cross of the Royal Order of the Pole Star (Sweden)
- Great Cross of the Order of Danneborg (Denmark)
- Great Cross of the Order of Merit (Italy)
- Great Cross of the National Order of the Aztec Eagle (Mexico)
- Great Cross of the Royal Order of Merit (Norway)
- Great Cross of the Order of Civil Merit (Malta)
- Great Commander's Cross of the Order of the White Rose (Finland)
- Great Cross of the Order of the Sun (Peru)
- Great Cross of the Order of Orange Nassau (The Netherlands)
- Grand Officer of the Order of the Phoenix (Greece)
- Grand Officer of the Order of San Carlos (Colombia)
- Officer of the National Order of the Legion of Honour (France)
- Officer of the Order of the Pléiade (Francophonie)
- Winner of the Benelux Prize – Europe of sciences, culture and humanity.
(The Netherlands)
- Doctor Honoris Causa of the Yerevan State University (Armenia)