

George Bizos

- BA LLB (Rand)
LLD (Honoris Causa) (Natal)
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LLD(Honoris Causa) (Port Elizabeth)
- Senior Member of Johannesburg Bar, practising since 1954. Made Honorary Life Member in October 2004
- Counsel at the Legal Resources Centre, Constitutional Litigation Unit since 1991.
- Recipient of the Bernard Simon Memorial Award from the International Bar Association in October 2004
- Appointed by President Mandela to the Judicial Services Commission to recommend candidates for Judicial office and reforms to the Judicial System to erase its apartheid past. Again appointed by President Mbeki.
- Counsel to Nelson Mandela since mid-fifties. Part of the team that defended him, Walter Sisulu, Govan Mbeki and others in Rivonia Trial 1963-4.
- Recipient of Sydney & Lady Kentridge Award November 2004.
- Awarded an Order For Meritorious Service Class II Medal by President Nelson Mandela on 10 June 1999.
- Recipient of the Duma Nokwe Human Rights and Democracy Award 2004.
- Awarded the 2001 International Trial Lawyer Prize of the Year by the International Academy of Trial Lawyers on 5 April 2001
- Leader of the team that Defended Morgan Tswangarai in Zimbabwe during 2003 – 2004 on charge of treason.
- Author of “No One To Blame? - In Pursuit Of Justice In South Africa” Published by David Philip and Mayibuye Press, Cape Town, 1998
- Leader of the team for the Constituent Assembly before the Constitutional Court to certify the Constitution.

- Leader of the team for the South African Government to argue that the death penalty was unconstitutional.
- Leader of the team to oppose applications for amnesty on behalf of the Biko, Hani, Goniwe, Calata, Mkonto, Mhlauli, Slovo and Schoon families.
- Judge on Botswana's Court of Appeal 1985-93.
- Member of the ANC's Legal and Constitutional Committee during 1990-1994. Participated as advisor to the Negotiating Teams at Codesa and in drawing the Interim Constitution and the Bill of Rights.
- Counsel to UDF leaders charged with treason including Premiers Patrick Lekota now Minister of Defence, Popo Molefe and others in treason trial (Delmas Trial) 1985-89.
- Founder member of the National Council of Lawyers for Human Rights 1979-1993.
- Member of Council of Centre for Applied Legal Studies (Wits).
- Counsel in numerous political trials including the Biko, Timol, Aggett inquests, the Totivo ja Toivo Trial of the Namibians and the Bram Fischer trial.
- Counsel for Winnie Mandela in her numerous trials from late fifties to 1992, defended Albertina Sisulu, Barbara Hogan and other women particularly those who defied the carrying of passes from mid-fifties.
- Visiting Fellow Columbia University NY during Autumn, 1989 and Spring 1995.
- Honorary President of Hands Off Cain an international body advocating the abolition of the death penalty.
- Commander of the Order of the Phoenix appointed by the President of Greece for contribution to Hellenism and the teaching of Greek and council
- Appointed Ambassador for Hellenism by the Prefect of Attica and Athens in 2006
- Appointed Honorary member of the Athens Bar in 1994.
- Member of the International Academy of Trial Lawyers.

- Founding Chairman and honorary Life-Vice President of the SAHETI School.
- Married Arethe Daflos in 1954. Three sons, five granddaughters and one grandson.
- Keen vegetable gardener.