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## **The Jessup 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration**

### **Hosted by the International Law Students Association and the American Society of International Law**

Friday, March 27, 2009

Ronald Reagan Building and International Trade Center  
Washington, D.C.  
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#### *Welcome*

Lucy F. Reed, President of the American Society of  
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Leila Sadat, Chair of the  
International Law Students Association

#### *Opening Remarks*

Emmanuel Gaillard, Shearman & Sterling LLP

#### *Introduction of Judge Stephen M. Schwebel*

Steven M. Schneebaum, Chair of the Jessup 50<sup>th</sup>  
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#### *Remarks on the Jessup Competition*

Stephen M. Schwebel, Former President of the  
International Court of Justice

#### *Introduction of Dame Rosalyn Higgins*

Lucy F. Reed, President of the American Society of  
International Law

#### *Address*

Dame Rosalyn Higgins, Immediate Past President of the  
International Court of Justice

#### *Closing Remarks*

Leila Sadat, Chair of the International Law Students  
Association

## Dame Rosalyn Higgins

Her Excellency The Right Honorable The Lady Higgins, DBE, QC, is the immediate past President of the International Court of Justice (ICJ). She served on the ICJ from 1995 to 2009 and was its President from 2006 through 2009. Dame Rosalyn was the Court's first (and, to date, only) female Judge and its first female President. She had previously argued several major cases before the Court, most notably serving as Britain's counsel in the *Aerial Incident at Lockerbie* case.

Prior to joining the ICJ, Dame Rosalyn was Professor of International Law at the University of London from 1981-1995, and earlier held positions at the Royal Institute of International Affairs, the London School of Economics, and the University of Kent at Canterbury. As a Queen's Counsel and Bencher of the Inner Temple, she practiced public international law and petroleum law in the English Court and before various international tribunals, including representing the International Tin Council in various venues in the United Kingdom. She has held offices in many professional organizations and served as Honorary Vice-President of the American Society of International Law and as Chairman of the Public International Law Advisory Board of the British Institute for International and Comparative Law since 1992.

Dame Rosalyn has published various works and articles on international legal theory, United Nations law, the use of force, State and diplomatic immunities, human rights and international petroleum law. Her influential works include *PROBLEMS AND PROCESS: INTERNATIONAL LAW AND HOW WE USE IT* (1994), which was awarded ASIL's Certificate of Merit for Creative Scholarship.

Dame Rosalyn received her Bachelor of Arts, LL.B. with honors, and Masters degrees from Cambridge University, and her J.S.D from Yale Law School.

Dame Rosalyn co-authored the 1989 Jessup Problem and has twice served on the World Championship Round bench of the Jessup Competition.

## Judge Stephen M. Schwebel

Judge Stephen M. Schwebel is an American jurist and expert on international law. Presently, he is an independent arbitrator and counsel in Washington, DC, and a door tenant of Essex Court Chambers in London. He specializes in disputes between states and foreign investors and has acted as arbitrator in some of the largest of such disputes.

Judge Schwebel served at various positions in the Office of the Legal Adviser at the U.S. Department of State from 1961 to 1981 and he was a member of the United Nations International Law Commission from 1977 to 1980.

Judge Schwebel was first elected to the International Court of Justice in January, 1981. He was subsequently re-elected for two consecutive terms, and served as the President of the Court from 1997 to 2000. This period marked the busiest period in the history of the ICJ, with 22 new cases added to the Court's List. His opinions before the Court include his often-cited dissenting opinions in the 1986 case, *Military and Paramilitary Affairs in and Against Nicaragua*, and in the 1998 Preliminary Objections phase of the *Aerial Incident at Lockerbie* case.

Judge Schwebel is an accomplished scholar and lecturer. In 1994, Cambridge University Press collected 36 of his leading articles and lectures, and the resulting work, *JUSTICE IN INTERNATIONAL LAW: SELECTED WRITINGS OF JUDGE STEPHEN M. SCHWEBEL*, is widely regarded as a scholarly landmark on the international judicial and arbitral process.

Judge Schwebel received his B.A. from Harvard University in 1950 and his LL.B. from Yale Law School in 1954. He is a member of the Institute of International Law, the Council on Foreign Relations, and a former Honorary President of the American Society of International Law.

Judge Schwebel has served on the World Championship Round bench of the Jessup Competition four times, and has authored or assisted in authoring three Jessup Problems.

## The Philip C. Jessup International Law Moot Court Competition

The Jessup Competition was the brainchild of Professor Richard R. Baxter at Harvard Law School, who worked with Professor Stephen M. Schwebel (later President of the International Court of Justice) to create a court room simulation experience grounded in international law.

Originally named the “International Law Moot,” the Jessup Competition held its first round at Harvard University on 8 May 1960. The round, comprised only of Harvard law students, involved a team of two American students, Thomas J. Farer and William Zabel, and a team of two foreign LL.M. students, Ivan L. Head of Canada and Bernard H. Clark of New Zealand. The first Jessup Problem was titled “Cuban Agrarian Reform Case,” and was written by then Professor Schwebel. Since then, the Jessup Competition has been held annually, and student participation has increased dramatically.

This year’s Jessup Competition involves over 500 schools from 80 jurisdictions, making it by far the largest moot court competition in the world.

From Afghanistan to Zimbabwe, former Jessup participants and judges are now entering foreign, finance and justice ministries in increasing numbers. They can also be found in the world’s finest law firms, corporations, universities, parliaments, and international organizations. Jessup participants worldwide continue to contribute their efforts to the development of international legal education, as well as international law itself. More than a competition, the Jessup is a community of legal professionals, young and old, who build bonds and share an invaluable cultural and academic exchange with each other. Now in its 50<sup>th</sup> year, the Jessup Competition has a rich history and proven commitment to the promotion of the rule of law in the peaceful resolution of disputes.

## Fifty Years of Jessup Champions

Year	Champion	Runner-Up
2008	Case Western Reserve University (USA)	University of New South Wales (Australia)
2007	University of Sydney (Australia)	King’s College London (United Kingdom)
2006	Columbia University (USA)	Universidad Catolica Andres Bello (Venezuela)
2005	University of Queensland (Australia)	International Islamic University (Malaysia)
2004	Ateneo de Manila University (Philippines)	National University of Singapore (Singapore)
2003	University of Western Australia (Australia)	Mari State University (Russia)
2002	University of the Witwatersrand (South Africa)	University of Western Australia (Australia)
2001	National University of Singapore (Singapore)	Universidad Catolica Andres Bello (Venezuela)
2000	University of Melbourne (Australia)	Universidad Catolica Andres Bello (Venezuela)
1999	National Law School of India University (India)	University of Pretoria (South Africa)
1998	Universidad Autonoma Nacional de Mexico (Mexico)	Australian National University (Australia)
1997	Universidad Catolica Andres Bello (Venezuela)	University of Calgary (Canada)
1996	University of Sydney (Australia)	National University of Singapore (Singapore)
1995	University of the Philippines (Philippines)	University of Western Australia (Australia)
1994	National University of Singapore (Singapore)	University of Melbourne (Australia)
1993	University of Melbourne (Australia)	University of Hawaii (USA)
1992	Universite de Paris I (France)	National University of Singapore (Singapore)
1991	University of Saskatchewan (Canada)	University of Georgia (USA)
1990	University of Georgia (USA)	University of Toronto (Canada)
1989	University of British Columbia (Canada)	University of Melbourne (Australia)
1988	University of Melbourne (Australia)	National University of Singapore (Singapore)
1987	Georgetown University (USA)	Katholieke Universiteit, Leuven (Belgium)
1986	Boston College (USA)	National University of Singapore (Singapore)
1985	National University of Singapore (Singapore)	Southwestern University (USA)
1984	Dalhousie University (Canada)	South Texas College of Law (USA)
1983	University of Kansas (USA)	National University of Singapore (Singapore)
1982	National University of Singapore (Singapore)	University of the Pacific (USA)
1981	Australian National University (Australia)	University of the Pacific (USA)
1980	Georgetown University (USA)	National University of Singapore (Singapore)
1979	Northwestern University (USA)	University of Adelaide (Australia)
1978	Brooklyn Law School (USA)	University of Toronto (Canada)
1977	University of Kansas (USA)	University of Toronto (Canada)
1976	University of Toronto (Canada)	American University, Washington College of Law (USA)
1975	Cambridge University (U.K.)	Georgetown University (USA)
1974	University of Texas (USA)	Haile Sellassie I University (Ethiopia)
1973	West Virginia University (USA)	Brunel University (U.K.)
1972	University of Miami (USA)	Haile Sellassie I University (Ethiopia)
1971	University of Texas (USA)	University of California (USA)
1970	University of Miami (USA)	University of Kentucky (USA)
1969	Tie: Rutgers University, Newark (USA)	Tie: University of Michigan (USA)
1968	Duke University (USA)	University of Miami (USA)
1967	Vanderbilt University (USA)	Harvard Law School (USA)
1966	University of Texas (USA)	University of Wisconsin (USA)
1965	Columbia University (USA)	University of Virginia (USA)
1964	University of Texas (USA)	
1963	Columbia University (USA)	University of North Carolina (USA)
1962	No Champion Declared	
1961	No Champion Declared	
1960	No Champion Declared	

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The mission of the American Society of International Law is to foster the study of international law and to promote the establishment and maintenance of international relations on the basis of law and justice. While ASIL's educational mission remains as central today as it was at the organization's founding over 100 years ago, its programs have adapted to dramatic changes in international law. Through meetings, publications, information services and outreach programs, ASIL advances international law scholarship and education for international law professionals as well as for broader policy-making audiences and the public.

## International Law Students Association

The International Law Students Association (ILSA) is a non-profit association of students and lawyers who are dedicated to the promotion of international law. ILSA provides students with opportunities to study, research, and network in the international legal arena. The organization's activities include academic conferences, publications, the global coordination of student organizations, and the administration of the Philip C. Jessup International Law Moot Court Competition.

ILSA's purpose is to promote awareness, study, and understanding of international law and related issues; to encourage communication and cooperation among law students and lawyers internationally; to promote social responsibility in the field of law; to increase opportunities to learn about other cultures and legal systems worldwide; and to publicize opportunities in international law.