

To: ASIL President Mélida Hodgson, ASIL Executive Director Michael Cooper,
Members of the ASIL Executive Council

From: Members of the Honors Committee (Catherine Powell & Chimène Keitner,
co-chairs; Mónica Pinto, Dire Tladi, Tracy Roosevelt)

Re: Recommendations for 2026 ASIL Honorees

The ASIL Honors Committee solicited and received 25 nominations for ASIL's three annual honors. The Committee reviewed each file carefully and convened a series of Zoom meetings to discuss the nominations and formulate our recommendations. We were privileged to consider a range of extraordinary candidates and would encourage future committees to consider the materials submitted by them and/or on their behalf, in addition to new nominations. This year, we unanimously recommend the following honorees for consideration by the Executive Council:

- The **Goler T. Butcher Medal**, awarded to a distinguished person of American or other nationality for outstanding contributions to the development of effective realization of international human rights. The 2025 recipient was Leila N. Sadat. For the 2026 Goler T. Butcher Medal, the Committee recommends **Adrien K. Wing**.
- The **Honorary Membership Award**, awarded to an individual of American or other nationality who has rendered distinguished contributions or service in the field of international law. The 2025 recipient was James T. Gathii. For the 2026 Honorary Membership Award, the Committee recommends **Paul Reichler**.
- The **Manley O. Hudson Medal**, awarded to a distinguished person of American or other nationality for outstanding contributions to scholarship and achievement in international law. The 2025 recipient was Joseph H. H. Weiler. For the 2026 Manley O. Hudson Medal, the Committee recommends **Laurence Boisson de Chazournes**.

Proposed Butcher Medalist: Adrien K. Wing

Professor Adrien Wing is a globally recognized expert in the field of international law and human rights. She is currently the Associate Dean for International and Comparative Law Programs and Bessie Dutton Murray Professor of Law at the University of Iowa College of Law. The author of 160 total publications, including eight books and monographs with two upcoming, Wing is a foundational scholar and continued thought leader at the forefront of research on gender and race equality in

international law and human rights. Her acclaimed edited collections, *Critical Race Feminism: A Reader* (NYU Press, 1997) and *Global Critical Race Feminism: An International Reader* (NYU Press, 2000), highlighted critical race feminism in international legal scholarship, pioneering how we think about human rights protections for people experiencing the compounded and intersectional harms of race and gender discrimination. Her more recent work continues to advance the development of feminist theory in international law.

Wing's success in developing innovative, inclusive scholarship is mirrored in her noteworthy leadership in co-founding Blacks in ASIL (BASIL) along with other important ASIL members. Through her pioneering efforts in establishing and directing BASIL, along with her active participation in WILIG, Wing has helped open doors to underrepresented individuals and mentored a new generation of scholars.

Further, she is one of the key scholars who has built bridges between Third World Approaches to International Law (TWAAIL) and Critical Race Theory (CRT)—both through her scholarship and through her instrumental role in BASIL. Wing is also a member of the board of editors for the *American Journal of International Law* (AJIL). Wing's service to ASIL has included being Vice President, serving on the Executive Council as a member or Counsellor 6 times, plus being a Cordell Hull Patron and a James Brown Scott Patron.

Throughout her prestigious career, Wing has lent her time and talents to the American Law Institute, the American Bar Association, and the American Society of International Law that help others and empower structural, lasting change. Many of her contributions have been nationally recognized with awards from Princeton University, the Association of American Law Schools, and the Iowa National Bar Association. Wing has been a trusted advisor to South Africa, Palestine, and Rwanda, advancing human rights protections and democracy during critical periods of history. She has also served in consultative roles at the United Nations, the U.S. Department of State, and USAID. Such appointments attest to her intellectual leadership and also her courage as a humanitarian committed to the values she espouses – that our world is better when all peoples enjoy the human rights, freedom and equality every one of us deserves.

Wing has blazed a long and deeply consequential path that has opened doors through which others can now follow. As a prolific scholar, exceptional mentor, and dedicated teacher, Wing has shaped generations of lawyers, professors and leaders and is beloved by current and former students and colleagues everywhere. For over four decades, Wing has been a valiant leader and unwavering advocate of women's rights, human rights, and justice for all. By awarding Wing the Goler T. Butcher Medal, ASIL would recognize her lifelong commitment to advancing humanity.

Proposed Honorary Member: Paul Reichler

Paul Reichler currently practices at 11 King's Bench Walk. His career in Public International Law spans four decades. Beginning with *Nicaragua v. United States*, Reichler has brought 20 cases to the International Court of Justice and made 50 oral pleadings before the Court. He has also represented States in dozens of cases before other international courts, inter-State arbitral tribunals and investor-State panels, including representing the Philippines in the South China Sea arbitration. Reichler has been a champion of the rights of smaller states in disputes against the large and powerful as well as vulnerable communities at risk of grave violations of human rights.

The cases Reichler has worked on have led to lasting geo-political outcomes. He represented Mauritius when the ICJ ruled on the lawfulness of the United Kingdom's separation of the Chagos Archipelago from Mauritius. He represented Palestine before the Court on the legality of Israel's prolonged occupation, settlement and annexation of Palestinian Territory, which helped inspire a High-Level Peace Conference on the Two State Solution. He is also counsel to the Gambia in the case alleging genocide of the Rohingya Muslim population. And he represented Uruguay in the *Pulp Mills* case. Reichler's advocacy in such disputes has played an integral role in the ongoing task to define international law and ensure its recognition across multiple substantive fields. He has also played a significant role in equipping the next generation of international lawyers to do the same by ensuring that each member of his team has an opportunity to make valuable contributions to advocacy. Multiple nominators praised Reichler as a model of ethical and moral rigor.

Among other exemplary attributes, Reichler's nominators emphasized that he never hesitates to make tough choices, whether in resigning from representing a long-time client such as Nicaragua when the government turned dictatorial, or resigning from a law firm as he has done twice to represent clients. He is deeply respected by judges, arbitrators, counsel, interpreters, registrars, and more for what one nominator characterized as "an approach to lawyering that is fair and balanced, courteous and respectful, humorous and intelligent." Reichler has received honors from entities as diverse as Chambers Global and the Grand Commander of Order of the Star and Key of the Indian Ocean, awarded by the Republic of Mauritius in 2022. By honoring Reichler as an Honorary Member, ASIL would recognize his tireless and highly impactful contributions to the theory and practice of public international law and (in the words of another nominator) his efforts to "hold the world to its own best standards, through international law."

Proposed Hudson Medalist: Laurence Boisson de Chazournes

Professor Laurence Boisson de Chazournes, an academic and a practitioner, is Professor Emerita at the University of Geneva, a member of the Institut de droit international, and a member of the Curatorium of the Hague Academy of

International Law. She is a Senior Distinguished Fellow of the Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies and President of the Council of the Center for International Dispute Settlement (CIDS). She was the Director of the L.L.M. in International Dispute Settlement at the University of Geneva (MIDS) until 2024. In 2022–23, she held the Annual Shared Sustainable Future Chair at the Collège de France. She has been and is a visiting professor at law schools including the National University of Singapore, Universities of Paris I, Paris II, and Aix-Marseille in France, the University of Tokyo, and the University of Buenos Aires. She recently taught the General Course on Public International Law at The Hague Academy of International Law. She has served as President of the European Society of International Law and as a member of the ASIL Executive Council.

Boisson de Chazournes's scholarship, both in French and English, provides sound analysis, critical comments and new perspectives on critical subjects including energy and environmental issues, natural resources management, international organizations, sport, investment and public international law (including boundary and law of the sea issues). She has authored ten books and edited twenty-five books, and she has written over 280 articles and contributions to edited volumes. She has been and is a member of many editorial and advisory boards, including those of the American Journal of International Law, the European Journal of International Law, the International Organizations Law Review and the Law and Practice of International Courts and Tribunals.

Boisson de Chazournes has served as consultant to many international organizations, including the ILO, the UN Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee for a Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC), the UN Center for Human Rights, and the Federal Office for the Environment, Forests and Landscape (Bern, Switzerland). From 1995 to 1999 she served as Senior Counsel at the World Bank, Legal Department, Environment and International Law Unit. She was a member of the Advisory Committee of the UN Human Rights Council and has been a member of the High Level Panel on Water and Peace as well as of the Research Council of the European University Institute.

Boisson de Chazournes has also served as counsel and advocate in many cases and advised governments in the context of proceedings both before the International Court of Justice and the International Tribunal on the Law of the Sea. She acts as an arbitrator for the International Centre for Settlement of Investment Disputes (ICSID), the International Chamber of Commerce (ICC), the Permanent Court of Arbitration (PCA), the Arbitration Institute of the Stockholm Chamber of Commerce (SCC), and the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS). She is a judge at the Administrative Tribunal of the Bank for International Settlements (BIS) and she has served as chairperson of WTO arbitration panels on pre-shipment inspections.

Boisson de Chazournes has also mentored and shaped the careers of many of her former students from around the world, and she has been a role model as a preeminent

woman scholar and practitioner. Among other awards, she was awarded the Elizabeth Haub Prize for Environmental Law in 2008 and a Doctorate honoris causa of Aix-Marseille University in 2014. In 2024, she was made a Chevalier of the Légion d'honneur by the French Republic.

Among many other contributions, her work in the areas of environmental law and arbitration reflects the best values of the Society, including protecting the planet and solving disputes without resort to war. Boisson de Chazournes' representation of Samoa in the ICJ's Nuclear Weapons advisory proceedings, in which members of civil society spoke directly about the effects of nuclear testing, was an early expression of her conviction that "present generations have responsibilities towards future generations." Her career has exemplified this commitment to future generations. The Honors Committee is very pleased to recommend her as the 2026 Hudson Medalist.