

MEMORANDUM

TO: Executive Council, American Society of International Law

FROM: Chantal Thomas, Chair, 2019-20 ASIL Honors Committee (on behalf of Committee Members Marcella David, Mónica Pinto, Paul Reichler, and Michael Reisman)

DATE: October 18, 2019

SUBJECT: ASIL Honors Committee Report and Recommendations

This memorandum constitutes the 2019-20 ASIL Honors Committee report and recommendations to the Executive Council for the 2020 recipients of three ASIL honors. These awards are:

- 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 2019 recipient was Stephen G. Breyer. For the 2020 Manley O. Hudson Medal, the Committee nominates Rüdiger Wolfrum.
- 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 2019 recipient was Zeid Ra'ad Al Hussein. For the 2020 Goler T. Butcher Medal, the Committee nominates Claudio Grossman.
- The **Honorary Member Award**, awarded to an individual of American or other nationality who has rendered distinguished contributions or service in the field of international law. The 2019 recipient was Mónica Pinto. For the 2020 Honorary Member Award, the Committee nominates Hina Jilani.

The ASIL Honors Committee was established in the summer of 2019 by ASIL President Sean Murphy. As is customary, the Society circulated in the summer of 2019 a General Call for Nominations in multiple venues. These included the ASIL Newsletter, the ASIL website, and the biweekly ASIL e-bulletin. Committee members also informally solicited nominations from ASIL members. The Committee received several nominations in each category from the General Call, and added several additional nominations to the pool for each category. As a result, the Committee had a highly accomplished set of nominees to consider for each of the three awards. Background materials relating to all of the nominations were reviewed by the Committee and discussed at length via email and teleconference. The Committee also took under consideration the guidance of President Sean D. Murphy and Executive Director Mark D. Agrast.

The Committee makes the following unanimous nominations to the Executive Council.

Manley O. Hudson Medal

Rüdiger Wolfrum

For the 2020 Manley O. Hudson Medal, the Committee nominates Professor Dr. Rüdiger Wolfrum. Rüdiger Wolfrum has made monumental contributions to international law as a scholar and jurist.

Professor Wolfrum has a long, distinguished academic career marked by significant scholarly achievements. His academic career began in 1973 at the University of Bonn and he became a full Professor in 1982 at Johannes Gutenberg University in Mainz. Later that year, he moved to Kiel University. There he distinguished himself, serving first as director of the Walter Schücking Institute for International Law and, later, as ViceRector of Kiel University. In 1993, he moved to Heidelberg University, where he has been a professor since. It was there that he made his most prominent academic contributions. From 1993 to 2012, he was director of the Max Planck Institute for Comparative Public Law and International Law. In this capacity, he became in 2005 general editor of the Max Planck Encyclopedia of Public International Law, a leading reference work in international law. In 2013, he became Managing Director of the newly created Max Planck Foundation for International Peace and the Rule of Law.

He also co-authored a three-volume textbook on international law, *Völkerecht*, with G. Dahm and J. Delbrück. In view of these contributions, the Curatorium of the Hague Academy of International Law has invited him to deliver a General Course titled *Solidarity and Community Interests: Driving Forces for the Interpretation and Development of International Law* at the Academy's 2020 winter session.

A notable aspect of Professor Wolfrum's scholarly intervention has been to support larger discussions on questions to which he also has made important individual contributions. Beyond the landmark publications of the Max Planck Encyclopedia of Public International Law and the Max Planck Yearbook of United Nations Law, Professor Wolfrum has served as both contributing author to, and editor or co-editor of, dozens of scholarly volumes on topics such as: solidarity as a structural principle of international law; legitimacy in international law; ensuring compliance with multilateral environmental agreements; the law of armed conflict and the use of force; developments of international law in treaty making; international trade law; international development law; international maritime law and marine issues in international law; fighting terrorism at sea; the right to a fair trial under international law; conflict and post-conflict; and the exercise of public authority by international institutions, among many other issues.

Professor Wolfrum has also made eminent contributions as a jurist of international law, particularly in regard to the law of the sea. From 1996 to 2017, he served as a Judge of the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea (ITLOS). From 2005 to 2009, he served as the Tribunal's President. As a Judge on the Tribunal, he authored numerous opinions,

dissenting opinions and declarations, including those in the M/V SAIGA Case, the Southern Bluefin Tuna Cases, the Camouco Case, the Grand Prince Case, the MOX Plant Case, the Juno Trader Case, the Sub-Regional Fisheries Commission Advisory Opinion, and the Arctic Sunrise Case. Professor Wolfrum has published essays and edited volumes on the law of the sea, and has delivered distinguished lectures on the law of the sea and the preservation of the marine environment for learned institutions and international bodies alike, including the United Nations General Assembly.

Professor Wolfrum has also participated in several high-profile inter-State arbitrations, for example as President of the Tribunal in the Bay of Bengal Maritime Boundary Arbitration (Bangladesh v. India) case and as a member of the respective tribunals in the Chagos Marine Protected Area Arbitration (Mauritius v. United Kingdom) and in the South China Sea Arbitration (Philippines v. China). More recently, he served as Member of the Conciliation Commission established under the UN Convention on the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS) to deal with a dispute between Timor-Leste and Australia, whose work led to an agreement by the Parties.

Professor Wolfrum has additionally participated in a wide range of other international deliberative processes, both as an independent expert and on behalf of individual governments. From 1990 to 1999, he served on the UN Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination, and from 1993 to 1998 he also served as Chairman of the Working Group of Legal Experts to the Antarctic Treaty Parties Meetings. As a member of the German delegation, he participated in the Third UN Law of the Sea Conference; the Fourth Special Antarctic Treaty Consultative Meeting concerning Antarctic mineral resource activities; and the Preparatory Commission for the International Sea-Bed Authority and for the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea. He has served broadly in consultancies for constitutional and administrative development, including in Sudan, South Sudan, Somalia, Jordan and Afghanistan.

Finally, Professor Wolfrum has, beyond these scholarly and jurisprudential contributions, dedicated substantial service to the professional community of international lawyers. He has for example served as President of the German Society of International Law and Chairman of the Board of the German United Nations Association. He also belongs to the American Society of International Law, the German section of the International Law Association, and the Humanities Section of the German Academy of Sciences (Leopoldina). He has served on the Boards of prominent academic institutions in Germany and abroad, including the GEOMAR Stiftung für marine Geowissenschaften, the Alfred Wegener Institute, Helmholtz Centre for Polar and Marine Research the University of Hamburg, the University of Virginia Centers for Oceans Law and Policy and the German Foundation for Peace Research.

In sum, Professor Wolfrum has made substantial contributions to the jurisprudence of international law, across a remarkable range of capacities. His contributions can truly be said to have advanced the progress of the field as a whole.

Goler T. Butcher Award

Claudio Grossman

For the 2020 Goler T. Butcher Medal, the Committee nominates Claudio Grossman. Claudio Grossman is Professor of Law, Dean Emeritus, and the Raymond Geraldson Scholar for International and Humanitarian Law at American University Washington College of Law (WCL).

Professor Grossman has worked tirelessly to promote human rights and the rule of law in a variety of leadership capacities in both international and domestic organizations. Among many other contributions, he has served as both member and chairperson of the United Nations Committee against Torture (CAT), and as chair of the UN Human Rights Treaty Bodies. From 1993 to 2001, he served on the Inter-American Commission for Human Rights (IACHR), and was twice elected as that body's President, in 1996 and again in 2001. He also served as the IACHR's Special Rapporteur on the Rights of Women as well as its Special Rapporteur on the Rights of Indigenous Populations. He also participated in a number of landmark human rights cases within the Inter-American legal system, such as *Aloeboetoe et al v. Suriname*, *Velázquez-Rodríguez v. Honduras*, and *Awás Tingni v. Nicaragua*.

Professor Grossman currently serves as President of the Inter-American Institute of Human Rights and as Chair of the United Nations International Law Commission (ILC) Drafting Committee, having been elected to the ILC in 2016. He has also been elected to L'Institut de Droit International (International Law Institute) and the American Law Institute. Among other recognitions for his work in international law and human rights, Professor Grossman has received the Chapultepec Grand Prize from the Inter-American Press Association, the Harry LeRoy Jones Award from the Washington Foreign Law Society, the René Cassin Award from B'nai B'rith International in Chile, the Simón Bolívar Award from the Western Hemisphere Institute for Security Cooperation, the Henry W. Edgerton Civil Liberties Award from the American Civil Liberties Union of the National Capital Area, and the Lifetime Leadership Award from the Hispanic National Bar Foundation.

Professor Grossman is also well known to the Society through his exemplary leadership of the Washington College of Law, which has generously sponsored numerous ASIL events, including most notably the Annual Grotius Lecture. In his twenty-one years as its Dean, Grossman presided over a remarkable expansion of WCL's international offerings. Examples include the establishment of degree specializations in Gender and the Law, Free Trade Agreements and Regional Integration and Online Education, as well as specialized summer programs in human rights and humanitarian law, international commercial arbitration, international organizations, and law and diplomacy, among many others.

Honorary Member Award

Hina Jilani

For the 2020 Honorary Member Award, the Committee nominates Hina Jilani, a pioneering lawyer in human rights and women's rights both internationally and in her home country of Pakistan. Ms. Jilani established Pakistan's first all-women law firm in 1980, followed by Pakistan's first legal aid center in 1986. She has conducted many landmark cases setting new standards for human rights in Pakistan, with a particular focus on the rights of the most vulnerable sections of society, such as women, minorities, children, and prisoners – including political prisoners. She was appointed Advocate of the Supreme Court of Pakistan in 1992. In 1980 Ms. Jilani founded the Women's Action Forum, and is also one of the founders of the Human Rights Commission of Pakistan, which has branches throughout the country and is now the most important national body for the monitoring of rights violations.

In 2000 Ms. Jilani became the first Special Representative of the UN Secretary-General on Human Rights Defenders. She has also served as a member of the International Commission of Inquiry on Darfur, appointed by the United Nations Security Council; a Member of the Eminent Jurists Panel on Human Rights and Counter Terrorism, appointed by the International Commission of Jurists; and a Member of the United Nations Fact Finding Mission on Gaza. In 2001, she received the Millennium Peace Prize for Women, in recognition of her life-long contribution to peace-building and human rights. Ms. Jilani is a Member of the Council of Elders, an eminent international advisory group established by Nelson Mandela. In December 2014, Ms. Jilani joined The Elders' delegation to Myanmar where they met with representatives from the government, the military and civil society including ethnic women's groups.

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The Committee respectfully asks that the Executive Council approve these recommendations and thanks the Council for its consideration.