



**Statement by President Catherine Amirfar
on the Announcement of Justice Breyer's Retirement from the Court**

January 27, 2022

Today the President announced that Justice Stephen Breyer will be stepping down after more than 27 years as an Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States.

Justice Breyer has served our country with extraordinary dedication and integrity throughout his 41 years on the federal bench.

In his judicial opinions and his scholarly writings, he has been a leading proponent of the utility and importance of international law.

Justice Breyer has been a frequent guest of the Society. Following the publication of his book, *The Court and the World: American Law and the New Global Realities*, he delivered a memorable keynote address at the Society's 2016 Annual Meeting, laying out his views on the role of international law in an increasingly interconnected world.

In 2019, the Society presented him with its highest honor, the Manley O. Hudson Medal, for his distinguished contributions, as both jurist and scholar, to the field of international law.

The following year, the Society asked Justice Breyer to succeed his friend and colleague, the late Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg, as the chair of its Judicial Advisory Board, a role in which he continues to serve.

Our nation, the Court, and the Society have been enriched by his wisdom, insight, compassion, and good humor, and we are truly in his debt.

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