

# Foreword

## In Honor and Memory of David Caron

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David Caron had an enormous impact on Berkeley Law School and on the field of international law. He is terribly missed. A wonderful conference was held on September 14 and 15, 2018, at Berkeley Law School to honor, remember, and celebrate David. Hundreds of people attended a moving memorial service where colleagues and former students paid tribute. A conference brought together top scholars, practitioners, and judges from the field of international law. The papers from this conference are contained in this volume.

David was a beloved member of the Berkeley Law faculty from 1987 until 2013, when he was appointed Dean of the Dickson Poon School of Law, King's College London. For over a quarter century, he was revered by students and colleagues at Berkeley, teaching and writing about international law. He was named the C. William Maxeiner Distinguished Professor of Law in 1996 and served as Co-Director of the Law of the Sea Institute and Co-Director of the Miller Institute on Global Challenges and the Law. At the memorial service at Berkeley, his former students described David's profound effect on their career paths and their lives. His former colleagues described his unflagging generosity and collegiality. He was affectionately remembered for playing Santa Claus at holiday parties and for singing songs like "Amazing Grades" and "Grade me Tender." Most of all, he was remembered for his mentorship and his constant availability to discuss ideas and help improve the work of others.

David was a prolific and prominent scholar in the field of international law. The essays in this volume explore some of his many ideas and how they have influenced the development of law. David wrote on virtually every aspect of international law, looking especially at public and private international dispute resolution and international courts and tribunals. He also was a pioneer in the

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field of international environmental law, looking at issues such as the law of the sea and climate change.

But David was so much more than just a law professor. In 2015, he was appointed a member of the Iran-United States Claims Tribunal in The Hague. Earlier, from 1996–2003, he was a Commissioner with the Precedent Panel (E2) of the UN Compensation Commission in Geneva resolving claims arising out of the 1990 Gulf War. He also served as counsel for the Marshall Islands Nuclear Claims Tribunal and represented Ethiopia in front of the International Court of Justice. He served as the arbiter in many international commercial disputes.

Throughout his career, David was very active in the American Society of International Law. He held numerous positions and from 2005–2007, he served as Vice President and was President of the Society in 2010–2012. Indeed, he was involved in virtually every major international law organization, such as serving as chair of the Institute of Transnational Arbitration from 2005–2009.

There is no way to really do justice for all that David did, all that he accomplished, and all that he meant to the institutions where he worked and to the people who were blessed to know him. He lives on in many ways, including through his ideas that continue to shape international law and to be debated. This conference focuses on exactly that and especially examines three areas of his work: international dispute resolution, legitimacy in international law and institutions, and the law of the sea and international environmental law.

David's career and life are a wonderful model for all of us, though few will accomplish all that he did. I hope you will enjoy these excellent articles in honor and memory of David Caron.