



## PROFESSOR EMERITUS OF LAW AND MARINE AFFAIRS PASSES AWAY

Professor William T. Burke, an internationally distinguished scholar, passed away on 4 July 2014. His sudden death is greatly mourned by the entire international community.

Professor David Attard (IMLI Director), on behalf of the IMO International Maritime Law Institute, wishes to express his heartfelt condolences to the family of Professor T. Burke for their sad loss.

Professor Burke was born in 1926 in Brazil, Indiana. After completing high school and a brief stint in the U.S. Army, he commenced his academic career by obtaining his Bachelor's Degree from Indiana State University, in 2.5 years and at the top of his class, followed by his law degree in 1953.

He attended Yale Law School where he obtained his Doctorate in Juridical Science (JSD) degree in 1959. Professor Emeritus William T. Burke joined the Law School's faculty in 1968, after teaching at the Yale Law School and the Ohio State University College of Law for twelve years. Professor Burke served on the faculty of both the University of Washington School of Law and School of Marine Affairs from 1968 to 1996.

Following the publication of his first book *The Public Order of the Oceans* (coauthored with Myres S. McDougal) in 1962, Professor Burke was recognized as the outstanding authority on international law of the sea and remained a scholarly and policy leader on the world scene for many years. His book *The New International Law of Fisheries* was another important scholarly contribution which was translated in Japanese in 1996. By his retirement, he had been widely published in over 300 law journals, served as an expert and lecturer throughout the world, influenced generations of professionals, and substantially shaped the law, policy, and many institutions related to the law of the ocean.

Professor Burke was also a supporter of IMLI's academic activities. He supervised the successful doctoral thesis of Dr. Simone Borg on *Conservation on the High Seas: Harmonizing International Regimes for the Sustainable Use of Living Resources* which was published in 2012 and has received very good reviews.

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