



“ESSAYS IN HONOUR OF PROFESSOR DAVID JOSEPH ATTARD” BOOK LAUNCHED

The year 2009 marks the twentieth anniversary of academic life of Professor David Joseph Attard, recognized as an authority in international law worldwide. To commemorate this milestone, a collection of essays has been written in his honour. The title of this book “Serving the Rule of International Law – Essays in Honour of Professor David Joseph Attard” is intended to reflect Professor Attard’s dedication, commitment and contribution to the field of international law.

The official launching to the public of the book took place on Monday, 16 November 2009 at 11.00 am at the University of Malta. The ceremony was attended by many personalities, including diplomatic representatives, professors of law, representatives of the maritime and shipping industry, IMLI graduates, students, friends and colleagues.



Professor David Attard and the panel of speakers

The panel of speakers that addressed the audience included Mr. Norman Martinez (Editor / Lecturer, IMLI), Dr. Ugo Mifsud Bonicci (President Emeritus, Republic of Malta), Professor Juanito Camilleri (Rector, University of Malta), Professor Guido DeMarco (President Emeritus, Republic of Malta / Chairman, MEDAC), Dr. Simone Borg (Lecturer, University of Malta) and Professor Frank Wiswall (Vice – President (Honoris Causa) Comité Maritime International). The distinguished speakers addressed several areas of Professor Attard's contribution to the international community and expressed their pleasure and honour of having met and worked with a man, who in the words of the IMO Secretary-General, "is blessed with the gift of being able to recognize, in their infancy, issues that are destined to assume massive proportions".

The book "Serving the Rule of International Law – Essays in Honour of Professor David Joseph Attard" represents a close collaboration amongst friends, colleagues and former students involved in the field of international law.



Distinguished guests attending the ceremony

Part I is a personal tribute to Professor Attard. It contains essays devoted to illustrate his contribution to the international community through his role in the creation of IMLI and the Mediterranean Academy of Diplomatic Studies (MEDAC), his initiative on climate change, his involvement in the University of Malta and his input as an advisor to the Government of Malta.

Part II is dedicated to Public International Law and International Relations. It includes essays on the rule of law, global and regional governance, subjects of international law, cultural heritage, and environmental issues.

Part III is then devoted to Human Rights, both at a European level and their legislative development in Malta.

Serving the Rule of International Law is a worthy tribute to Professor Attard's contribution to international law and his life's work in the service of international law.

For further information on the book please refer to the attached the promotional flyer or contact Ms. Elda Belja at info@marenostrumpublications.org.

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