



## **CELEBRATED PUBLICIST IN THE FIELD OF PUBLIC INTERNATIONAL LAW PASSES AWAY**

Sir Ian Brownlie CBE QC, a celebrated publicist in the field of public international law, passed away on 3 January 2010. His sudden death is greatly mourned by the entire international community.

IMLI Director, Professor David Attard, expressed his deep sorrow upon receiving the news. Professor Attard recalled that Sir Brownlie's authoritative book 'Principles of Public International Law' has been used by many generations of international lawyers. Sir Ian Brownlie CBE QC was a visiting fellow at IMLI and he will be sadly missed.

Sir Ian Brownlie CBE QC was a Barrister in practice at Blackstone Chambers in London and a Distinguished Fellow of All Souls College in Oxford. On the nomination of the Governments of the United Kingdom, Canada, New Zealand and India he was re-elected to the International Law Commission, the United Nations body of 35 experts concerned with the codification of international law, for a third five-year term in 2006. He was elected Chairman of the International Law Commission in 2007.

Sir Brownlie has appeared in a full range of international tribunals, including the International Court of Justice, the European Court of Human Rights and the European Court of Justice. He has also acted as an arbitrator in a number of major cases.

Market commentators have nominated him "*extraordinarily experienced*" and "*a great force in, and a leading authority on, PIL*", "*the most experienced of them all*" - the "*foremost ...intellectual practitioner in the field*" and "*The dean*" of the public international law sector.

In recognition of his commitment to public international law Sir Ian Brownlie CBE QC was knighted in June 2009.

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