JUDGE KATHY-ANN BROWN LECTURES AT IMLI

Judge Kathy-Ann Brown (Judge of the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea (ITLOS)) delivered an online lecture on 6 April to the IMLI Class of 2020-2021 entitled ‘International Dispute Settlement.’ In introducing Judge Brown, Professor David Attard (Director, IMLI), expressed his delight to have her deliver a lecture to the participants of the IMLI Course on Peaceful Settlement of Maritime Disputes. He informed the participants that Judge Brown, one of the newest elected judges to the Tribunal, enjoys an outstanding international reputation.

In her lecture, Judge Brown discussed the peaceful means for the settlement of disputes as defined in the UN Charter, the Convention for the Pacific Settlement of International Disputes.
and jurisprudence. She further discussed the approaches to dispute settlement in UNCLOS I, II and III. Judge Brown then gave an overview of UNCLOS, Part XV, Section 1, covering various issues, such as the obligation to settle disputes by peaceful means, procedures to be followed where no settlement has been reached by the parties, obligations under general, regional or bilateral agreements, and conciliation, amongst others. Judge Brown also discussed Section 2 of Part XV, particularly article 287 dealing with choice of procedure.

Judge Kathy-Ann Brown was elected as Judge of the Tribunal in October 2020. Prior to this, in her professional capacity, she has held a number of distinguished positions including Chief Technical Advisor to the Prime Minister, Office of the Prime Minister of Jamaica; Deputy Solicitor General, International Affairs Division, Attorney General’s Chambers, Jamaica; Counsel with involvement in Caribbean Court of Justice cases; Consultant; Permanent Representative to the International Seabed Authority Permanent Representative of Jamaica to the International Seabed Authority (ISA) until 2020 and Acting President, Council, ISA in 2020; Deputy Director/ Adviser (Legal), Economic and Legal Section of the Special Advisory Services Division, Commonwealth Secretariat; Commonwealth Secretariat External Consultant; External Trade Consultant providing Commonwealth Secretariat technical assistance to the African Caribbean and Pacific (ACP) Secretariat; Senior Technical Adviser (Legal) Caribbean Regional Negotiating Machinery; Counsel with involvement in numerous WTO dispute settlement (DSB) cases; Lecturer at the Faculty of Law, University of the West
Indies, Cave Hill Campus; and Adjunct Lecturer on Advanced International Law, LLM, Faculty of Law, University of the West Indies, Mona Campus.

Judge Brown has published widely. She was called to the Bar in Jamaica and is a member of the National Consultative Group on the International Court of Justice.

Judge Brown was inducted into the Hall of Eminent International Caribbean Jurists in 2019.

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