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Education: Diploma of Notary Public, University of Malta (1977); Doctor of Laws (LL.D.), University of Malta (1978); Doctor of Philosophy (D.Phil.), University of Oxford (1986).

Professional Qualifications: Advocate, Malta; Barrister-at-Law, Middle Temple, London.

Professional Experience: Teaching law of the sea (1987–present); Associate Professor, Department of Public Law, University of Malta (1986); Full and Founding Professor of Public International Law, University of Malta (1988–2011); UNEP Chair of Environmental Diplomacy, Mediterranean Academy of Diplomatic Studies (1990); Director, IMO International Maritime Law Institute, Malta (1992–2022); Visiting Professor of International Law, University of Rome “Tor Vergata” (1994); Senior Visiting Lecturer, College of Foreign Affairs, Beijing (1995); Visiting Senior Research Fellow, University of Oxford (1998–1999); Fulbright Scholar, Yale Law School (2000); Visiting Professor, University Panthéon-Sorbonne (Paris I) (2007).



Public Office: Retained by numerous Governments to advise on international legal matters, in particular the international law regulating exploration and exploitation of marine resources; led numerous teams in negotiations to delimit single maritime boundaries, continental shelf/exclusive economic zone boundaries and fishing zone boundaries. Member of and Consultant to the Maltese Delegation to the International Maritime Organization General Assembly (1986); Head of the Maltese Delegation to the UN Preparatory Commission on Deep Sea Mining and the Law of the Sea Tribunal, New York (1987); Special Envoy of the Minister of Foreign Affairs to the UN Secretary-General, New York (1987); Adviser to the Maltese Delegation to the 43rd Session of the UN General Assembly, New York (1988); Representative of Malta at the 2nd Committee (Economic) of the UN General Assembly, New York (1988); Principal Delegate to the UNEP/WMO Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, Geneva (1988); Personal Representative of the Maltese Prime Minister to the Heads of States and Governments Meeting on the Global Atmosphere, The Hague (1989); Head of the Maltese Delegation to the UNEP Governing Council, Nairobi (1989); Member of Maltese Delegation to the IMO Diplomatic Conference on the Oil Pollution Preparedness and Response Convention, London (1990); Adviser to the President of the UN General Assembly, New York (1990); Adviser to the Maltese Delegation to the CSCE meeting on the Peaceful Settlement of Disputes, Valletta (1991); Head of the Maltese Delegation to the UN Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee on the Framework Convention on Climate Change, Washington, D.C./Geneva/ Nairobi (1991); Chancellor of the University of Malta (2011).

Member: Board of Governors, IMO International Maritime Law Institute, Malta (1989); UNEP/WMO Working Group on the Drafting of an International Convention on Climate, Geneva (1989); Council of Europe Group of Experts on Public International Law, Strasbourg (1989); World Academy of Art and Science, Sweden (1990); Board of Advisers, Climate Institute, Washington, D.C. (1990); Chairman, UNITAR Working Group on Environmental Diplomacy, Geneva (1991); Steering Committee for Human Rights, Strasbourg (2000); Titular

Member, Comité maritime international (2001); Honorary Member, Comité maritime international, Slovenia (2002); Member and Member of Specialized Panel of Arbitrators, Permanent Court of Arbitration, The Hague (2004–present); European Union Expert Group on Maritime Policy, Brussels (2005).

Publications: Numerous articles on international law and in particular law of the sea. *The Exclusive Economic Zone in International Law*, Clarendon Press, University of Oxford (awarded the Paul Guggenheim (International Law) Prize, Geneva, 1987); General Editor, *IMLI Manual on International Maritime Law* (3 volumes), Oxford University Press; General Editor and Academic Coordinator of the *IMLI Treatise on Global Ocean Governance* (3 Volumes).

Distinctions: Lega Navale “Dioscuri Prize”, Catania, Italy (1998); Chevalier de l’Ordre National de la Légion d’Honneur, Paris (2004); Official, National Order of Merit, Malta (2007); Encomienda de Número de la Orden de Isabel la Católica, Spain (2009); Order of Merit, Italian Republic (2010); International Maritime Prize of the International Maritime Organization (2021).