

Rosalyn Higgins

Function(s)

Former President and Judge, International Court of Justice

Area(s) of Expertise

- Public International Law

Biography

Dame Rosalyn Higgins DBE QC was a Judge of the International Court of Justice, the principal judicial organ of the United Nations, from 1995 to 2009 and its President from February 2006 to February 2009. Prior to being elected to the International Court, Dame Rosalyn was Professor of International Law at the University of Kent at Canterbury (1978-1981) and Professor of International Law at the University of London (London School of Economics) (1981-1995). She practised in public international law and petroleum law before English courts and international courts and tribunals, taking silk in 1986 and becoming a Bencher of the Inner Temple in 1989. She was a Member of the UN Committee on Human Rights (1985-1995) and President of the British Institute of International and Comparative Law (2009-2015). Her awards include the *Chevalier d'Ordre des Palmes Académiques* (1988) and the Balzan Prize for International Law since 1945 (2007).

Selected publications

The Development of International Law through the Political Organs of the UN (Oxford University Press 1964)

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