

IN MEMORIAM

IAN BROWNLIE—by Stephen Schwebel*

Sir Ian Brownlie died tragically early this year in a car accident in Egypt in which a daughter also died, and his wife Christine was seriously injured.

Ian Brownlie was one of the leading international lawyers of our time. He was a substantial scholar. His first book, a doctoral thesis on international law and the use of force by states, published in 1963, attracted considerable attention. Three years later, his noted *Principles of International Law*, appeared, and thereafter reappeared in seven editions in several languages, including Chinese, Japanese, and Russian. He published an early book on African boundaries and wrote on a variety of subjects, including state responsibility and human rights.

His persistent scholarly industriousness over some 45 years was outstanding. Brownlie was appointed Professor of International Law at the London School of Economics in 1976. Four years later, he was appointed to one of the two most distinguished chairs of international law in England as Chichele Professor of Public International Law at Oxford University. He held that chair, and a fellowship at All Souls College until his retirement in 1999.

He was elected a member of the United Nations International Law Commission for three terms. Brownlie argued before the International Court of Justice for Nicaragua in its case against the United States, taking the lead on the contentious question of jurisdiction. Thereafter, he was counsel in more than 30 cases before the International Court of Justice. He argued also in British courts, most notably in the Pinochet case, and in the European Court of Justice, the European Court of Human Rights, and the European Commission on Human Rights. He was counsel in a number of arbitrations, including those on the Beagle Channel, the Red Sea Islands, and the Eritrea/Ethiopia border. He acted for Iran in the Iran-United States Claim Tribunal, and served as an arbitrator in a number of cases. He was knighted for his services to international law last June.

Brownlie was a life member, counsellor, and honorary member of the Society, and a colleague of and friend to many of its members over a very long time. His untimely death shocked and grieved the community of international lawyers.

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