

Biographical note:

Sir Nigel Rodley KBE

Professor of Law and Chair of the Human Rights Centre at the University of Essex

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Nigel Rodley obtained an LLB from the University of Leeds (1963), an LLM from Columbia University, New York (1965), an LLM from New York University (1970) and a PhD from the University of Essex (1993). His first academic post was as Assistant Professor of Law at Dalhousie University, Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada (1965-68). In 1968-69 he served as an Associate Economic Affairs Officer at United Nations headquarters in New York, working on legal and institutional aspects of international economic co-operation. In 1969-70 he was Visiting Lecturer in Political Science at the Graduate Faculty of the New School of Social Research (New York) and in 1970-72 was also a Research Fellow at the New York University Centre for International Studies.

Returning to the United Kingdom in 1973, he became the first Legal Adviser of the International Secretariat of Amnesty International, a position he held until 1990; during the same period he taught Public International Law at the London School of Economics and Political Science (part time). In 1990 he was appointed Reader in Law at the University of Essex, becoming Professor of Law in 1994. He was Dean of the School of Law 1992-95 and has been Chair of the Human Rights Centre since 2004.

In March 1993 he was designated Special Rapporteur on Torture by the UN Commission on Human Rights, serving in this capacity until 2001. Since 2001 he has been a member of the UN Human Rights Committee (Vice-Chair 2003-4; 2009-2010), a position to which he has twice been re-elected by the States Parties to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (as the UK's nominated candidate). He was elected a Commissioner of the International Commission of Jurists in 2003 and is a member of Council of its British Branch, JUSTICE. He is a Trustee of the Medical Foundation for the Care of Victims of Torture.

Nigel Rodley was awarded a KBE in the 1998/99 New Year's Honours List, 'for services to human rights and international law'. He received an honorary LLD from Dalhousie University in 2000 and in 2005 received (jointly with Professor Theodoor Van Boven and Judge Pieter Kooijmans) the American Society of International Law's Goler T. Butcher medal for 'outstanding contributions to ... international human rights law'. In 2008 he was made an Honorary Fellow of the Faculty of Forensic Law and Medicine of the Royal College of Physicians.

Publications include: *International Law in the Western Hemisphere* (co-editor with C.N. Ronning, Nijhoff 1974); *Enhancing Global Human Rights* (co-author with J.I. Dominguez, B. Wood and R.A. Ralk; McGraw Hill 1979); *The Treatment of Prisoners under International Law* (Clarendon Press/UNESCO 1987, second edition 1999; third edition 2009, with Matt Pollard); *To Loose the Bands of Wickedness – International Intervention in Defence of Human Rights* (editor, Brassey's 1992) and *International Responses to Traumatic Stress* (co-editor with Y. Danieli and L. Weisaeth; Baywood/UN 1995).