

CIL Bio - Professor Philippa Webb



Philippa Webb is Professor of Public International Law at King's College London. She joined The Dickson Poon School of Law in 2012 after a decade in international legal practice. She was previously visiting Assistant Professor in the Advanced LLM Programme at Leiden University (2009-2011). She has been Visiting Professor at Université Paris X Nanterre, the Graduate Institute, Geneva, ESADE Law School, and Pepperdine University's London programme. She has delivered lectures for the United Nations Audiovisual Library of International Law.

Professor Webb holds a doctorate (JSD) and an LLM from Yale Law School. She obtained the University Medal in her LLB and the University Medal and First Class Honours in her BA (Asian Studies), both of which were awarded by the University of New South Wales in Australia.

Professor Webb has extensive experience in international courts and tribunals. She served as the Special Assistant and Legal Officer to Judge Rosalyn Higgins during her Presidency of the International Court of Justice (2006-2009) and, prior to that, as the Judicial Clerk to Judges Higgins and Owada (2004-2005). She was the Associate Legal Adviser to Prosecutor Luis Moreno-Ocampo at the International Criminal Court (2005-2006).

Her publications include *Oppenheim's International Law: United Nations* (OUP 2017, with Dame Rosalyn Higgins GBE QC, Dapo Akande, Sandesh Sivamuaran and James Sloan), which was awarded the ASIL Certificate of Merit 2019. Her co-authored treatise, *The Law of State Immunity* (OUP 2015, with Lady Hazel Fox QC), has been cited by the leading national courts in the UK, Canada, and South Africa. Her other books include *International Judicial Integration and Fragmentation* (OUP 2015) and *The Right to a Fair Trial in International Law* (OUP 2020, with Amal Clooney), which has been described as 'a tour de force' (Karim Khan QC, International Criminal Court Prosecutor) and 'an outstanding book ... It creates the basis by which a vigilance can be exercised' (Zeid Ra'ad Zeid Al Hussein, former UN High Commissioner for Human Rights).

Professor Webb serves on the editorial boards of the *International & Comparative Law Quarterly*, the *Leiden Journal of International Law*, and the *Journal of International Criminal Justice*. She is also a barrister at Twenty Essex Chambers and acts for states and private entities in domestic and international courts on a wide range of issues. These include state and diplomatic immunities, territorial and maritime boundaries, treaty obligations, law of the sea, state responsibility, human rights, humanitarian law, law of international organisations and international criminal law.