

Judge Rosalyn Higgins
President of the International Court of Justice

In recognition of her outstanding achievements in the field of International Law, in 2006 Judge Rosalyn Higgins became the first woman to be elected President of the International Court of Justice. The principal judicial arm of the United Nations, the International Court with 15 eminent members is based in The Hague, Netherlands. The Judge's long and distinguished legal career began after she earned her LL.B and Masters Degrees from Cambridge University in the United Kingdom and a J.S.D. from Yale University.

As a practicing barrister in the U.K., she became a Queen's Counsel in 1986 and is a Bencher of the Inner Temple.

Having held positions as Professor of International Law at both the University of Kent in Canterbury, U.K. and at the London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE), she has several authoritative books on the subject to her name.

In 1995, Judge Higgins was bestowed the Dame Commander of the British Empire for her excellence in international law.