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'Happy is the man who can make a living by his hobby!' (George Bernard Shaw, *Pygmalion*)

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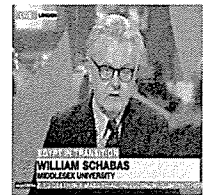
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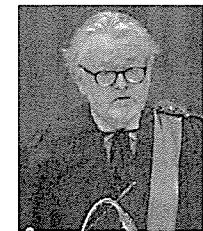
Citizenship: Canadian and Irish **Languages:** English, French (written, spoken)

Civil status: married to Penelope Soteriou, two children, five grandchildren



Highlights:

- Professor of international law, Middlesex University, London; Professor of international criminal law and human rights, Leiden University. Also: *emeritus* professor of human rights law and honorary chairman, Irish Centre for Human Rights, National University of Ireland Galway; visiting professor, Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies; distinguished visiting faculty, Paris School of International Affairs, Sciences Po, Paris; *professeur associé*, Université du Québec à Montréal; honorary professor, Institute of Law (Chinese Academy of Social Sciences) and Wuhan University.
- Books include: *The Trial of the Kaiser*, Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2018; *The International Criminal Court: A Commentary on the Rome Statute*, 2nd ed., Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2016; *The European Convention on Human Rights: A Commentary*, Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2015; *The Universal Declaration of Human Rights: the travaux préparatoires*, Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2015; *Unimaginable Atrocities: Justice, Politics and Rights at the War Crimes Tribunals*, Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2012; *Introduction to the International Criminal Court*, 5th ed., Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2017; *Genocide in International Law*, 2nd ed., Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2009; *The UN International Criminal Tribunals: the former Yugoslavia, Rwanda and Sierra Leone*, Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2006; *The Abolition of the Death Penalty in International Law*, 3rd ed., Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2002. Translations of these books have been published in Chinese, German, Turkish, Nepali, Persian, Albanian and Japanese.
- Author of more than 400 academic journal articles; editor of 29 collections of essays, book chapters and conference proceedings; has delivered lectures or conference papers in more than fifty countries; writings have been cited in judgments, decisions and opinions of: International Court of Justice, International Criminal Court, International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia, International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda, Special Court for Sierra Leone, European Court of Human Rights, Inter-American Court of Human Rights, Supreme Court



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of Canada, United States Supreme Court, Judicial Committee of the Privy Council, High Court of Tanzania, Supreme Court of Israel.

- Member, Sierra Leone Truth and Reconciliation Commission (2002-2004).
- Chairman, Board of Trustees, United Nations Voluntary Fund for Technical Cooperation in the Field of Human Rights (2009-2011).
- Chairman, International commission of inquiry to investigate all violations of international humanitarian law and international human rights law in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem, particularly in the occupied Gaza Strip, in the context of the military operations conducted since 13 June 2014 (2014-2015).
- President, International Association of Genocide Scholars (2009-2011); Chair, Institute for International Criminal Investigation (2000-••••); President, Irish Branch, International Law Association (2008-2015).
- Officer of the Order of Canada; Member of the Royal Irish Academy; honorary doctorates from: Dalhousie University, Halifax; Case Western Reserve University, Cleveland; Northwestern University, Chicago; University of Copenhagen; Vespasian V. Pella Medal for International Criminal Justice, *Association internationale de droit pénal*; Gold medal in the Social Sciences, Royal Irish Academy.
- lawyer and legal counsel in litigation before: International Court of Justice, Grand Chamber of the European Court of Human Rights, International Criminal Court, United Nations Human Rights Committee, Supreme Court of Canada, Inter-American Commission of Human Rights, etc. Expert witness before courts in Canada, United States, United Kingdom, International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia, Israel, Indonesia. *Amicus curiae* before the Special Court for Sierra Leone
- Editor in Chief, *Criminal Law Forum* (1998-2015); Editor in Chief, Oxford Reports on International Criminal Law (2007-****).

Education:

Degree courses: North Toronto Collegiate Institute, Toronto, 1968 ('senior matriculation'); B.A., history, University of Toronto, 1972 ('honours history'); M.A., history (international relations), University of Toronto, 1973 (thesis: 'Anglo-Soviet relations, 1917-1934'); LL.B., University of Montréal, 1983; LL.M., University of Montréal, 1990 (thesis: 'Use of international human rights law before the Canadian courts'); LL.D., University of Montréal, 1992 (thesis: 'The abolition of the death penalty in international law').

Other courses, etc.: Bar admission school, Québec Bar, 1984; Course in International Humanitarian Law given by the Canadian Red Cross Society, Ottawa, August, 1991; Course in International Humanitarian Law given by the Graduate Institute for International Studies, Geneva, July, 1993; Internship at the European Commission of Human Rights, Strasbourg, June-July, 1994; Workshop on International Organization Studies, given by the Academic Council on the United Nations System and the American Society of International Law, Providence, Rhode Island, July 1994.

Employment:

Current: Professor of international law, Middlesex University, London (since 2010); Professor of international criminal law and human rights, Leiden University (since 2012); *emeritus* professor of human rights law, National University of Ireland Galway (since 2011); honorary chairman, Irish Centre for Human Rights (since 2011); distinguished visiting faculty, Paris School of International Affairs, Sciences Po, Paris (since 2011); *Professeur associé*, Département des sciences juridiques, Université du Québec à Montréal (since 2000); Visiting Fellow, Kellogg College, University of Oxford (since 2007); Visiting Fellow, Northumbria University (appointed 2015); 'door tenant', 9 Bedford Row, London (since 2007); lawyer and legal counsel in litigation before: International Court of Justice, Grand Chamber of the European Court of Human Rights, International Criminal Court, United Nations Human Rights Committee, Supreme Court of Canada, Inter-American Commission of Human Rights, etc. Expert witness before courts in Canada, United States, United Kingdom, International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia, Israel, Indonesia. *Amicus curiae* before the Special Court for Sierra Leone.

2014-15 Chairman, International commission of inquiry to investigate all violations of international humanitarian law and international human rights law in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem, particularly in the occupied Gaza Strip, in the context of the military operations conducted since 13 June 2014

2002-04 Member, Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Sierra Leone

- 2000-11** Professor of human rights law, National University of Ireland Galway
- 2000-01** Director, Irish Centre for Human Rights
- 1998-99** Senior fellow, Jennings Randolph Programme for International Peace, United States Institute of Peace, Washington
- 1996-2000** Assessor, Quebec Human Rights Tribunal
- 1995-96** Senior policy adviser, International Centre for Human Rights and Democratic Development, Montreal
- 1994-98** Chair, Département des sciences juridiques, Université du Québec à Montréal (1994-1998)
- 1991-96** Investigator, Quebec Human Rights Commission
- 1991-93** Associate chair, Module des sciences juridiques, Université du Québec à Montréal
- 1991-2001** Professor, Département des sciences juridiques, Université du Québec à Montréal (assistant professor 1991-1995, associate professor 1995-1997, full professor 1997-2001)
- 1985-2005** Member, Québec Bar
- 1983** Articling student, Guy & Gilbert, avocats, Montréal
- 1983-84** Teaching assistant, Faculty of Law, University of Montréal
- 1973-91** Freelance journalist, translator, speechwriter; Quebec correspondent for McGraw Hill World News Service (1981-1989); editor in chief, *Pulp and Paper Canada*, (1978-1980); associate editor, *Canadian Mining Journal* (1975-1978); editor, *Orchestra Canada/Orchestres Canada* (1973-1975); contributions to *Saturday Night*, *New Scientist*, *Harrowsmith*, *Globe and Mail*, etc.
- 1978** Lecturer, Vanier College, Montreal (history)
- 1973-74** Teaching assistant, Department of History, University of Toronto

Visiting or adjunct professor, lecturer: University of Montreal, Montreal, Canada (1991, 1998); Instructor, Canadian Foreign Service Institute, Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade, Ottawa (1991-2007); Professor of law, University of Montpellier I, Montpellier, France (1994, 1998); McGill University, Montreal, Canada (1995-1998), Université de Paris Ouest, Nanterre-La Défense (1996, 2010), International Institute of Human Rights, Strasbourg, France (1996, 1997, 1999, 2002, 2003, 2014, 2016); National University of Rwanda, Butare, Rwanda (1996-1999); University of Paris XI (2000); University of Paris II (Pantheon-Assas) (2001, 2003); University of Westminster, London (2002-2008); Dalhousie University, Halifax (2002, 'Bertha Wilson Lectureship in Human Rights'); University of Geneva, University Centre in International Humanitarian Law (2003-2005); EMA European Masters in Human Rights, Venice (2003-04); University of Amsterdam (2003-2005); EU Mediterranean Masters in Human Rights and Democratization (2004-2011); Honorary Professor, Institute of Law, Chinese Academy of Social Sciences, Beijing, China (2004-••••); Visiting professor, Faculty of Law, Harbin Institute of Technology, Harbin, China (2005-••••); Lecturer, Washington College of Law, American University, Washington, DC (2007); Guest Professor, College of Criminal Law Science, Beijing Normal University (2007-••••); Visiting professor, Queen's University, Belfast, School of Law (2007-2009); Professor ('Global Legal Scholar'), University of Warwick, School of Law (2007-2010); Visiting professor, Cardozo School of Law, Yeshiva University, New York City (2007-2008, 2010-2011); Visiting professor, LUISS Guido Carli University, Rome (2008); Visiting fellow, All Souls College, University of Oxford (2008); Visiting Professor, University of Geneva/Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies (2009-••••); Monash University School of Law, Melbourne (2011); Guest Professor, Wuhan University, China (2012-••••).