

In Memoriam Ian Brownlie

All practitioners of public international law have been immensely shocked by the news of the tragic death of Sir Ian Brownlie CBE QC, in a car accident in Egypt on 3 January 2010 – a death which, in the apt words of another great advocate and arbitrator Yves Fortier leaves “*a gigantic void*”.

Born in Liverpool in 1932, and educated at Hertford College and King’s College, Cambridge, Brownlie had a great academic career: he was, *inter alia*, the Oxford University’s Chichele Professor of Public International Law for some twenty years, a Member of the “Institut de Droit International” and of the U.N. International Law Commission, and the author of many text books and scientific publications. But he will particularly be remembered as “*one of the leading practitioners of his generation*” (as described by Maurice Mendelson QC) and a great international advocate who represented States with distinction before the International Court of Justice (ICJ) and other international tribunals, including ICSID and the European Court of Human Rights.

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