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It is always a privilege, if not a duty, for those of us in academia to honor our colleagues who have devoted their lives and careers to the advancement of the law, no matter what specific discipline or subject it may be. Professor Giuliana Ziccardi Capaldo has been a professor for 36 years and necessarily spent a few years studying law before that preparing for her entry in academia. A lifetime during which she has devoted her energies to teaching, writing, academic endeavors, and to encouraging graduate students close to her to pursue their graduate studies and their career ambitions. Like her, many in academia spend a lifetime doing precisely that, giving up the prospects of a professional career that may be more financially rewarding, but less service-oriented.

As anyone of us in academia knows, the rewards for our dedication to others are not material, instead they are moral satisfactions which come in at different times, but mostly in private ways. There are therefore few occasions where we can be publically honored and this is an occasion in which Professor Giuliana Ziccardi Capaldo is

honored with this Festschrift to which 29 contributions have been made by judges of international tribunals, academicians, and practitioners. The list of editors and contributors that appears at the beginning of this book describes the high qualifications of the distinguished contributors and editors to this project. They are all to be thanked for their scholarly contributions, which fall into four categories, namely: Normative and Procedural Aspects of International Law; International Judicial Institution; International Criminal Justice; Globalization, International Law and Policy. The last category is dedicated to the subject that is dearest to Professor Ziccardi's interests.

After becoming a full professor at the University of Salerno, faculty of law, where she has faithfully remained for the entirety of her career and where she has founded and directed the Ph.D. program in international law from 1995 to 2011, as well as founded and directed the Department of International Studies from 1991 to 1996, she has also taught a range of courses including public international law, international human rights law, international organizations, and Global law. It is in this respect that Professor Ziccardi has made the biggest contribution to international legal studies. In 2001, she founded the *Global Community: Yearbook of International Law and Jurisprudence*, originally published by Oceana Press, then Oxford University Press. She has edited 21 volumes, which for anyone who has undertaken an editorial task of this size will readily appreciate the effort that goes into it. The Yearbook has, since its founding, become the most important source of reference on global legal issues, which necessarily covers an enormous range of issues and more particularly developments before international tribunals. Less recently, she compiled a *Repertory of the Decisions of the International Court of Justice (1947-1992)* in 2 volumes published by Martinus Nijhoff in 1995. Her list of publications is attached to this volume and it would be redundant to repeat it here, but it should be noted that her many writings have not only covered a wide-range of subjects, but have also been reviewed in a highly favorable way by the most distinguished publicists, thus attesting to her scholarship and to her contribution to the general knowledge of international legal subjects.

On a personal note, it has been my privilege to have known Professor Giuliana Ziccardi Capaldo for many years and to have had several opportunities to work with her. My experience, as well as that of so many, has been marked by a deep appreciation for her commitment to her work, her human qualities, and her way of dealing with others. She has always placed her mission first, and she has always been most considerate to

others. Her courtesy and kindness will always be highly valued by her colleagues and students. If there is one last line to complete this less than adequate forward to the book, it is that our honored friend has always put service above herself, and her values above all else.

All of us who know her wish her well and many more years to continued contributions to international law and to the service of knowledge and the higher values of the law to better serve humankind.

M. Cherif Bassiouni
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