

Visiting Judge Lecture

## INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL COURT: AN INDISPENSABLE INSTRUMENT OF ACCOUNTABILITY FOR THE GRAVEST CRIMES

During part of the first state visit to Canada by the President of the International Criminal Court, the University of BC is pleased to host President Chile Eboe-Osuji for his presentation regarding the creation of the Court and its place in international justice. As a former Vancouver lawyer and now the chief justice of the ICC, Judge Eboe-Osuji occupies a unique perspective on Canada as a state party and its role for international justice.

### JUDGE CHILE EBOE-OSUJI

President of the International Criminal Court



Judge Chile Eboe-Osuji, President of the International Criminal Court, has served as Judge of the ICC since 11 March 2012, and he is the Court's President and Judge of the Appeals Division since 11 March 2018. Prior to joining the ICC, Judge Eboe-Osuji was the Legal Advisor to the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights, during which time he anchored the High Commissioner's interventions in cases involving human rights questions. In that capacity, he led the writing of amicus curiae submissions to

the European Court of Human Rights and the United States Supreme Court. He served as principal appeals counsel for the Prosecution in the Charles Taylor Case at the Special Court for Sierra Leone, and has held several posts at the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda, including Head of Chambers and Lead Prosecution Trial Counsel.

He was called to the Bar in Nigeria, Ontario and British Columbia; and practiced law as a barrister before trial courts in Nigeria and Canada; and conducted appeals before the Court of Appeal for Ontario (Canada) and the Supreme Court of Canada. Judge Eboe-Osuji taught international criminal law as adjunct professor at the Faculty of Law of the University of Ottawa, Canada, and has an extensive record of legal scholarship and publications, including the books titled *International Law and Sexual Violence in Armed Conflicts*, and *Protecting Humanity* (ed). He is the editor-in-chief of the Nigerian Yearbook of International Law. He served as legal expert to Nigeria's delegation to the ICC-ASP Special Working Group on the Definition of the Crime of Aggression.

He holds an LLB degree from the University of Calabar (Nigeria); an LLM from McGill University; a PhD from the University of Amsterdam (the Netherlands); and, a Doctor of University (honoris causa) from the University of Middlesex (England).

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