

The Honorable Charles N. Brower

Judge of the Iran-United States Claims Tribunal; Arbitrator at 20 Essex Street Chambers; Judge Ad Hoc of the Inter-American Court of Human Rights; Member of the Register of Experts of the United Nations Compensation Commission; former Partner at White and Case LLP (the Netherlands/USA/UK)



Judge Brower's 55-year career in the law has combined extensive practice at the bar with distinguished public service, both national and international, concentrating during 30 years in the fields of public international law and international dispute resolution.

Following eight years with the international law firm White & Case LLP in New York City (1961-69), acting both as a commercial trial and appellate attorney and as criminal defense counsel in prominent cases, Judge Brower resigned his partnership to serve for four years (1969-73) in the United States Department of State in Washington, DC, where as Acting Legal Adviser he was the chief lawyer of the Department and principal international lawyer for the United States Government. Thereafter, he rejoined White & Case LLP, co-founding its Washington, DC office, where his practice, originally concentrated in the litigation of administrative and public law cases, came to be comprised almost exclusively of substantial international arbitrations.

He has served continuously since 1983 as a Judge of the Iran-United States Claims Tribunal in The Hague, The Netherlands, where he sat full-time from 1984 to 1988. That service was interrupted for some months in 1987 by White House service as Deputy Special Counsellor to President Reagan. While continuing to serve in The Hague on a part-time basis, Judge Brower resumed partnership in White & Case LLP from 1988 until joining 20 Essex Street Chambers. As of 2014 he also serves as a Judge ad hoc at the International Court of Justice.

Judge Brower has served as Judge Ad Hoc of the Inter-American Court of Human Rights, as a member of the Register of Experts of the United Nations Compensation Commission in Geneva (UNCC), and as a member of the Panels of Conciliators and Arbitrators of the International Centre for Settlement of Investment Disputes (ICSID) (a member of the World Bank Group). He has represented various governments in proceedings before the International Court of Justice (World Court) and is a member of the panels of arbitrators of a number of arbitral institutions around the world. As counsel or arbitrator he has handled cases on all six continents, principally under the rules of the ICC, UNCITRAL, the LCIA, the AAA, the UNCC, ICSID, SCC, ARIAS and LMAA. These cases have involved a wide variety of commercial disputes as well as issues of public international law, particularly involving the oil and gas sector, major infrastructural projects, expropriations, and other investment disputes, including ones arising under both bilateral and multilateral investment treaties (such as NAFTA and the Energy Charter Treaty).