

Thomas J. Schoenbaum
Brief Biography

Thomas J. Schoenbaum holds a B.A. degree (summa cum laude) from St. Joseph's College (Indiana); a D.E.S.S. in Philosophy (Diplôme d'etudes supérieures spécialisées) from the Université Catholique de Louvain (Belgium); a J.D. (Juris Doctor) degree in law (with distinction) from the University of Michigan; and a Ph.D. in Philosophy from the University of Cambridge (U.K.). Date of Birth: Aug. 15, 1939. He is a US citizen and a permanent resident of Japan.

He is currently Research Professor of Law at the George Washington University School of Law and Fellow of the Center for Law, Economics and Finance, George Washington University. He also serves as Special Counsel (Gaikoku jimū Bengoshi) to the Noda General Law Offices, Nihonbashi, Tokyo.

Professor Schoenbaum formerly (2003-2010) was Professor of Graduate Studies at the International Christian University, Tokyo, Japan. From 1983 to 2003 he occupied the Dean Rusk Chair of International and Comparative Law and served as Executive Director of the Dean Rusk Center for International and Comparative Law, University of Georgia. From 1979 to 1983 he was Associate Dean and Founding Executive Director of the Admiralty Law Center, Tulane University. From 1968 to 1979 he was Professor of Law, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. He is currently Dean Rusk Professor of Law, Emeritus at the University of Georgia.

Areas of Specialization:

- (1) **Contracts and International Business Law.** He has taught first-year contracts for ten years; sales and the Uniform Commercial Code for five years; international business transactions and contracts, including the United Nations Convention on International Sales of Goods, for twenty years. He is the author of two very popular casebooks on international business transactions and international trade law that have revolutionized the teaching of international business law in American law schools.
- (2) **International Economic (Trade) Law.** He has experience teaching all aspects of the law relating to international economic relations, including the law of the World Trade Association, free trade agreements, US, EU and Japanese international trade laws, and customs law matters.
- (3) **European Union Law.** He has taught this interesting and vital topic for over 40 years in the United States, Japan and in the EU itself. Although he is an American, he was educated largely in Europe.
- (4) **Public International Law.** He is an experienced teacher of courses in this area, including international environmental law, international human rights law, international relations law and international organizations.
- (5) **Environmental Policy Law and International Environmental Law.** He has 30 years experience teaching these subjects and has published Casebooks in both subjects.
- (6) **Foreign and Comparative Law.** He has regularly taught courses in

European Union Law; comparative law; and Japanese Law.

- (7) **Admiralty and Maritime Law and Law of the Sea.** His book on Admiralty and Maritime Law is the treatise in this field most cited by the federal and state courts. The Supreme Court has cited his work numerous times; he was the main authority cited when the Supreme Court upheld the concept of superseding cause in the law of torts.

Professor Schoenbaum speaks several languages (French, German, Italian, Spanish) and has a reading knowledge of Latin and Classical Greek. He is a serious scholar of the classical Greek and Roman history and culture. He can teach courses on the law of ancient Greece and Rome and the History of Law in the Ancient World. He has taught the following subjects in the area of liberal arts and general education:

- (1) Ancient Greek history, language and culture (eight years)
- (2) The Roman Republic and the Roman Empire (eight years)
- (3) The Life and Poetry of Dante Alighieri (eight years)
- (4) International Relations (eight years)

Publications:

He is the author or coauthor of over 70 articles in leading law reviews as well as the following major books:

The Age of Austerity: The Global Economic Crisis and Returning to Economic Growth (Cheltenham, UK: Edward Elgar, 2012). Foreword by Pascal Lamy, Director General of the World Trade Organization in Geneva.

Peace in Northeast Asia: Resolving Japan's Territorial and Maritime Disputes (Edward Elgar 2008).

International Trade Law (Aspen Press, 2008); second edition, 2012. This is a comprehensive casebook on the law of international trade.

International Relations: The Path Not Taken (Cambridge University Press 2006).

International Business Transactions (Aspen Press, second edition 2010).

International Environmental Law (Lexis/Michie, 2006). A second edition is in preparation with Michael Young and Don Anton.

The World Trade Organization, Law, Practice, and Policy (Oxford University Press, 2d ed. 2006) (*generally considered the leading treatise on the law of the WTO*)

Admiralty and Maritime Law, Two Volumes (West, 5th ed. 2011) (*generally considered the leading treatise on US admiralty law*)

Environmental Policy Law (Foundation, 5th ed 2008).

Japanese International Trade and Investment Law (Univ. of Tokyo Press 1989).

Key Divergences Between English and American Law of Marine Insurance (Cornell Mar. Press 1999).

Waging Peace and War (Simon and Schuster 1987), a biography of the late U.S. Secretary of State, Dean Rusk.

Professor Schoenbaum's books have been widely and favorably reviewed in law reviews as well as in the TV and print media, including The New York Times Review of Books, Washington Post Book World, the Boston Globe, The Los Angeles Times, and The New Republic.

He has over 40 years experience teaching the entire range of US domestic public and private law subjects as well as International Law, European Union Law and Comparative Law.

His books and articles have been cited and relied upon by judges in court opinions over a thousand times, including a dozen times in the Supreme Court of the United States. In 2005 he received the Certificate of Merit from the American Society of International Law in recognition of his writings on international law.

Previous Experience

Professor Schoenbaum has received six Fulbright awards and has been a Visiting Professor at Milano Universita degli Studi and Milano Bocconi; the University of Liège (Belgium); the University of Cologne (Germany); the University of the Western Cape (South Africa); the University of Melbourne (Australia); Tokyo University (Japan); Yokohama National University (Japan); the University of Regensburg (Germany); Hokkaigakuen University (Japan); the holder of the Distinguished Chair of Comparative Law at the University of Innsbruck (Austria); and a research scholar at the Institute of State and Law in Moscow (Russia).

In the UK he has served as Professor of Law at the University of Warwick (1998-99); Principal Fellow and Associate Director of the Lauterpacht Research Centre of International and Comparative Law at the University of Cambridge (1994-98); and Visiting Fellow, Saint John's College (Oxford) and Visiting Distinguished Fellow, Queens' College, Cambridge.

He is the author of several non-fiction trade books: The New River Controversy (1979) and Islands, Capes, and Sounds (1982). The latter is still in print; a New Edition of the former book was published in 2007. In 2008 his book, "Keeping the Faith: Religion in an Age of Science", was published by McFarland Publishers.

Law Practice

Professor Schoenbaum has engaged in the practice of law for forty years specializing in international business transactions, environmental matters and maritime law. Important clients have included Calvin Klein, the State of North Carolina (New River litigation), the State of Alaska (Exxon Valdez litigation), the State of Louisiana (first-use tax litigation), the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan, PSE&G of New Jersey, Anne Cox Chambers and Cox Communications Company. He has served as counsel and a member of four law firms: Jenner and Block (Chicago); Smith, Patterson, and Harkavy (North Carolina); Jones, Walker,

Waechter, Poitevant, and Denegre (New Orleans); and Dow, Lohnes, and Albertson (Washington DC). He is currently involved in the litigation stemming from the BP Deepwater Horizon oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico in 2010.

He has litigated cases both at the trial and appellate levels in the state courts in which he is admitted to practice as well as in the US Federal Courts for the Fourth, Fifth, Seventh and Ninth Circuits, and the United States Supreme Court. He is a member of the bars of Georgia, Louisiana, North Carolina, and Illinois as well as Lincoln's Inn, London. He is a member of the Bar of the Supreme Court of the United States.

Member, Order of the Coif.

He is an elected member of the American Law Institute and a member and former Executive Board member of the American Society of International Law. He is a member of the American Bar Association, the American Society for International Law, and the Maritime Law Association of the United States. In 2012 he was elected to membership in the International Academy of Comparative Law in Paris.

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