

LESLIE C. GREEN, 1920 – 2011

Order of Canada, CM; Fellow of the Royal Society of Canada; LLD (London, UK), LLD (Hon. University of Alberta)

Leslie C. Green, a Member of the Order of Canada and a Fellow of the Royal Society of Canada, spent his life defending and advancing international law and developing humanitarian laws for the greater protection of human rights during armed conflict.

He was born in London, England, in 1920, and graduated in law (first class) from the University of London in 1941. He received an academic LL.D. from that University in 1976. He was awarded the Joseph Hume Scholarship in Jurisprudence and the Cecil Peace Prize. Other awards include the Grotius Medal of the Grotius Foundation in Munich, Germany, for services to international law; an honorary LL.D. from the University of Alberta; the Rector's Medal from the University of Helsinki, Finland, in 1994 and the John Read Medal in International Law from the Canadian Council on International Law in 1997.

From 1941-46 he served in the British Army, first as a Japanese translator and then as Deputy Military Prosecutor at GHQ, India, retiring in 1946 with the rank of Major. From 1946-60 he was Lecturer in law at the University of London and from 1960-65 was Professor of International Law at the University of Singapore, and also served a term as Dean of the Faculty of Law. He came to Canada in 1965 as Professor of Political Science at the University of Alberta, receiving the title of University Professor in 1969, and Honorary Professor of Law in 1985. He retired as University Professor Emeritus in 1991.

He consulted to various governments; was a Visiting Professor at Kyung Hee University, Seoul, Korea, and at the University Of Denver College Of Law; and from 1996-8 he was Stockton Professor of International Law at the US Naval War College, the first non-American to hold that Chair. In 2000 the College published a volume of essays, *International Law Across The Spectrum of Conflict*, in his honour.

From 1974-5 he was Academic in Residence at the Legal Department of the Canadian Department of External Affairs, Canada; from 1975-7 Legal Adviser to the Canadian delegation at the Diplomatic Conference on Humanitarian Law, Geneva, which produced the 1977 Protocols; from 1979-80 Academic in Residence at the Department of the Judge Advocate General, Ottawa, responsible for the first draft of a Canadian manual of War Law; and from 1989-95 was a Canadian member of the Committee of Experts on Naval Warfare responsible for the San Remo Manual.

In 2012 The Judge Advocate General Award was renamed the Leslie C. Green Award in his honour.

His major published works include: "*Superior Orders in National and International Law*", 1976; "*Essays on the Modern Law of War*", 2<sup>nd</sup> ed. 1998; "*The Contemporary Law of Armed Conflict*", 3<sup>rd</sup> ed. 2008, and the "*Canadian Manual of Armed Conflict Law*", 2000.