

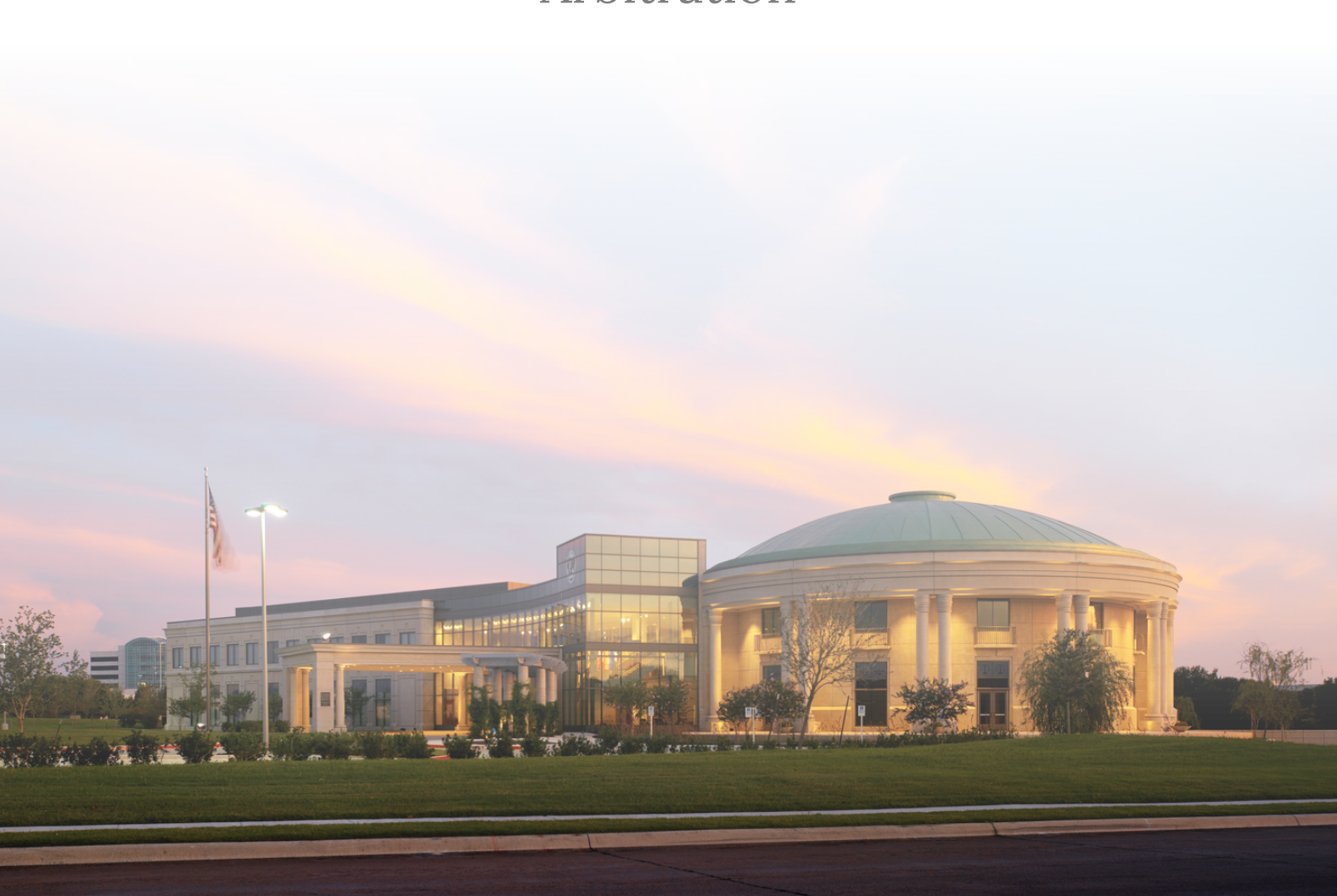
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by The Honorable Judge Charles N. Brower

Chair of the Board of Trustees Harriet Miers; President T. L. Cubbage; Ambassador Jordan; other Trustees and Officers of the Center; and all of the magnificent Staff of the Center, not a single one of whom has ever disappointed me in the three decades and more that I have been active in this organization:

I choose to express the gratitude and humility with which I receive and accept this award in the elegant terms in which George Washington wrote to “The Hebrew Congregations in the Cities of Philadelphia, New York, Charleston, and Richmond” when replying to their letter of December 19, 1790, congratulating him on his election as President:

[T]he repeated proofs which my fellow-citizens have given of their attachment to me, and approbation of my doings, from the purest source of temporal felicity.

The affectionate expressions of your address again excite my gratitude and receive my warmest acknowledgements.

And as my exertions have hitherto been amply rewarded by the approbation of my fellow-citizens, I shall endeavor to deserve a continuance of it by my future conduct.”<sup>1</sup>

I would like to recite a few words that always have guided me to this moment and that I believe also must resonate with all of you. The March 15, 1832, issue of

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<sup>1</sup> George Washington, *To the Hebrew Congregations of Philadelphia, New York, Charleston, and Richmond*, Dec. 13, 1790, <https://founders.archives.gov/documents/Washington/05-07-02-0036>.



Springfield, Illinois's "Sangamo Journal" carried a notice by a barely 23-year-old Abraham Lincoln announcing his candidacy for the State Legislature, in which he wrote the following:

Every man is said to have his peculiar ambition. Whether it be true or not, I can say for one that I have no other so great as that of being truly esteemed of my fellow men, by rendering myself worth of their esteem.<sup>2</sup>

The final word I leave with you is this. On Valentine's Day in 2011, I attended the noon service in the Anglican Cathedral in Christchurch, New Zealand. When walking around inside the cathedral following the service, I spotted on an engraved plaque this verse from the Bible, the Book of Micah, Chapter 6, Verse 8, which summarizes why all of us in the law do what we do:

And what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love mercy, and walk humbly with your God?<sup>3</sup>

Amen and thank you again.



**JUDGE CHARLES N. BROWER** is judge *ad hoc* of the International Court of Justice (the World Court). First appointed in 2014 he sits in three active cases (two by appointment of the US and one by Colombia. Judge Brower has been a Judge of the Iran-US Claims Tribunal continuously since 1983, and from 1999 to 2002 also sat as Judge *ad hoc* of the Inter-American Court of Human Rights (by appointment of Bolivia). Earlier he served (1969-1973) in the US Department of State successively as Assistant Legal Adviser for European Affairs, Deputy Legal Adviser and Acting Legal Adviser on international law to the US Government. In 1987 he took leave from the Iran-US Claims Tribunal to serve in the White House as sub-Cabinet-rank Deputy Special Counselor to the President of the US.

Judge Brower practiced with the law firm White & Case LLP for 30 years, and since 1980 principally as counsel and arbitrator in international arbitrations. Since 2001 he has been an Arbitrator Member of London's Twenty Essex (barristers) Chambers. In 2013 *The American Lawyer* named him "the reigning king of international arbitrators."

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<sup>2</sup> Abraham Lincoln, First Political Announcement, *Sangamo J.*, March 9, 1832, <http://www.abrahamlincolnonline.org/lincoln/speeches/1832.htm>.

<sup>3</sup> *Micah* 6:8.

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