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Visiting Fellow, IMO International Maritime Law Institute (IMLI), Malta

US Qualified (New York Bar, 1992); Arbitrator & Counsel

Listed in *Who's Who in Public International Law* (1st ed., Crestwall 2007)

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Law of the Sea Credentials

International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea (ITLOS)

– Counsel and Advocate for the Caribbean Regional Fisheries Mechanism, an intergovernmental organization comprising 17 Member States, in *Request for an advisory opinion submitted by the Sub-Regional Fisheries Commission* (Case 21, an UNCLOS matter) (Advisory Opinion of 2 April 2015)

International Court of Justice (ICJ)

– Served as a staff lawyer in the ICJ Registry in connection with the following cases involving border/boundary disputes between 1992 and 1994:

- (1) *Border and Transborder Armed Actions* (Nicaragua v. Honduras);
- (2) *Maritime Delimitation in the Area between Greenland and Jan Mayen* (Denmark v. Norway);
- (3) *Maritime Delimitation and Territorial Questions between Qatar and Bahrain*;
- (4) *Maritime Delimitation between Guinea-Bissau and Senegal* (Guinea-Bissau/Senegal); and
- (5) *Land, Island and Maritime Frontier Dispute* (El Salvador/Honduras; Nicaragua intervening).

– Assisted the Government of Benin in connection with map evidence in the case concerning the *Frontier Dispute* (Benin/Niger).

– Junior counsel to Keith Highet, Lead Counsel and Advocate for Cameroon in the case concerning the *Land and Maritime Boundary between Cameroon and Nigeria* (Cameroon v. Nigeria).

UNCLOS Annex VII Arbitration

– Advised the Minister of Petroleum and Energy of the Republic of Côte d’Ivoire in connection with the Gulf of Guinea maritime boundary delimitation case commenced by the Republic of Ghana in September 2014 (2014)

Other Related Advisory Work (selection)

– Advised the Ministry of Petroleum and Mineral Resources of a Middle Eastern country and its state-owned oil company in connection with various matters pertaining to the law of the sea.

– Advised the Ministry of Energy of an Asian country in connection with various matters pertaining to the law of the sea and disputed maritime boundaries.

– Advised the government of an African State regarding a lake border dispute.

– Advised a Latin American country in connection with various matters pertaining to the law of the sea and maritime boundaries.

– Advised a Latin American country on the regime of islands under the UN Convention on the Law of the Sea with particular reference to the application of provisional measures in maritime delimitation cases.

– Advised a Latin American country in connection with various matters pertaining to the law of the sea and the delimitation of maritime and inland waters.

– Advised a Pacific Island state on the delimitation of its maritime boundaries, particularly with reference to oil exploration concessions.

Relevant Publications (selection)

- Pieter H.F. Bekker et al., “International Boundary Disputes: An unfinished tale of Geology, Technology, Money, Law, History, Politics and Diplomacy,” *Paper prepared for presentation at the Offshore Technology Conference held in Houston, Texas, USA, May 5-8, 2014* (2014) (co-authored with Niels Andersen, David Bishopp, Toufic Nassif, Sune Nordentoft-Lauridsen and Robert van de Poll)

- Pieter H.F. Bekker, “The World Court Awards Sovereignty over Several Islands in the Caribbean Sea to Colombia and Fixes a Single Maritime Boundary between Colombia and Nicaragua,” *American Society of International Law Insights*, January 15, 2013

- Pieter H.F. Bekker, “Taking Stock Before ITLOS Takes Off: A Citation Analysis and Overview of the Maritime Delimitation Case Law,” *Proceedings of the Sixth Conference of the Advisory Board on the Law of the Sea (ABLOS)* (2010)

- Pieter H.F. Bekker & Ana Stanic, “The ICJ Awards Sovereignty over Four Caribbean Sea Islands to Honduras and Fixes a Single Maritime Boundary between Nicaragua and Honduras,” ASIL INSIGHTS, Oct. 17, 2007 (<http://www.asil.org/insights071017.cfm>)

- PIETER H.F. BEKKER, *WORLD COURT DECISIONS AT THE TURN OF THE MILLENNIUM (1997-2001)* (Martinus Nijhoff Publishers/Kluwer Law International, 2002)

- Pieter H.F. Bekker, “Maritime Boundary Disputes Risk Investment in Offshore Energy Projects,” 21 *NATURAL GAS & ELECTRICITY* 10 (2005)

- Pieter H.F. Bekker, “Land and Maritime Boundary Between Cameroon and Nigeria (Merits),” 97 *AMERICAN JOURNAL OF INTERNATIONAL LAW* 387 (2003)

- Pieter H.F. Bekker, “Land and Maritime Boundary between Cameroon and Nigeria (Jurisdiction),” 92 *AMERICAN JOURNAL OF INTERNATIONAL LAW* 751 (1998)

Relevant Lectures, Presentations & Speeches

1 November 2016: Presentation on “Predicting Africa’s Disputed Blue Boundaries Through a Law and Science Approach,” AFRICA UPSTREAM 2016 Conference, 23rd Africa Oil Week, Cape Town, South Africa

10-11 March 2016: Guest Lectures on “Maritime Boundary Delimitation” at the Short Course of the IMO’s International Maritime Law Institute (IMLI) in Malta (with Robert van de Poll)

Quoted in the July 12th-18th 2014 issue of *The Economist* regarding an inter-state law of the sea matter (p. 29)

May 7, 2014: Presentation on “Law of the Sea” as part of the Technical Program of the Offshore Technology Conference in Houston, Texas

October 27, 2010: Presentation on “Taking Stock Before ITLOS Takes Off: A Citation Analysis and Overview of the Maritime Delimitation Case Law” at the Sixth Conference of the Advisory Board on the Law of the Sea (ABLOS) in Monaco

April 22, 2010: Presentation on “The United States, the Law of the Sea Convention, and the Arctic” at the Spring Conference of the Association of International Petroleum Negotiators (AIPN)

April 21, 2010: Presentation on “Boundary Disputes in the Arctic” at the “Dispute Resolution in the International Oil & Gas Business” conference organized by the International Centre for Dispute Resolution (ICDR) and the Association of International Petroleum Negotiators (AIPN)

October 20-21, 2008, Rio de Janeiro: Presentation on “Boundary Disputes” at the “Dispute Resolution in the International Oil & Gas Business” conference organized by the International Centre for Dispute Resolution (ICDR) and the Association of International Petroleum Negotiators (AIPN)

February 27-28, 2007, London: Panelist at the “Unitisation and International Boundary Dispute Resolution” conference organized by IQPC (Day 1 & 2 closing panel)

June 20, 2006, London: Presentation on “Principles and trends in Continental Shelf delimitation” at the Advanced International Boundary Disputes in Oil and Gas conference organized by IQPC

June 8, 2005, Houston: Guest speech on “International Maritime Disputes: Hot Spots and Hot Topics” for the Association of International Petroleum Negotiators (AIPN)

February 4, 2005, New York City: Presentation on “International Maritime Disputes: Hot Spots and Hot Topics” at New York meeting of the Association of International Petroleum Negotiators (AIPN)

Annual lectures and presentations on the Law of the Sea and maritime boundary disputes at the Centre for Energy, Petroleum and Mineral Law and Policy, University of Dundee (UK).