

## Thomas Buergenthal

### Personal details

Position: former judge of the International Court of Justice

Born in 1934, Lubochna

### Career

Professor Buergenthal served as Lobingier Professor of Comparative Law & Jurisprudence at the George Washington University Law School from 1989 to 2000 and from 2010 to 2015.

He was the Dean of the Washington College of Law of the American University from 1980 to 1985, professor of international law at the SUNY/Buffalo Law School, and held endowed professorships at the University of Texas and Emory University Law Schools, where was the director of the Human Rights Program of the Carter Center.

Judge Buergenthal served as the American judge on the International Court of Justice (ICJ) from 2000 to 2010. Between 1979 and 1991, he was a judge and the president of the Costa Rica-based Inter-American Court of Human Rights. In the 1990s, he served on the UN Human Rights Committee and the UN Truth Commission for El Salvador. He was also the vice chairman of the Claims Resolution Tribunal for Dormant Accounts in Switzerland and a member of the Ethics Commission of the International Olympic Committee.

Buergenthal graduated from Bethany College, West Virginia. He received his Juris Doctor degree from the New York University Law School and his Master of Laws and Doctor of Juridical Science degrees from the Harvard Law School. He has received honorary degrees from various universities, including the University of Minnesota, American University, George Washington University, Free University of Brussels, University of Heidelberg, New York University, University of Göttingen, and Brandeis University.

Among his various prizes and awards are the Manley Hudson Award (ASIL);

Order of the International Olympic Committee;

International Justice Prize (Gruber Foundation);

Elie Wiesel Award (US Holocaust Memorial Museum), etc.

Buergenthal is the author of more than a dozen books and a large number of articles dealing with international law and human rights subjects. His memoir, "A Lucky Child" (2009), which describes his experience in various Nazi concentration camps, has been published in the US, UK, Germany, France, The Netherlands, Japan, China, Poland, Serbia, Indonesia, Poland, Czech Republic, Spain and Sweden