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Professor Cynthia C. Lichtenstein

Honoree, Symposium: Globalization & the Erosion of Sovereignty

Professor Cynthia C. Lichtenstein\(^1\) retired from active teaching at Boston College Law School in the spring of 2001. On November 2, 2001, the Boston College International & Comparative Law Review hosted the Symposium Globalization & the Erosion of Sovereignty\(^2\) in her honor, celebrating over thirty years of service to Boston College Law School, the Review, and the field of international law. The effects of globalization on such international issues as international monetary policy, the proliferation of treaties, and the role of *amicus curiae* was the focus of this Symposium. As Professor David Wirth explained, the Symposium

\(^1\) For a full biography of Professor Lichtenstein, see Boston College Law School Faculty, Cynthia C. Lichtenstein, at http://www.bc.edu/bc_org/avp/law/lwsch/fapages/licht.html (last visited Feb. 21, 2002).

\(^2\) The Law Review would like to thank Professor David Wirth, Mrs. Rosalind Kaplan, Mr. John Gordon, and Ms. Roseann M. Latore for their tireless efforts in making this event a great success.
helps answer "what do we want the world to be like in the future?"³ This issue of the Review includes articles authored by the guest speakers of this event.

Professor Lichtenstein graduated magna cum laude from Radcliffe College in 1955, and earned her J.D. magna cum laude from Yale University in 1959. She also holds a Master’s degree in Comparative Law from the University of Chicago. Prior to joining the ranks of academia, Professor Lichtenstein began her career by association with a major New York law firm where she specialized in international banking. She returned to the same firm in the 1980s, after her children were no longer at home, as a consultant in international financial services while continuing to teach full time at Boston College Law School, a combination then Dean Coquillette believed to be fruitful for all concerned.

In 1971, Professor Lichtenstein joined the faculty of Boston College Law School, where she was one of the first female professors. From the beginnings of her career, Professor Lichtenstein displayed a talent for scholarship in international law, concentrating on international banking and international transactions. "Cynthia Lichtenstein, as a scholar and teacher, [proved herself to be a] rarity in public international law: a gifted generalist who [is] equally adept in discussing human rights as trade; international affairs as international courts."⁴

It is this talent that fostered Professor Lichtenstein’s many contributions to international law, as she was elected the President of the American Branch of the International Law Association in 1986 (where she continues to serve as a member of the Executive Council), an officer of the American Society of International Law, the chair of the ILA’s International Securities Regulation Committee, and a member of the Board of Editors of the American Journal of International Law. Additionally, Professor Lichtenstein served as a guest scholar in the Legal Department of the International Monetary Fund in early 2000, and most recently was elected to the Board of Trustees of the Law School Admissions Council.

"Firm in her conviction that financial affairs are part of international affairs and that monetary law is a significant component of international law,"⁵ Professor Lichtenstein has been invited to lecture on international financial issues in cities around the world, including

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³ Vicki Sanders, Foreign Affairs, BC LAW MAG., Fall 2001, at 4, 4 (quoting David Wirth).
London, Sydney, Paris, and Buenos Aires. Throughout a career with publications too voluminous to list here to her credit, Professor Lichtenstein has had a “pioneering role as a woman in international law, making numerous significant contributions and reaching the highest levels of achievement in profession, both in the United States and abroad.”

Throughout all her notable accomplishments, Professor Lichtenstein has also maintained a commitment to Boston College Law School and her students. In fact, she was a strong motivating force behind the creation of the *Boston College International & Comparative Law Review* twenty-five years ago. As we celebrate our anniversary, it is our pleasure to join Boston College Law School and its distinguished faculty in honoring Cynthia Lichtenstein.

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