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**PERSONAL:**

Place of Birth: New York, New York  
Citizenship: United States

**EMPLOYMENT - LEGAL:**

Steven M. Schneebaum, P.C., Washington, D.C., since June 2014. Founder and principal.

Fox Rothschild, LLP, Washington, D.C., April 2012 - June 2014. Partner, Litigation Department and International Practice Group.

Greenberg Traurig, L.L.P., Washington, D.C., October 2004 - March 2012.  
Shareholder, Litigation Department. Member, Appellate and International Dispute Resolution Practice Groups. Pro Bono Shareholder, D.C. office.

Patton Boggs LLP, Washington, D.C., April 1978 through October 2004.  
Associate, 1978-83; Partner, 1983-2004. Member, Litigation Department.  
Chair, Library Committee (1986-96) and Pro Bono Committee (1983-2004).

General Counsel's Office, United States Information Agency Washington, D.C., 1976-78. Duties included: management of judicial and administrative litigation; personnel, procurement, and international law matters; and acting as "house counsel" to Agency elements. Top Secret security clearance.

**Primary areas of practice experience include:**

(1) civil litigation before federal and local trial courts (including jury trials) and administrative agencies (involving, among many other areas: contracts and commercial disputes, public and private international law, antitrust, constitutional law, confirmation of arbitral awards, defamation, attorney malpractice, judicial review of agency action, personnel matters);

- (2) public international law (representation of foreign sovereigns and parties opposing sovereigns, sovereign immunity, act of state, forum non conveniens, legal aspects of terrorism, refugee matters, international organizations);
- (3) arbitration before domestic and international tribunals;
- (4) appeals before federal and State courts (including over 50 oral arguments in 10 Circuit Courts of Appeals and appellate or supreme courts of seven States)
- (5) international trade issues (customs, trade legislation and litigation, GATT/World Trade Organization, foreign market development, antidumping, countervailing duties);
- (6) European Union law (completion of the internal market, impact of EU legislation on foreign companies, Common Agricultural Policy, EU corporate law, EU labor relations, Euro-lobbying), and comparative law;
- (7) negotiation of contracts, licenses, and international agreements;
- (8) pro bono activities (international human rights, various representation of needy individuals, protection of the elderly poor, civil rights, death sentence cases and appeals).

#### **EMPLOYMENT - TEACHING AND OTHER:**

Faculty of International Law and Comparative Legislation, Tashkent State University of Law, Tashkent, Uzbekistan, Visiting Professor of public international law, 2024-.

Paul H. Nitze School of Advanced International Studies, The Johns Hopkins University, Washington, D.C., 1990- : Practitioner-in-Residence and Interim Director of the International Law and Institutions Program (Department Chair), 2019-21. Professor of: international legal advocacy, 1990-2021; European Union law and institutions, 2000-07; U.S. constitutional law, 2008- ; introduction to international law, 2019-21; international human rights law clinic, 2019- .

School of Law, George Washington University, Washington, D.C.: Professorial Lecturer in the advanced course in international human rights law, GW/Oxford University Summer Program, 2010.

Cornell in Washington, Cornell University: Adjunct Associate Professor of International Law, 2002-04.

School of Law, George Washington University, Washington, D.C.: Professorial Lecturer in European Communities law, 1992-2000.

Washington School of Law, American University, Washington, D.C.: Professorial Lecturer in international advocacy, 1988-90.

Columbus School of Law, Catholic University of America, Washington, D.C.: Adjunct Lecturer in international trade law, 1979-83.

St. Stephen's School, Rome, Italy, 1970-74: Director of Studies (1973-74) and Administrative Aide to Headmaster (1972-74), with responsibility for academic program and budgetary planning. Director of Special Studies Program (educational exchanges and tours) (1973-74). Director of Admissions and College Counselor (1971-72). Teacher of philosophy, algebra, geometry, calculus, Italian history, and English as a foreign language (1970-74).

Freelance translation, Rome, Italy, 1971-74. Translator from Italian into English of speeches, articles, and two novels.

## **EDUCATION:**

George Washington University (Washington, D.C.), 1976-78.  
Master of Comparative Law (American Practice).

Oxford University (Oxford, England), 1974-76.

Bachelor of Arts in Jurisprudence, with First Class Honours, ranking 3rd or 4th of 250 students (Master of Arts, 2010).

First place (Oxford University Press Award), University jurisprudence final examination, 1976.

Winner, Tyndale Prize (Keble College moot court championship), 1975.

Lead counsel for Oxford moot court side against Cambridge, November 1975.

Runner-up, Oxford University moot court competition, 1975.

Winner, Philpotts-Shawcross Prize (Keble College essay competition), summer 1975.

Academy of International Law (The Hague, The Netherlands), public international law program, summers 1975 and 1976.

Università degli Studi di Roma (Rome, Italy), 1972-73.  
Enrolled in the Faculty of Philosophy.

Oberlin College (Oberlin, Ohio), 1969-70.

Master of Arts in Philosophy. Thesis title: "Irony and Modern Art."

Yale University (New Haven, Connecticut), 1965-69.

Bachelor of Arts, *magna cum laude*, with Special Honors in Philosophy.  
Secondary concentration in Mathematics.

## **PUBLICATIONS, CONFERENCES, APPOINTMENTS:**

A list of publications is attached.

Principal author or co-author of the 1982, 1983, 1996, 1997, 1998, 2002, 2009, and 2015 Philip C. Jessup International Law Moot Court Competition problems for the International Law Students Association.

Speaker at numerous conferences, classes, and seminars on public international law, international human rights, U.S. litigation strategies, international trade, European law, and other international legal topics.

Deputy Special Master, *Petties v. District of Columbia*, No. 95-0148 (PLF) (D.D.C.).

## **HONORS AND AWARDS:**

Tashkent State University of Law, Professor *Honoris Causa*, 2025.

International Law Students Association, Pamela Young Lifetime Achievement Award, 2018.

Johns Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies, establishment of the Steven M. Schneebaum Student International Law Society, 2017.

JurAlumni Award as Best Judge in the German National Rounds, Jessup Competition, 2016.

International Law Students Association, Pamela Young Award, 1993 and 2011.

International Law Students Association, establishment of the Steven M. Schneebaum Award for best National Administrator, Jessup Competition, 2009.

United States Army, Commander's Award for Public Service, 2009.

Catholic Community Services, Msgr. Geno Baroni Caritas Award, 2005.

John Carroll Society, Pro Bono Legal Service Award, 2003.

Legal Counsel for the Elderly, Silver Circle Award, 2001.

Legal Counsel for the Elderly, Pro Bono Award, 1987.

International Human Rights Law Group, Pro Bono Award, 1986.

District of Columbia Bar, Certificate of Appreciation for Pro Bono Service, 1985.

## **MEMBERSHIPS:**

**Current:**

District of Columbia Bar (since 1978).

Bars of the U.S. District Courts for the Districts of Columbia and Maryland (Trial Bar); the U.S. Courts of Appeals for the Second, Third, Fourth, Sixth, Seventh, Eighth, Ninth, Tenth, Eleventh, Federal, and D.C. Circuits; the U.S. Court of International Trade; the U.S. Court of Federal Claims; and the U.S. Supreme Court.

American Bar Association (since 1978) (Sections of Litigation and International Law and Practice).

American Bar Foundation (Fellow, since 2017).

American Branch, International Law Association (since 2006) (Executive Council, 2014-15; Board of Directors, 2015-22; Honorary Vice President, 2022- ; Committee on International Law in Domestic Courts, Co-Chair, 2021- ).

American Society of International Law (since 1975) (Board of Review and Development, 1987-92; Committee on the Annual Meeting, 1990 and 1999; Committee on the Honorary Member, 2000; International Refugee Law Interest Group (Co-Chair, 2014-17); Counsellor to the Society (2016-22; 2023- ); Patron (2017- ); Judicial Outreach Committee (2019- ); Emeritus Member (2025- ); Book Awards Committee (2025- ).

British-American Project (Fellow, since 1987) (U.S. Executive Committee, 2001-05; Chair, 2003-05); (Co-Chair, Annual Conference, 2002); (Advisory Board, 2016- ; Vice-Chair, 2022-23; Co-Chair, 2023- ).

Center for Justice and Accountability (Global Advisory Council, 2002-09, 2011- ).

Child Justice, Inc. (Board of Directors, 2019- ; Treasurer, 2019- ).

Council for Court Excellence (Board of Directors, 2004- ).

Human Rights Research League (Board of Directors, 2020- ).

International Law Students Association (Board of Directors, 1994-2003, 2004-10, 2011-18, 2019- ; founding Chair, 1994-2000; Treasurer, 2000-03, 2012-14; Chair, 2014-17 and 2023- ; Executive Committee, 2019- ).

Queens Public Library Foundation, Inc. (Board of Directors, 2023- ; Audit Committee, 2023); Treasurer (2025- ); Executive Committee, 2025- )

Yale Club of Washington (since 1980).

**Past:**

ABA Death Penalty Representation Project (Steering Committee, 2009-14; Chair, 2012-14).

Archdiocesan Legal Network (Advisory Board, 1989-2004; Vice Chair, 2000-01; Chair, 2001-03).

Beacon House Community Ministry, Inc. (Board of Directors, 2003-14; Treasurer, 2006-14).

Human Rights and Human Welfare (Editorial Advisory Board, 2002-05).

Institute of Linguists (London) (Associate member, qualified in Italian, 1973-75).

International Human Rights Law Group (Board of Directors, 1983-97; Chair, Litigation Committee, 1983-97; Secretary-Treasurer, 1990-96; Vice Chair for Programs, 1996-97).

Legal Counsel for the Elderly (Policy Board and Executive Committee, Volunteer Lawyers Panel, 1982-87; Vice Chair, 1984-86; Chair, 1987).

United States Army School of the Americas (Board of Visitors, 1996-2000; Member, Human Rights Committee, 1998-2000).

Western Hemisphere Institute for Security Cooperation (Board of Visitors, 2001-05; Vice-Chair, 2002; Chair, 2003-05; Member, Human Rights Working Group, 2001-05).

### **HOBBIES/INTERESTS/MISCELLANEOUS:**

Reading, travel, running, British crosswords, languages, grandchildren.

Contestant and semi-finalist, BBC-TV quiz show "Mastermind," Autumn, 1975.

### **LANGUAGES:**

Fluent Italian, very good French, good Spanish, some reading knowledge of German, Latin, Ancient and Modern Greek, Hebrew, Japanese.

### **PUBLICATIONS:**

"Sovereign Immunity: The End of Absolutism," 16 Indian Journal of International Law (New Delhi) 267-75 (1976).

"International Law as Guarantor of Judicially-Enforceable Rights: A Reply to Professor Oliver," 4 Houston Journal of International Law 65-79 (1981).

"Legal Rights of Refugees: Two Case Studies and Some Proposals for a Strategy," 3 Michigan Yearbook of International Legal Studies 373-98 (1982).

"Workers Have a Right to Know More. How Much More?" The New York Times, October 3, 1982, section 3, p. 2.

"The Enforceability of Customary Norms of Public International Law," 8 Brooklyn Journal of International Law 289-307 (1982), reprinted in A.D. Renteln & A. Dundes (eds.), *Folk Law: Essays in the Theory and Practice of Lex Non Scripta* (New York: Garland Publishing, 1994), vol. II, 983-1001.

- “The Company Law Harmonization Program of the European Community,” 14 Law and Policy in International Business 293-334 (1982), reprinted in B.S. Fisher & J. Turner (eds.), *Regulating the Multinational Enterprise* (New York: Praeger, 1983), 26-58.
- “Human Rights in the Federal Courts: A Review of Recent Cases,” 44 University of Pittsburgh Law Review 287-95 (1983).
- “The Enforceability of International Human Rights Norms in United States Courts: Recent Case Law Developments,” 31 Federal Bar News and Journal 194-97 (1984).
- “Are the U.S. Treasury’s Assets Control Regulations a Fair and Effective Tool of U.S. Foreign Policy? The Case of Cuba,” 1985 Proceedings of the American Society of International Law 169-89 (panelist).
- “The Analogies Being Drawn in Liberia” (with Jeffrey Whalen), Washington Times, June 25, 1986, p. 3D.
- “Products Liability in the European Community: What Does It Mean for U.S. Companies?” 44 Food Drug Cosmetic Law Journal 283-89 (1989).
- “The EC Single Market of 1992,” 17 Journal of the Japanese Institute of International Business Law 947, 1067 (1989) (translated into Japanese).
- “Freedom from Torture Is a Legal Right,” 76 ABA Journal 34 (1990).
- “International Observation of Elections,” 1990 Proceedings of the American Society of International Law 375-88 (moderator).
- Book Review (L. Henkin, *The Age of Rights and Constitutionalism, Democracy and Foreign Affairs*), 3 International Journal of Refugee Law 794-98 (1991).
- Book Review (B. Clubb, *U.S. Foreign Trade Law*), 25 George Washington Journal of International Law and Economics 257-62 (1991).
- “The Supreme Court Sanctions Transborder Kidnapping: Does International Law Still Matter?” 18 Brooklyn Journal of International Law 303-11 (1992).

- “‘Effective Competition’ and the Harmonized Tariff System” (with David G. Raboy, Ph.D.), 27 George Washington Journal of International Law and Economics 69-106 (1993).
- Book Review (G. Born and D. Westin, *Civil Litigation in United States Courts* (2d ed.)), 28 George Washington Journal of International Law and Economics 687-92 (1993).
- Book Review (H. Tolley, Jr., *The International Commission of Jurists: Global Advocates for Human Rights*), 89 American Journal of International Law 239-41 (1995).
- Book Review (A. Chayes and A.H. Chayes, *The New Sovereignty: Compliance with International Regulatory Agreements*), 29 George Washington Journal of International Law and Economics 619-40 (1997).
- “Human Rights in the United States Courts: The Role of Lawyers,” 55 Washington & Lee Law Review 737-56 (1998).
- “The International Law of Human Rights Since September 11, 2001,” #4 WHINSEC Occasional Papers Series 1-11 (2002).
- Book Review (D. Wippman (ed.), *International Law and Ethnic Conflict*), 4 Human Rights and Human Welfare 11-22 (2004); <http://www.du.edu/gsis/hrhw/volumes/2004/schneebaum-2004.pdf>.
- “How Steve Roach, of Stanardsville, Virginia, and Kingman Brewster, President of Yale University, Combined to Teach Me About the Meaning of Democracy,” 35 University of Toledo Law Review 641-53 (2004).
- “*The Paquete Habana* Sails On: International Law in U.S. Courts After *Sosa*,” 19 Emory International Law Review 81-104 (2005).
- “Did He Deserve the Death Penalty?” 28 Legal Times, No. 32 (August 8, 2005).
- “The Legal and Constitutional Foundations for the District of Columbia Judicial Branch,” 11 University of the District of Columbia Law Review 13-24 (2008).
- “*Ubi Jus, Ibi Remedium*,” 9 Human Rights and Human Welfare 103-116 (2009); <http://www.du.edu/korbel/hrhw/volumes/2009/schneebaum-2009.pdf>.



Book review (T.C. Peppers and L.T. Anderson, *Anatomy of an Execution: The Life and Death of Douglas Christopher Thomas*), 31 Justice System Journal 242-46 (2010).

Book note (Sir Fred Phillips, *The Death Penalty and Human Rights*), Human Rights and Human Welfare Newsletter (February, 2011); <http://www.du.edu/korbel/hrhw/booknotes/2011/schneebaum-2011.html>.

“What Is This Case Doing Here? Human Rights Litigation in the Courts of the United States,” 44 Case Western Reserve Journal of International Law 183-203 (2012).

“Reforming Legal Education: A Practitioner’s Perspective,” 6 The Protection Project Journal of Human Rights and Civil Society 1-12 (2013).

Introductory Note to *Kuric and Others v. Slovenia* (Eur. Ct. H.R.), 53 International Legal Materials 1073-75 (2014).

“Another Face of ‘American Exceptionalism’: Capital Punishment in the United States,” 1 The Law Review at Johns Hopkins, <https://www.jhlawreview.org/capital-punishment-steven-schneebau> (2020).

“What Does International Law Have to Say About Nuclear Weapons? And What Does This Have to Say About International Law?” 39 SAIS Review of International Affairs, No. 2, 149-58 (2020).

“Rights in Progress: How Georgia Is Implementing International Human Rights Law” (contributor and editor). Report of the 2019-20 SAIS International Human Rights Law Clinic (2020).

“Does International Law Effectively Protect the Right to Privacy? The Case of Uruguay” (contributor and editor). Report of the 2020-21 SAIS International Human Rights Law Clinic (2021).

“The Law and Human Trafficking in North Macedonia” (contributor and editor). Report of the 2021-22 SAIS International Human Rights Law Clinic (2022).

“Meeting the Moment: How Peru Is Adapting Its Legal Regime to the Influx of Venezuelan Migrants” (contributor and editor). Report of the 2022-23 SAIS International Human Rights Law Clinic (2023).

“Restitution, Reconciliation, and Reparations for Namibia: Does International Law Provide a Right to Restorative Justice?” (contributor and editor). Report of the 2023-24 SAIS International Human Rights Law Clinic (2024).

Book chapter, “Is a Refugee Who Is Called a Terrorist Still a Refugee? A Case Study,” in Tom Syring and Richard Falk (eds.), *War, Occupation and Refugees* (Taylor & Francis/Routledge, 2025, forthcoming).

“*O Tempora! O Mores!* A Commentary on the Maturation of International Law Since the Age of Alberico Gentili,” Texas National Security Review, Book Review Roundtable, 8-14 (April 28, 2025), <https://tnsr.org/roundtable/book-review-roundtable-claire-vergerios-war-states-and-the-international-order/>.

“The Goals of Legal Education: A U.S. Practitioner’s Perspective.” 12 BRICS Law Journal, 5-19 (2025).

“Is the Right to Water a Human Right? The Experience of Jordan” (contributor and editor). Report of the 2024-25 SAIS International Human Rights Law Clinic (2025).

#### **SPEECHES:**

Numerous speeches, lectures, and presentations on international law, human rights, and other topics, from 2001 to the present, as well as texts of the published articles listed above, may be found at: <http://smslawdc.com/experience/writings-speeches/>

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