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**Introduction:
The Inaugural Earl Snyder Lecture in International
Law
October 23, 1996**

ALFRED C. AMAN, JR.*

Today, we inaugurate the Earl Snyder Lecture in International Law at the Indiana University School of Law, Bloomington. This lecture will be given annually, usually at our Law School, by a member of the Cambridge Law faculty or by another prominent international law scholar or practitioner that the Dean of this law school and the director of the Cambridge Research Centre for International Law shall choose. From time to time, it is also intended that a member of our faculty at Indiana will give the Snyder Lecture in Cambridge.

This creative link between Cambridge University and the Indiana University School of Law follows on another generous and creative gift by Earl Snyder. For the past several years, we have had the opportunity to send one of our students to Cambridge to do research at the Cambridge Centre for International Law Research. The Snyder Scholarship is a coveted honor for our students, one which has enabled them to pursue more deeply their serious interests in international law.

We are very grateful, indeed, to Earl Snyder, for both of these gifts which make important opportunities available to our students and faculty, and our respective university communities.

Earl Snyder graduated from the Indiana University School of Law in 1947. He is the author of three books, several book reviews, and more than twenty articles on various legal topics including international law, foreign investment, trade, and real estate law. Mr. Snyder has taught at Indiana University, American University, Howard University School of Law, and the University of Maryland. He is a lifetime member of the American Society of International Law and a member of the District of Columbia, Indiana, and

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Supreme Court Bars. He is also a Barrister at Law at Gray's Inn in London. Mr. Snyder is currently the president of News Service Syndicate, located in Maryland and Washington, D.C. His company focuses on providing investment real estate counseling, appraisals, and financial consulting and planning.

Today's inaugural lecture will be presented by Professor Elihu Lauterpacht. Professor Lauterpacht is Honorary Professor of International Law at Cambridge. He is a Bencher of Gray's Inn and a Queen's Counsel. He was Director of the Research Centre for International Law from its establishment in 1983 until 1995. He is an active practitioner in the field of International Law and has appeared in many cases before the International Court of Justice and international arbitral tribunals. He is an ad hoc judge of the International Court of Justice appointed to sit in the pending case between Bosnia and Yugoslavia relating to genocide. He is President of the World Bank Administrative Tribunal. He is also currently sitting as Chairman of a dispute settlement panel between the United States and Canada under the North American Free Trade Agreement. He is a Member of the Institut de Droit International and has written widely on the subject. His books include *Aspects of the Administration of International Justice* (1991).

When I was invited to join the Indiana Law School as Dean in 1991, I was living in Cambridge for the academic year. Professor Lauterpacht very kindly invited me to participate in the seminar series offered at the Research Centre. The series added enormously to my opportunities for learning and exchange that year. It was also a great pleasure to meet Professor Lauterpacht and to see firsthand the wonderful work that he and his colleagues do. We are very grateful, indeed, to have these creative ties between the Centre and our Law School, and especially to celebrate them with such a distinguished inaugural lecturer and lecture.