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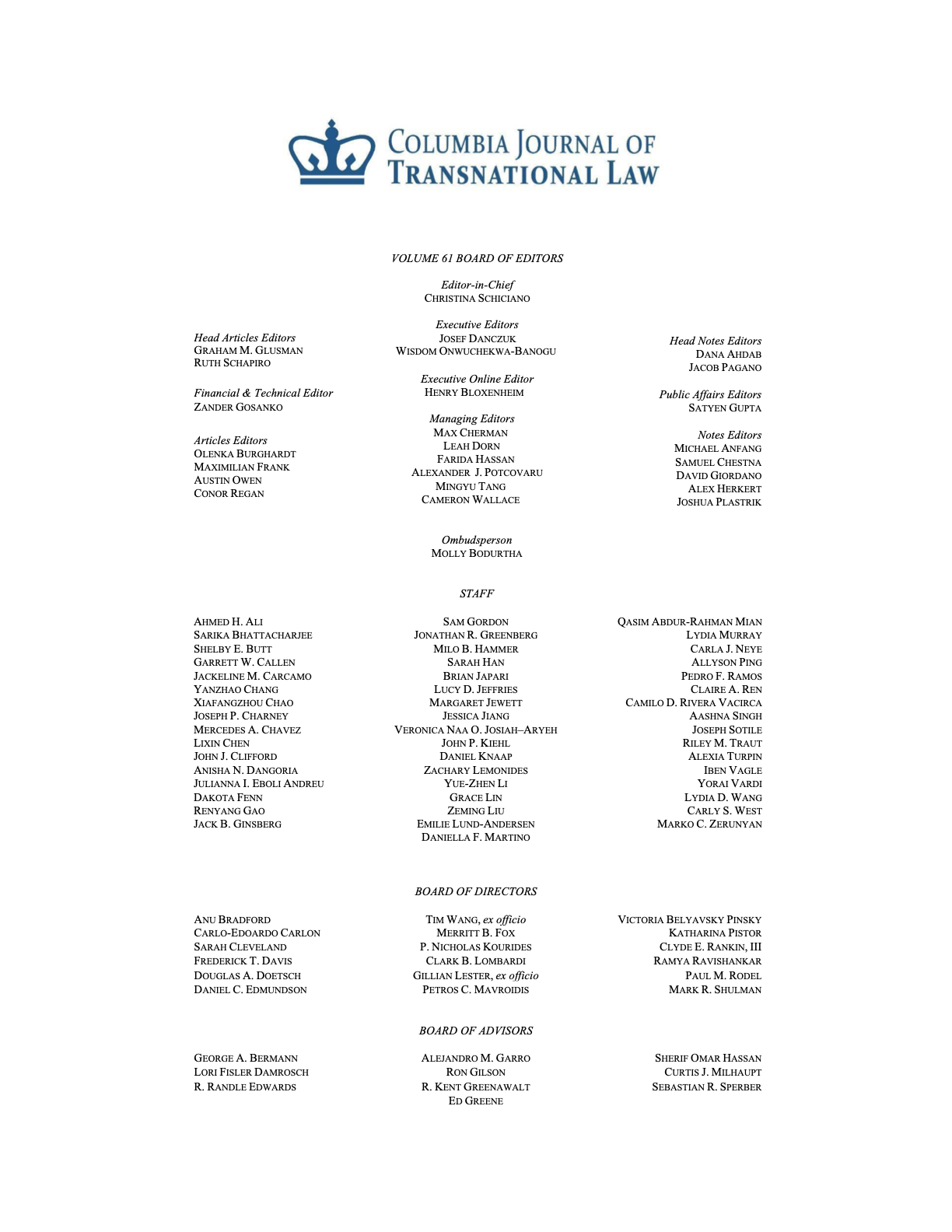
*Honoring*

**Judge Navi Pillay**

March 28th, 2023

The University Club of New York





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Fellow for Latin American Studies, *Council on Foreign Relations*

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Louis Henkin Professor of Human and Constitutional Rights

**ACCEPTANCE ADDRESS**

Judge Navi Pillay

2023 Wolfgang Friedmann Memorial Award Recipient

UN High Commissioner for Human Rights, 2008-2014

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2000: Hon. Gabrielle Kirk Mcdonald

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1991: Sen. Daniel Moynihan

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1986: Louis Henkin

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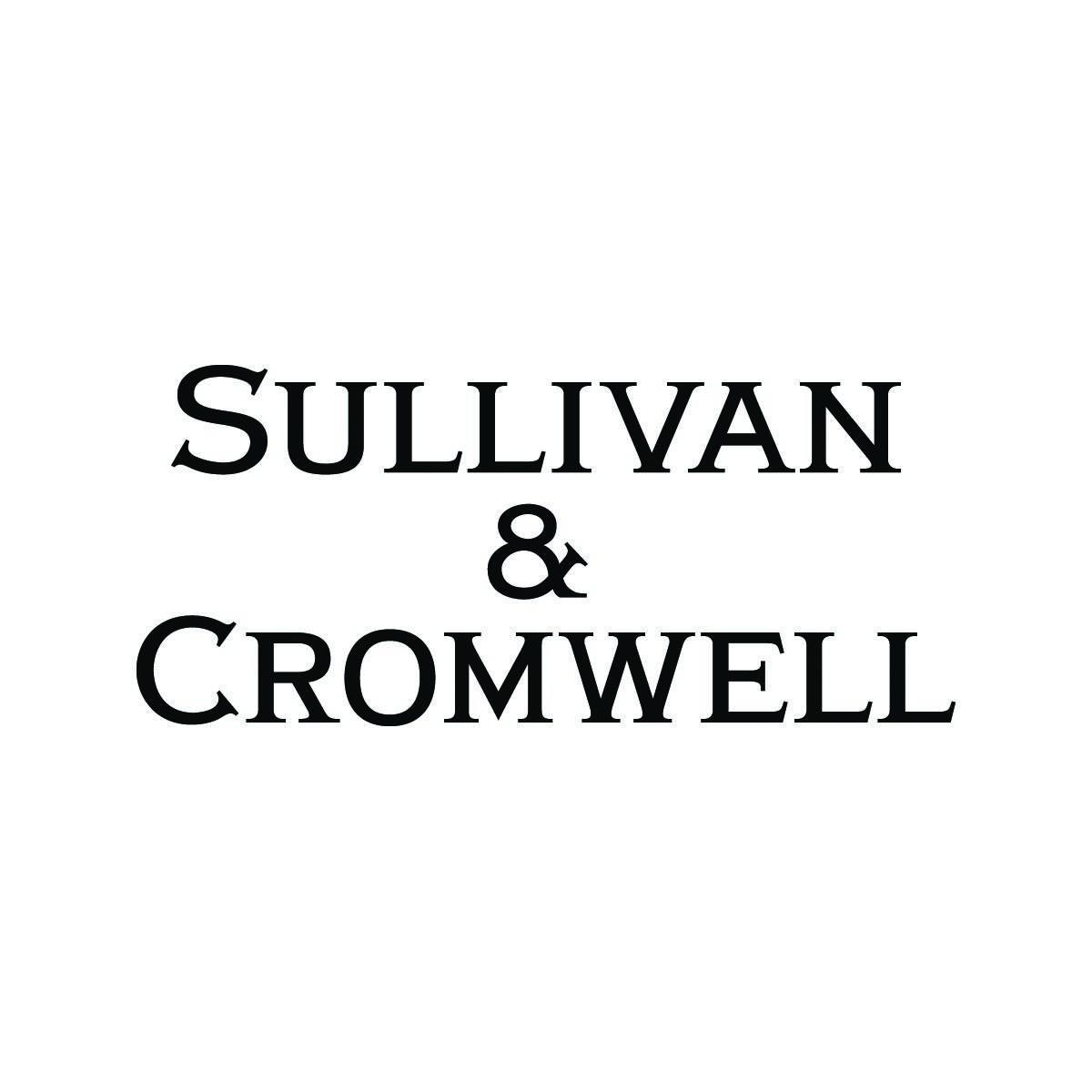


**49TH ANNIVERSARY RECIPIENT: Judge Navi Pillay **

As Former United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, Judge of the International Criminal Court, and President of the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda, Judge Navi Pillay is an internationally recognized leader in international law and human rights. During her time as High Commissioner from 2008-2014, Judge Pillay took critical steps to defend the rights of LGBTQ people and led the organization through the opening stages of the Syrian Civil War. As President of the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda (ICTR), she played an important role in the landmark trial of Jean-Paul Akayesu, establishing that sexual assault could constitute an act of genocide.

Judge Pillay, a South African national, was the first woman to start a law practice in her home province of Natal in 1967. Over the next few years, she acted as a defense attorney for anti-apartheid activists helping to establish key rights for prisoners on Robben Island. She also worked as a lecturer at the University of KwaZulu-Natal, and later was appointed Vice-President of the Council of the University of Durban Westville. In 1995, Judge Pillay was appointed as acting judge on the South African High Court, and in the same year was elected by the UN General Assembly to be a judge on the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda. In 2003, she was appointed as a judge on the International Criminal Court in the Hague, where she served on the Appeals until August 2008.

Throughout Judge Pillay’s career, she has addressed some of the most pressing international law issues of our time, spanning a remarkable geographic range. 



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