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Professor Martin Davies Receives Oxford's Prestigious Doctor of Civil Law Degree

Tulane Law School Professor Martin Davies, director of the school's Maritime Law Center, has been awarded a Doctor of Civil Law degree by Oxford University – a prestigious honour for scholars who have made a lasting impact in their field.

The Doctor of Civil Law degree is said to be a “higher doctorate” degree and at Oxford, “higher doctorates are earned awards of the university whose fundamental purpose is to recognise excellence in academic scholarship”.

Professor Davies received the award in a lavish ceremony on May 21 in England, where he was honoured with regalia.

Commented Tulane Law School dean David Meyer: “This is a richly-deserved recognition of Martin’s truly pre-eminent standing among scholars worldwide in the field of maritime law. We are enormously proud of Martin’s accomplishment and extraordinarily fortunate to count him as a colleague at Tulane Law School and to have him leading our Maritime Law Center.”

Oxford’s Doctor of Civil Law degree is awarded based upon a rigorous review by referees of 12 publications representing the scholar’s body of work and requires a determination that it meets exacting standards of excellence, including that it is “of the absolute highest quality”, “authoritative” and “of global reach and international importance in the field”.



Professor Martin Davies in Oxford to receive the Doctor of Civil Law degree

The degree is conferred rarely – the last time it was awarded within Professor Davies' college was in the 1960s.

Professor Davies is an international authority on admiralty law who has also taught in Australia – at the University of Melbourne, where he was the Harrison Moore Professor of Law – England, Singapore and Italy. He joined the Tulane Law School faculty in 2000 after a visiting appointment in 1999.

Professor Davies has authored almost a dozen books on maritime law, in multiple editions, and has written dozens of articles and essays contributing to the subject.

Additionally having been a professional actor, Professor Davies has worked as a consultant for maritime law firms for 30 years and currently serves on the editorial board of the *Lloyd's Maritime and Commercial Law Quarterly* and the *Melbourne Journal of International Law*.

Furthermore, he also teaches in the areas of the international sale of goods and torts and has written (or co-written) books in those and related fields. Professor Davies received the Felix Frankfurter Distinguished Teaching Award from the Tulane Law School graduating class in 2003 and 2011 and was chosen for a Tulane University President's Award for Excellence in Teaching in 2012.

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