



Special Adviser on War Crimes

Short bio. | Prof. Tim McCormack



Prof. Tim McCormack is Professor of International Law at the University of Tasmania and a Professorial Fellow of the Melbourne Law School. He is currently assisting the former Governor of Tasmania, Professor Kate Warner, to consult with Tasmania's Aboriginal People to map out a Pathway to Truth-Telling and a Treaty with the Tasmanian Government. He was the Foundation Australian Red Cross Professor of International Humanitarian Law at the Melbourne Law School (1996-2010) and the Foundation Director of the *Asia Pacific Centre for Military Law*, a collaborative initiative of the Melbourne Law and the Australian Department of Defence Legal Division (2001-2010). Prof. McCormack was awarded a Fulbright Senior Scholarship to take up the positions of Charles H. Stockton Distinguished Scholar-in-Residence at the US Naval War College in Newport, Rhode Island (2015-16) and the James Barr Ames Visiting Professor at Harvard Law School (2016).

He served as expert Law of War Adviser to the Defence Team for David Hicks for trial by US Military Commission, Guantanamo Bay (2004-07) and as *Amicus Curiae* on International Law matters for the trial of Slobodan Milošević by the UN International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia in The Hague (2002-2006). Prof. McCormack was a member of the Australian Government Delegation at the *Diplomatic Conference to negotiate the Rome Statute* (1998) and has served as the Special Adviser on War Crimes to the former Prosecutors of the International Criminal Court, Mr Ocampo (2010-2012) and Mrs Fatou Bensouda (2012-2021).

Prof. McCormack is the Editor-in-Chief of Brill Nijhoff's International Humanitarian Law Series and has published widely in the fields of International Humanitarian Law and the prosecution of war crimes.

His latest books include *Asia Pacific Perspectives on International Humanitarian Law* (Cambridge University Press 2019 – co-edited with Suzannah Linton and Sandesh Sivakumaran), *Australia's War Crimes Trials 1945-51* (Brill Nijhoff 2016 co-authored with Georgina Fitzpatrick and Narrelle Morris), and *Routledge Handbook of the Law of Armed Conflict* (Routledge 2016 – co-edited with Rain Liivoja).

