Licit and Illicit Financial Flows from Developing Countries; Are Lawyers Heroes or Villians?

OUR SPEAKER

Dr. Ngozi Okonjo-Iweala
Former Minister of Finance for the Federal Republic of Nigeria

Wednesday, September 30, 2015
4:30 PM
Fitts Auditorium | Golkin Hall
Reception to follow in the Haaga Lounge
Leon “Lee” Holt L’51 retired as vice chairman and chief administrative officer of Air Products and Chemicals Inc. in 1990. A member of the board of directors and chairman of the Air Products Foundation, Mr. Holt had been with Air Products for 33 years. Previously, he practiced law with the Wall Street firm of Mudge, Stern, Williams & Tucker and with American Oil Co.

Mr. Holt is a member of the advisory board of the Institute for Law and Economics at Penn Law School and served on the board of overseers for nearly a decade. He also serves on the board of trustees of the Committee for Economic Development. Among his community activities, Mr. Holt is a trustee of The Rider-Pool Foundation and the Holt Family Foundation, as well as a member of the board of trustees of the Allentown Art Museum, for which he served as president from 1988 to 1992. He is a former trustee and chair of the Dorothy Rider Pool Health Care Trust, and a former member of the board of trustees of the Pennsylvania Chapter of The Nature Conservancy. Mr. Holt earned a B.S. in materials science and engineering from Lehigh University in 1948.

June Weidner Holt was a founding member of the Society of the Arts of the Allentown Art Museum. She served on the boards of United Way, YWCA, Wiley House (now KidsPeace), Lehigh Valley Hospice, and Sacred Heart Hospital. She and Mr. Holt were active in the formation of Lehigh Valley Hospital. Mrs. Holt, who received her AB from Cornell University in 1947, worked for Western Electric, RCA Victor, and Cohn Hall Marx. The Holts have two children and five grandchildren.

Dr. Ngozi Okonjo-Iweala is the former Minister of Finance of Nigeria and Coordinating Minister for the Economy (August 2011 to May 2015). Prior to this, she was Managing Director of the World Bank (2007 to 2011). Dr. Okonjo-Iweala also held the positions of Finance Minister and Foreign Affairs Minister of Nigeria between 2003 and 2006. She is notable for being the first woman to hold either of these positions. As Finance Minister she was lauded for ridding Nigeria of $30 billion dollars of external debt with the Paris Club. Dr. Okonjo-Iweala is the recipient of numerous awards including honorary doctorates from some of the world’s most prestigious universities such as Yale, UPenn, Brown, Colby etc. In 2015, she was named one of the World’s 50 Greatest Leaders by Fortune. In 2014, TIME magazine named her one of the 100 most influential people in the world and Forbes has named her one of the 100 most powerful women in the world for 5 years consecutively since 2011 and one of the three most powerful women in Africa. She is chair and member of several boards and high level global development initiatives including the UN’s Post 2015 MDGs High Level Panel, the Post-Busan Global Partnership for Development Effectiveness, the Rockefeller Foundation, the ONE Foundation and The AU’s African Risk Capacity to name a few. She is also the author of several books and articles including Reforming the UnReformable: Lessons from Nigeria, recently released from the MIT Press. She was educated at Harvard University and holds a PhD from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.
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2014
Reflections on Policy and the Aftermath of the Financial Crisis
Lawrence H. Summers
Charles W. Eliot University Professor and President Emeritus, Harvard University

2013
The Extrajudicial Use of Drones: The Need for a Post-9/11 Legal Framework
The Honorable Jane Harman
President, Director, and CEO of the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars & former nine-term California Congresswoman

2012
The New Global Forces of the 21st Century
Stuart E. Eizenstat, Esquire
Partner at Covington & Burling LLP; Former U.S. Ambassador to the European Union

2011
Reflections on American Foreign Policy
Anne-Marie Slaughter
Bert G. Kerstetter ’66 University Professor of Politics and International Affairs, Princeton University; Director of Policy Planning, U.S. Department of State (2009–2011)

2008
The Recent Critiques of Free Trade: Why They Are Mistaken
Jagdish Bhagwati
University Professor, Columbia University; Senior Fellow, Council on Foreign Relations

2007
The Role of the Israeli Supreme Court in the Fight Against Terrorism
Justice Dorit Beinisch
President of the Supreme Court of Israel