

The Honorands of The 2004 Commencement

Richard Goldstone Doctor of Laws

Former South African Constitutional Court Justice Richard Goldstone is a champion of international justice and human rights, and is the world's first international war crimes prosecutor. He served as a justice of the South African Constitutional Court from 1994 to 2003. A longtime opponent of apartheid in South Africa, Justice Goldstone served from 1991 to 1994 as chair of the Commission of Inquiry Regarding the Prevention of Public Violence and Intimidation in South Africa, which became known as the Goldstone Commission. He served as the chief prosecutor of the United Nations International Criminal Tribunals for the former Yugoslavia and Rwanda, chaired a group of international experts that drafted a Declaration of Human Duties and Responsibilities for the director general of UNESCO, and chaired the international independent inquiry on Kosovo. In December 2001 he was appointed co-chair of the International Task Force on Terrorism established by the International Bar Association.

Goldstone received his law degree from the University of the Witwatersrand in Johannesburg, South Africa, in 1962. He is the author of *On Humanity*, a memoir of his efforts on behalf of human rights.