

Political Theatre or Justice in Saddam Hussein's Trial?

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David J. Scheffer, who served as the U.S. Ambassador at Large For War Crimes Issues (1997–2001) and led the U.S. delegation in U.N. talks establishing the International Criminal Court, joined Northwestern Law as a visiting clinical professor in fall 2005. Scheffer will also work with faculty and students in the Bluhm Legal Clinic's Center for International Human Rights. During his diplomatic career, Scheffer had responsibility for negotiating and coordinating U.S. support for the establishment and operation of international and hybrid criminal tribunals and U.S. responses to atrocities anywhere in the world. He also headed the Atrocities Prevention Inter-Agency Working Group. During the first term of the Clinton Administration, Scheffer served as senior adviser and counsel to Madeleine Albright, the U.S. Permanent Representative to the United Nations, and served on the Deputies Committee of the National Security Council (1993–96). He recently held visiting professorships at Georgetown University Law Center and George Washington University Law School and previously taught at Duke University School of Law and Columbia University School of International and Public Affairs. He has published extensively on international legal and political issues in books, law reviews, journals, and newspapers, and appeared regularly in the national and international media. He is a member of the New York and District of Columbia Bars, chairman of the Board of Directors of the International Law Students Association, and a member of the Executive Council of the American Society of International Law. Past appointments include senior fellow, U.S. Institute of Peace; senior vice president, U.N. Association of the U.S.A.; senior associate, Carnegie Endowment for International Peace; senior consultant, Committee on Foreign Affairs, U.S. House of Representatives; international affairs fellow, Council on Foreign Relations; associate, Coudert Brothers. Scheffer received a BA from the Honour School of Jurisprudence at Oxford University and an LLM from Georgetown University.

