

George H. Aldrich



George H. Aldrich was born on February 25, 1932 in St. Louis, Missouri. He grew up in South Bend, Indiana. He received a B.A. degree from DePauw University in 1954 and an LLB and LLM degrees from Harvard Law School in 1957 and 1958. From 1959 until 1981, he was a lawyer for the United States Government, working principally in the field of International law. He was Deputy Legal Adviser of the State Department from 1969 to 1977, Legal Adviser to Dr. Henry Kissinger for the Vietnam Peace Negotiations, Ambassador and Head of the U.S. delegation to the Geneva Conference that produced the 1977 Protocols to the Geneva Conventions on the Laws of War, Ambassador and Deputy Special Representative of the President for the United Nations Law of the Sea Conference from 1977 to 1981, a Member of the United Nations International Law Commission in 1981, and a Member of the Iran-United States Claims Tribunal since 1981. Judge Aldrich is the only original Member of the Tribunal who has remained for its entire duration. During his years with the Tribunal, he also was for seven years Professor of International Humanitarian Law at Leiden University and seven years a Member of the Eritrea-Ethiopia Claims Commission.