



INTERNATIONAL COMMISSION OF JURISTS

Commission internationale de juristes - Comisión Internacional de Juristas

" dedicated since 1952 to the primacy, coherence and implementation of international law and principles that advance human rights "

NETWORK ANNOUNCEMENT

29 April 2004

IMMEDIATE

ICJ President Chief Justice Arthur Chaskalson and Deputy Chief Justice Langa Honored With Prestigious Human Rights Award

Chief Justice Arthur Chaskalson, President of the International Commission of Jurists (ICJ), and Deputy Chief Justice Pius Langa of the South African Constitutional Court have won the 2004 Peter Gruber International Justice Prize for Advancing Equality and Human Rights, the ICJ announced today.

"We are delighted by this recognition given to the work of two outstanding proponents of the rule of law and human rights", said ICJ Secretary General Nicholas Howen.

Arthur Chaskalson and Pius Langa, two eminent jurists from South Africa have worked to redress their country's past decades of political, social and economic inequality. The two men have helped shape the Constitutional Court, established after South Africa's first democratic elections in 1994, into one of the world's pre-eminent courts.

The official citation reads: "With different life experiences and varied professional backgrounds Chief Justice Arthur Chaskalson and Deputy Chief Justice Pius Langa of the South African Constitutional Court have worked as an exemplary team at the head of an outstanding and innovative court, restraining arbitrary power and laying firm foundations for enduring justice and equality in the former citadel of racism and injustice".

The ICJ is an international non-governmental organisation comprising sixty of the world's most eminent jurists and has a worldwide network of national sections and affiliated organisations

81A, avenue de Châtelaine, P.O. Box 216, 1219 Châtelaine, Geneva, Switzerland
Tel: +41(0) 22 979 3800 – Fax: +41(0) 22 979 3801 – Website: <http://www.icj.org> - E-mail: info@icj.org