

The Board and staff of the Roth Institute were very saddened to learn of the unexpected death on 25 January of **Professor Sir Nigel Rodley**, who had been a member of the Board since it was established. Nigel was a towering figure in the world of international human rights, to which he devoted his professional life and for which he was respected across the world. His vision and tireless efforts were influential in the UN adopting the International Convention against Torture, and it was fitting that he later served as UN Special Rapporteur on Torture from 1993-2001. He helped establish the Human Rights Centre at the University of Essex, where for many years he held a chair in law. Most recently, he was the president of the International Commission of Jurists. In 1998 he was knighted by the Queen for services to human rights and international law. He was a Zionist since a young age, and came to Israel as a volunteer during the Six Day War. He remained devoted to Israel but was increasingly concerned at what he saw as the threat to civil rights in the country, and the anti-Arab rhetoric and policies of successive Israeli governments regarding the settlements. While a young legal adviser to Amnesty International, he got to know and respect Dr Stephen Roth, and he was a dedicated supporter of the Roth Institute, attending virtually all meetings of the Board and contributing keenly to its deliberations, despite his heavy commitments as a member of the UN Human Rights Committee (which he chaired in 2013-14).