

In memory of our loved Professor Nancy Schultz

The festive season 2023 was filled with moments of deep sadness mourning the passing of our loved mentor and friend, Professor Nancy Schultz.

Nancy was always very active and among many other projects strongly involved in the international law student competitions INC and ICCC. Both programs would not have achieved their worldwide impact in law student education and promoting practical skills training without the professional and untiring work of Professor Schultz. She left us way too early, but truly left this world a better place than she had found it. The impact of her work was tremendous. INC and ICCC will always remember her inspiring passion for legal education, her energy, and her powerful commitment, as well as the professionalism she dedicated to her work and projects. She was and will always remain an inspiring model to her fellows.

I was a young lawyer just at the beginning of my professional career when I met Nancy for the first time 2012 at the International Client Consultation Competition in Dublin that I have been invited to attend as an observer from Switzerland. Meeting and working with her was a gift. I will always remember the great spirit she shared with us to grow her vision across the globe. It was joined with warmly welcoming newcomers and her passion for her profession. Working with her was both contagious and inspiring. If one needed help, one could always ask Nancy. Her willingness to assist others was unlimited. Full of wisdom and experience, Nancy had so much to share indeed. But she did not ask for anything in return. Maybe she knew that the vision she seeded in all her work and projects one day would grow through all of us. When I met Nancy for the last time, this summer 2023 at the INC in Rome, her vision was strong like first time I met her, her dedication and laughter was still the same as always.

It was thanks to Nancy's inspiration, that Switzerland was proudly hosting the INC 2016 in Lucerne. We could not have achieved this milestone without the support of Professor Schultz and others. She was also very helpful, when the competitions grew in Europe and new member countries were about to join the program. Her door was always open, and everyone was welcome to join the fellowship. Whoever met Nancy as a stranger, left as a friend.

In the last decade, Nancy has deeply influenced my professional journey as a legal professional and a peacemaker and empowered me with the many gifts of wisdom and experience she shared with us. In every law student competition and throughout the year, Nancy was a mentor and coach to me and included me as a fellow in her international academic and practical skills community. She made everyone in the INC and ICCC feel like friends and family indeed. It was an honor to serve aside and with Professor Schultz. In discussions, she never made someone feel they were wrong, but in her answers, one could always find her words of wisdom and experience and eventually improve and benefit from her potential. Her training and coaching sessions were an inspiration, and her recommendations were sharp and to

the point. She was a challenging, but bright and inspirational mentor and coach and one could be sure, whoever worked with Nancy, always learned from her.

Where lawyers struggled to solve the real issues and to find equitable resolutions for the parties, Nancy was able to build a path that was meant to last and succeed. Whether in mediation, negotiation or client consultation, her course was powerful and inclusive. She could think with her heart and brought law to the next level. And yes, no doubt there would be so much more we could have learned from her.

INC and ICCC will not be the same without our companion Nancy. In these moments of great sadness, our thoughts are with her family. Nancy has gone but will forever remain in our memory. It is now on us to continue the work she has started. She got a great vision off the ground; it is now on us to keep her spirit and her inspiration alive. Indeed, there is much to do and to make this world more peaceful, to spread her name and to grow the fellowship of Nancy Schultz and the communities of INC and ICCC among the next generations. And by doing so, one will always remember what a wonderful person Nancy truly was.

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