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**Citation delivered by Professor Dan Hunter
Executive Dean, The Dickson Poon School of Law
King's College London**

Mark Ellis

May I present Mark Ellis...

This Fellowship is conferred on King's alumnus Dr Mark Ellis, in recognition of his outstanding professional achievements and contribution to international criminal law.

The field of international criminal law is one that embodies the very essence of our commitment to justice, human rights, and global peace. Mark has dedicated his life's work to upholding these principles and seeking accountability for those responsible for violating them in a world often marred by conflict and injustice.

Twice a Fulbright Scholar at the Economic Institute in Zagreb, Croatia, he earned his J.D. and B.S. (Economics) degrees from Florida State University and his PhD in Law from King's in 2010.

Mark is the Executive Director of the International Bar Association – the IBA. Before that, he led the American Bar Association's assistance programme to the former Eastern Europe after the fall of the Berlin Wall. It remains the most extensive international *pro bono* legal programme ever undertaken by the US legal community.

Since joining the IBA in 2000, Mark has contributed to advancing international justice and the rule of law in conflict-affected and fragile countries. He has served as Legal Advisor to the Independent International Commission on Kosovo and was appointed to advise on the creation of Serbia's War Crimes Tribunal. Mark was actively involved with the Iraqi High Tribunal and acted as legal consultant to the defense team at the Cambodian War Crimes Tribunal (ECCC). He presently advises the International Criminal Court on sanction issues. Mark envisioned and then launched the highly regarded Southern African Litigation Centre and the groundbreaking "eyeWitness to Atrocities" app, which captures photographic evidence of potential war crimes to be used in court. He is leading the IBA's major assistance programme in Ukraine and received the Order – Defender of the Ukrainian Bar in recognition of his work.

Mark has been recognised by numerous associations for his unwavering commitment to the cause of international justice. He received the American Bar Association's World Order Under Law Award. He was awarded the Degree of Doctors of Laws from The College of Law of England and Wales and has been

recognized by *The Lawyer* magazine as one of the UK's top human rights lawyers. He received the Kings International Impact Award in 2023.

A fearless exponent of human rights, Mark champions King's vision to make the world a better place and is an inspiration to our community. It is a pleasure to award Dr Mark Ellis with a Fellowship of King's College London.

Mr Large, by the power vested in you by the College Council, I request that you admit Mark Ellis to the Fellowship of the College.