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Prof. Gabrynowicz is Professor Emerita of space law, Director Emerita of the National Center for Remote Sensing, Air, and Space Law, Univ. of the Mississippi Law Center and the Editor-in-Chief Emerita, Journal of Space Law. She managed a faculty and staff off 6 - 8 people, 10 - 15 student workers, and a multi-million dollar budget.

Prof. Gabrynowicz has taught space law since 1987 and currently lectures at various universities including the University of Vienna, the Univ. of Warsaw, the Univ. of Copenhagen, and the Beijing Institute of Technology School of Law. She has lectured at the Harbin Institute of Technology School of Law, the China University of Political Science and Law, and the Beihang University (Beijing University of Aeronautics and Astronautics). In 2014 and 2015 she was invited by the Subcommittee on Space of the U.S. House Committee on Science, Space, and Technology to testify regarding the legality of asteroid mining and remote sensing law. She is currently a member of a Dept. of Interior Federal Advisory Committees and recently served on advisory committees for the National Academy of Science and the Commerce Dept.

Prof. Gabrynowicz briefed former U.S. Secretary of the Interior Gayle Norton as part of the Secretary's preparation for the Earth Observation Summit. Prof. Gabrynowicz briefed Frank A. Rose, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Space and Defense Policy, U.S. Department of State on legal aspects of orbital debris. She was the organizer and chair of the U.S. Federal Advisory Committee for the National Satellite Land Remote Sensing Data Archive.

Prof. Gabrynowicz was a founding faculty member of the Space Studies Department at the University of North Dakota, where she also served as its Director of Graduate Studies. From 1992-94, Prof. Gabrynowicz was a member of The Congress of the United States Office of Technology Assessment Earth Observations Advisory Panel. From 1994-96, she was a member of the National Research Council Committee that produced Bits of Power: Issues in Global Access to Scientific Data. In 1994-95, Prof. Gabrynowicz was awarded a NASA/American Society of Engineering Education Summer Faculty Fellowship from Goddard Space Flight Center where she also served as the 1997 Dean of the NASA Space Academy. Prof. Gabrynowicz has been invited by the U.S. Dept. of Commerce/NOAA, the U.S. National Research Council, the NASA Public Health Applications Program on Confidentiality and Geospatial Data, the Univ. of Cologne Institute of Air and Space Law to participate in a number of studies. Prof. Gabrynowicz was the managing attorney of a NYC law firm. She is a member of the American Bar Association Forum on Aviation and Space Law.

Prof. Gabrynowicz is a Director of the International Institute of Space Law (IISL) and is an official observer for the IISL to the UNCOPUOS Legal Subcommittee and has made a number of presentations to that group on space law issues. She was a member of the Advisory Board for the Permanent Court of Arbitration for the Draft Arbitration Rules on Disputes Relating to Outer Space Activities and has presented to the UN Institute for Disarmament Research. The UN Office of Outer Space Affairs (UNOOSA) invited Prof. Gabrynowicz to lecture on space law at all of its space law capacity building workshops for government officials and policymakers and she is the lead author for UNOOSA's remote sensing law curriculum. In 1999, the IISL invited Prof. Gabrynowicz to write and present the remote sensing law position paper at UNISPACE III. In 2001 she was awarded the Women in Aerospace Outstanding International Award. In 2011 she was awarded the IISL Distinguished Service Award. In 2014, Prof. Gabrynowicz received the China Institute of Space Law 1st International Service Award. In 2016, she was awarded the IISL Lifetime Achievement Award. In 2017, her work was recognized by the International Astronomical Union by naming an asteroid "(9002) Gabrynowicz"