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In the early 1990s Professor Taylor initiated the idea of a global treaty on tobacco with her colleague, the late Professor Ruth Roemer of the UCLA School of Public Health. Professor Taylor's idea of a framework convention on tobacco control, which she developed as part of her doctoral dissertation at Columbia University School of Law, became the basis of WHO's first treaty, the FCTC. Subsequently, Dr. Taylor became the senior legal adviser on the staff at WHO for the negotiation and the adoption of the FCTC, the first treaty negotiated at the World Health Organization.

Dr. Taylor has been legal consultant to The World Bank, the World Health Organization, the Organization of American States, the Pan American Health Organization, the Overseas Development Council, the Framework Convention Alliance, the National Campaign for Tobacco Free Kids, Realizing Rights: The Equitable Globalization Initiative and the International Union Against Cancer. Since 2008 she has worked as a senior legal adviser with the WHO Human Resources for Health Division for the negotiation of the WHO Code of Practice on International Recruitment of Health Personnel. In March 2009, she was appointed the Board of the International Union Against Cancer's Global Access to Pain Relief Initiative and represented the UICC at the United Nations Commission on Narcotic Drugs. Dr. Taylor also serves on the International Advisory Committee for the International Center for Human Rights and Drug Policy in London.

Dr. Taylor holds a J.D. from the University of California at Berkeley (Boalt Hall) School of Law and a masters and a doctorate in international law from Columbia University School of Law where she was a Ford Foundation Fellow in public international law. She has written extensively on global health law and policy concerns, including global tobacco control, the International Health Regulations, global access to pain medication, women's health, biotechnology, health and human rights, international health security, and communicable disease control. From 2000 to 2004 she was the Chair of the International Health Law Interest Group of the American Society of International Law.