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## **PARTIAL REPLACEMENT OF THE MEMBERS OF THE COURT OF JUSTICE AND ENTRY INTO OFFICE OF NEW MEMBERS OF THE COURT OF FIRST INSTANCE AND OF THE CIVIL SERVICE TRIBUNAL**

*Formal sitting of 6 October 2009*

By decisions of 25 February 2009 and 25 March 2009, the representatives of the Governments of the Member States renewed, for the period from 7 October 2009 to 6 October 2015, the terms of office as Judges at the Court of Justice of Mr Vassilios Skouris, Mr Allan Rosas, Mr Koen Lenaerts, Mr Marko Ilešič, Mr Aindrias Ó Caoimh, Ms Rosario Silva de Lapuerta, Mr Endre Juhász, Mr Uno Lõhmus, Mr Lars Bay Larsen, Ms Camelia Toader and Mr Jean-Jacques Kasel.

By decisions of 25 February 2009 and 8 July 2009, Mr Marek Safjan and Mr Daniel Šváby were appointed as Judges at the Court of Justice for the period from 7 October 2009 to 6 October 2015, respectively replacing Mr Jerzy Makarczyk and Mr Jan Klučka, while Ms Maria Berger was appointed as a Judge at the Court of Justice for the period from 7 October 2009 to 6 October 2012, replacing Mr Peter Jann.

By decision of 25 February 2009, the representatives of the Governments of the Member States renewed, for the period from 7 October 2009 to 6 October 2015, the terms of office as Advocate General at the Court of Justice of Ms Eleanor Sharpston, Mrs Juliane Kokott and Mr Dámaso Ruiz-Jarabo Colomer. By the same decision, Mr Niilo Jääskinen was appointed as Advocate General at the Court of Justice for the period from 7 October 2009 to 6 October 2015, replacing Mr Luís Miguel Poiares Pessoa Maduro.

By decisions of 25 February 2009 and 8 July 2009, Mr Heikki Kanninen was appointed as Judge at the Court of First Instance for the period from 1 September 2009 to 31 August 2010, following the resignation of Ms Virpi Tiili, and Mr Juraj Schwarcz was appointed as Judge at the Court of First Instance for the period from 7 October 2009 to 31 August 2010, following the resignation of Mr Daniel Šváby.

By decision of 9 June 2009, Ms Maria Isabel Rofes i Pujol was appointed as Judge at the European Union Civil Service Tribunal for the period from 1 September 2009 to 31 August 2015, following the resignation of Mr Heikki Kanninen.

A formal sitting of the Court of Justice has been held today on the occasion of the departure from office of Mr Peter Jann, Mr Luís Miguel Poiares Pessoa Maduro, Mr Jerzy Makarczyk, Mr Jan Klučka and Ms Virpi Tiili and of the taking of the oath and entry into office of the new members of the institution.

### **Maria Berger**

Born 1956; studied law and economics (1975-79), Doctor of Law; Assistant Lecturer and Lecturer at the Institute of Public Law and Political Sciences of the University of Innsbruck (1979-84); employed at the Federal Ministry for Science and Research, ultimately Deputy Head of Unit (1984-

88); Federal President of the Young Social Democrats (1984-87); official responsible for questions relating to the European Union at the Federal Chancellery (1988-89); Head of the European Integration Section of the Federal Chancellery (preparation for Austria's accession to the European Union) (1989-92); Director at the EFTA Surveillance Authority, in Geneva and Brussels (1993-94); Vice-President of Danube University, Krems (1995-96); Member of the European Parliament (November 1996 to January 2007 and December 2008 to July 2009) and Delegation Chairwoman (July 2004 to January 2007 and December 2008 to July 2009); Coordinator of the Party of European Socialists in the Committee on Legal Affairs (July 2004 to January 2007); substitute member of the European Convention on the Future of Europe (February 2002 to July 2003); Deputy Chairwoman of the group of social-democrat members of the two chambers of the Austrian Parliament and the European Parliament (July 2004 to January 2007 and December 2008 to July 2009); councillor of the municipality of Perg (September 1997 to September 2009); Federal Minister of Justice (January 2007 to December 2008); Judge at the Court of Justice since 7 October 2009.

### **Marek Safjan**

Born 1949; Doctor of Law (University of Warsaw, 1980); habilitated doctor in legal science (University of Warsaw, 1990); Professor of Law (1998-2009); Director of the Civil Law Institute of the University of Warsaw (1992-96); Vice-Rector of the University of Warsaw (1994-97); Secretary-General of the Polish Section of the Henri Capitant Association of Friends of French Legal Culture (1994-98); Polish representative on the Bioethics Committee of the Council of Europe (1991-97); Chairman of the Scientific Council of the Institute of Justice (1998); Judge (1997-98), then President (1998-2006), of the Constitutional Court; member of the International Academy of Comparative Law (since 1994), member of the International Association of Law, Ethics and Science (since 1995), member of the Helsinki Committee in Poland; member of the Polish Academy of Arts and Sciences; Pro Merito Medal conferred by the Secretary-General of the Council of Europe (2007); author of a very large number of publications in the fields of civil law, medical law and European law; Judge at the Court of Justice since 7 October 2009.

### **Daniel Šváby**

Born 1951; Doctor of Laws (University of Bratislava); Judge at District Court, Bratislava; Judge, Appeal Court, responsible for civil law cases, and Vice-President, Appeal Court, Bratislava; member of the civil and family law section at the Ministry of Justice Law Institute; acting Judge responsible for commercial law cases at the Supreme Court; Member of the European Commission of Human Rights (Strasbourg); Judge at the Constitutional Court (2000-04); Judge at the Court of First Instance from 12 May 2004 to 6 October 2009; Judge at the Court of Justice since 7 October 2009.

### **Niilo Jääskinen**

Born 1958; law degree (1980), postgraduate law degree (1982), doctorate (2008) at the University of Helsinki; Lecturer at the University of Helsinki (1980-86); Legal Secretary and acting Judge at the District Court, Rovaniemi (1983-84); Legal Adviser (1987-89), and subsequently head of the European Law Section (1990-95), at the Ministry of Justice; Legal Adviser at the Ministry for Foreign Affairs (1989-1990); Adviser, and Clerk for European affairs, of the Grand Committee of the Finnish Parliament (1995-2000); acting Judge (July 2000 to December 2002), then Judge (January 2003 to September 2009), at the Supreme Administrative Court; responsible for legal and institutional questions during the negotiations for the accession of the Republic of Finland to the European Union; Advocate General at the Court of Justice since 7 October 2009.

## **Heikki Kanninen**

Born 1952; graduate of the Helsinki School of Economics and of the Faculty of Law of the University of Helsinki; Legal Secretary at the Supreme Administrative Court of Finland; General Secretary to the Committee for Reform of Legal Protection in Public Administration; Principal Administrator at the Supreme Administrative Court; General Secretary to the Committee for Reform of Administrative Litigation, Counsellor in the Legislative Drafting Department of the Ministry of Justice; Assistant Registrar at the EFTA Court; Legal Secretary at the Court of Justice of the European Communities; Judge at the Supreme Administrative Court (1998-2005); Member of the Asylum Appeal Board; Vice-Chairman of the Committee on the Development of the Finnish Courts; Judge at the Civil Service Tribunal from 6 October 2005 to 6 October 2009; Judge at the Court of First Instance since 7 October 2009.

## **Juraj Schwarcz**

Born 1952; Doctor of Law (Comenius University, Bratislava, 1979); company lawyer (1975-90); Registrar responsible for the commercial register at the City Court, Košice (1991); Judge at the City Court, Košice (January to October 1992); Judge and President of Chamber at the Regional Court, Košice (November 1992 to 2009); temporary Judge at the Supreme Court of the Slovak Republic, Commercial Law Division (October 2004 to September 2005); Head of the Commercial Law Division at the Regional Court, Košice (October 2005 to September 2009); external member of the Commercial and Business Law Department at Pavol Josef Šafárik University, Košice (1997-2009); external member of the teaching staff of the Judicial Academy (2005-09); Judge at the Court of First Instance since 7 October 2009.

## **Maria Isabel Rofes i Pujol**

Born 1956; study of law (law degree, University of Barcelona, 1981); specialisation in international trade (Mexico, 1983); study of European integration (Barcelona Chamber of Commerce, 1985) and of Community law (School of Public Administration, Catalonia, 1986); official of the Government of Catalonia (member of the Legal Service of the Ministry for Industry and Energy, April 1984 to August 1986); member of the Barcelona Bar (1985-87); Administrator, then Principal Administrator, in the Research and Documentation Division of the Court of Justice of the European Communities (1986-94); Legal Secretary at the Court of Justice (Chamber of Advocate General Ruiz-Jarabo Colomer, January 1995 to April 2004; Chamber of Judge Lõhmus, May 2004 to August 2009); Lecturer on Community cases, Faculty of Law, Autonomous University of Barcelona (1993-2000); numerous publications and courses on European social law; Member of the Board of Appeal of the Community Plant Variety Office (2006-09); Judge at the Civil Service Tribunal since 7 October 2009.

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