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Formal sitting of the Court of Justice

Entry into office of new Judges at the General Court of the European Union and the European Union Civil Service Tribunal

By decision of 23 March 2016, the representatives of the Governments of the Member States have appointed Mr Zoltán Csehi, Mr Constantinos Iliopoulos, Ms Anna Marcoulli, Ms Nina Pótorak and Mr Dean Spielmann as Judges at the General Court of the European Union for the period from 13 April 2016 to 31 August 2016. Mr Leopoldo Calvo-Sotelo Ibáñez-Martín and Mr Virgilijus Valančius have been appointed as Judges at the General Court for the period from 13 April 2016 to 31 August 2019.

These appointments mark the first stage of implementation of the reform of the judicial structure of the Court of Justice of the European Union, which will see an increase in the number of Judges of the General Court and a change in the structure of the institution with the transfer to the General Court of jurisdiction at first instance in European civil service disputes and the dissolution of the European Union Civil Service Tribunal.

In addition, by its decision of 22 March 2016, the Council of the European Union has appointed Mr Alexander Kornezov and Mr João Sant'Anna as Judges at the European Union Civil Service Tribunal for the period from 13 April 2016 to the date on which jurisdiction is transferred from that tribunal to the General Court.

A formal sitting of the Court of Justice will take place on 13 April 2016 on the occasion of the taking of the oath and the entry into office of the new Judges.

The ceremony will be streamed live on 13 April 2016 from 17.30 on the following website: <http://conference.connectedviews.com/Live.aspx?i=cdj>.

Curricula vitae of the new Judges

Constantinos Iliopoulos

Born 1948; graduated in law from the University of Athens (1971); degree in economics (postgraduate studies) from the Athens University of Economics and Business (1974); admitted to the Athens Bar (1973); Doctor of Law, University of Hamburg (1984); lawyer (1973-2016); Professor of International and European Economic Law (2007-15) and Professor in the 'Master in International and European Energy Law' programme (2015-16) of the Faculty of Law, University of Thrace; Assistant lecturer (1980-84), lecturer (1992-2006) and Visiting Professor (2015) at the Faculty of Law, University of Hamburg; member of the Hellenic Competition Commission (1992-2006); Legal adviser to the Minister for Economic Development and Energy (2007-09); Legal adviser appointed by the Government of the Republic of Cyprus (2002-03); member of the Board of the Centre of International and European Economic Law, Thessaloniki (2005-11); Treasurer (1987-2000) and Secretary-General (2000-16) of the Greek Association for European Law;

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founding member and Secretary-General of the Greek Association for Energy Law (2012-16); Vice-President of the Greek-German Lawyers Association (Hamburg) (1987-2016); Secretary-General of the Greek-German Lawyers Association (Athens) (1990-2016); author of numerous publications; Judge at the General Court since 13 April 2016.

Leopoldo Calvo-Sotelo Ibáñez-Martín

Born 1957; graduated in law from the Complutense University of Madrid (1979) and Master of Arts, Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy, Tufts University (United States) (1985); Professor of Law at the CEU San Pablo University (1985-93); Legal Adviser, Council of State (1983-96); Secretary-General of the Centre for Advanced Study in the Social Sciences, Juan March Foundation (1991-96); Deputy Secretary, Ministry of the Interior (1996-2001); general counsel (2001-03); lawyer (2004-05); Director of Master in International Relations and Professor of Law at the Instituto de Empresa (2007-13); Senior Legal Adviser, Council of State (2005-16); Judge at the General Court since 13 April 2016.

Dean Spielmann

Born 1962; Bachelor's degree in law from the Catholic University of Louvain (1988) and Master of Laws, University of Cambridge (1990); research assistant at the Catholic University of Louvain (1991-97); lawyer at the Luxembourg Bar (1989-2004); member of the human rights and criminal law committees of the Council of Bars and Law Societies of Europe (CCBE) (2002-04); member of the EU Network of Independent Experts on Fundamental Rights (2002-04); member of the Advisory Commission on Human Rights, Luxembourg (2000-04); Judge (2004-15), Section President (2011-12), Vice-President (2012), then President (2012-15), of the European Court of Human Rights; associate lecturer at the University of Luxembourg (1996-2006); lecturer at the University of Nancy 2 (1997-2009); member of the Grand-Ducal Institute, Moral and Political Science Section (since 2002); Honorary Fellow, Fitzwilliam College, University of Cambridge (since 2013); Honorary Bencher of Gray's Inn, London (since 2013); Honorary Professor, University College London (since 2013); member of scientific committees of several legal journals; author of numerous publications; Judge at the General Court since 13 April 2016.

Virgilijus Valančius

Born 1963; graduated in law from the University of Vilnius (1986); Doctor of Law (2000); prosecutor in the Prosecution Office in Vilnius (1986-90); Judge (1991-94) and Vice-President (1993-94) of the District Court, Vilnius; Judge and President of the Civil Chamber (1995-2002) of the Court of Appeal of Lithuania; Judge (2002-13) and President (2002-08) of the Supreme Administrative Court of Lithuania; lecturer at the University of Vilnius (1997) and at Mykolas Romeris University (1998-2004); Associate Professor (2004-08), Head of the Civil Procedure Department (2002-06) and senior lecturer (since 2008) at Mykolas Romeris University; President of the European Association of Judges (EAJ) (2006-08); Vice-President of the International Association of Judges (IAJ) (2006-14); member of the Consultative Council of European Judges (CCJE) (2000-14); member of the Board of the Association of the Councils of State and Supreme Administrative Jurisdictions of the European Union (ACA-Europe) (2010-13); member of the Board of Trustees of the Academy of European Law (ERA) (2008-11); Judge at the General Court since 13 April 2016.

Zoltán Csehi

Born 1965; graduated from Eötvös Loránd University, Budapest, in law (1990) and history of art (1992) and Master of Laws from the University of Heidelberg (1991); Doctor of Law (2004); lawyer

at the Budapest Bar (1995-2016); Associate Professor of Law (1991-2005) and Professor of Law (2005-16) at Eötvös Loránd University; Head of the Department of Commercial Law (2007-13), then Head of the Department of Private and Commercial Law and Professor (2013-16), at the Péter Pázmány Catholic University, Budapest; Visiting Professor at the Catholic University of Lyon (2013-16); Arbitrator at the Permanent Arbitration Court attached to the Hungarian Stock Exchange and ad hoc arbitrator (2004-16); Judge at the General Court since 13 April 2016.

Nina Póltorak

Born 1971; graduated in law from the Jagiellonian University in Kraków (1995); Doctor of Law (2001); habilitated Doctor in Legal Science (2011); Associate Professor (2003-13), then Professor (since 2013), in the EU Law Department at the Jagiellonian University; Director of Postgraduate Study Programmes in EU law at the Jagiellonian University (2006-13); Visiting scholar at the University of Oxford (1998) and visiting fellow at the European University Institute, Florence (2005); admitted to the Kraków Bar (2000); legal counsel (2000-12); Judge at the Regional Administrative Court, Kraków (2012-16); seconded to the Supreme Administrative Court of the Republic of Poland (2014-16); Director of the EU Law Department, Supreme Administrative Court (2013-16); author of numerous publications on European law; Judge at the General Court since 13 April 2016.

Anna Marcoulli

Born 1974; graduated in law from the University of East Anglia (1995) and Master of Laws from the University of Bristol (1996); admitted to the Cyprus Bar (1997); member of the Legal Service of the Republic of Cyprus, European Union Section (1998-2008); seconded national expert in the Research and Documentation Division of the Court of Justice of the European Union (2005-07); Legal Adviser to the Cyprus Presidency of the Council of the European Union (2012); member of the Legal Service of the European Commission (2008-16); Judge at the General Court since 13 April 2016.

João Sant'Anna

Born 1957; graduated in law from the University of Lisbon (1980); assistant for administrative law at the University of Lisbon (1979-80); studies in the field of industrial property at the Max Planck Institute, Munich (1982-84); administrator, then head of division, at the Ministry of the Interior (1980-86); lawyer at the Lisbon Bar (1981-86); at the European Parliament: administrator in the Directorate-General for Information and Public Relations (1986-87), in the Directorate-General for Research and Documentation (1987-92), in the Directorate-General for Personnel, Budget and Finance (1992-96) and in the Legal Service (1996-2000); Head of the Administration and Finance Department (2000-07), then Head of the Legal Department (2007-11) and of Directorate A (2012-16), of the European Ombudsman; Judge at the Civil Service Tribunal since 13 April 2016.

Alexander Kornezov

Born 1978; graduated in law from St Kliment Ohridski University, Sofia (2002), and LL.M. in European law from the College of Europe, Bruges (2004); Doctor of Law (2008); lawyer at the Brussels Bar (2004-06); senior lecturer in EU procedural law at the University of National and World Economy, Sofia (2008-12), and St Kliment Ohridski University, Sofia (2010-13); Associate Professor of EU Law and International Private Law at the Bulgarian Academy of Sciences (since 2014); Visiting lecturer at the University of Cambridge and at the Catholic University of Louvain; Legal Secretary at the Court of Justice (2007-16); founding member and member of the board of directors of the Bulgarian Association for European Law; editor-in-chief of the European law journal

Evropski pravn pregled; author of numerous publications in the field of European law; Judge at the Civil Service Tribunal since 13 April 2016.

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