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Formal sitting of the Court of Justice

Entry into office of new Members at the Court of Justice and the General Court of the European Union

By decision of 7 September 2016, the representatives of the Governments of the Member States appointed Mr Evgeni Tanchev as Advocate General at the Court of Justice for the period from 19 September 2016 to 6 October 2021.

In the context of the partial renewal of the General Court, the representatives of the Governments of the Member States appointed, by decisions of 23 March 2016 and 7 September 2016, Mr Ricardo da Silva Passos, Mr Paul Nihoul, Mr Barna Berke, Mr Ulf Christophe Öberg, Ms Octavia Spineanu-Matei and Ms Krystyna Kowalik-Bańczyk as Judges at the General Court for the period from 19 September 2016 to 31 August 2022.

In the context of the reform of the judicial structure of the Court of Justice of the European Union, the representatives of the Governments of the Member States appointed as Judges at the General Court, by decision of 7 September 2016, Mr Ezio Perillo, Mr Jan Passer and Mr Alexander Kornezov for the period from 19 September 2016 to 31 August 2019, and Mr René Barents, Mr Jesper Svenningsen and Ms Maria José Costeira for the period from 19 September 2016 to 31 August 2022.

By decisions of 16 September 2015, 23 March 2016 and 24 May 2016, the terms of office of Mr Marc Jaeger, Mr Heikki Kanninen, Mr Savvas Papasavvas, Mr Sten Frimodt Nielsen, Mr Marc van der Woude, Mr Dimitrios Gratsias, Mr Juraj Schwarcz, Mr Viktor Kreuschitz and Mr Lauri Madise were renewed until 31 August 2022.

A formal sitting of the Court of Justice will take place today on the occasion of the taking of the oath of the new Advocate General and the new Judges called upon to take up office.

The ceremony will be streamed live from 18.00 on the following site:
<http://c.connectedviews.com/cdj>

Curricula vitae of the new members

Evgeni Tanchev

Born 1952; graduated in law from St Kliment Ohridski University, Sofia (1975); Doctor of Laws (1979); Lecturer (1977-84), Senior Lecturer (1984-90) and then Professor at St Kliment Ohridski University, Sofia (1990-2013); Dean of the Faculty of Law of St Kliment Ohridski University, Sofia (1988-91); member of the Council on Legislation at the Bulgarian National Assembly (1995-97); Jean Monnet Professor at the New Bulgarian University (2002-05); Chairman of the Council of Legal Advisers to the President of Bulgaria (2002-03); Judge (2003-09), then President (2009-12), of the Bulgarian Constitutional Court; Head of the Constitutional Law Department at the Faculty of Law of St Kliment Ohridski University, Sofia (2013-16); member (2006-16) and Vice-President of the Venice Commission of the Council of Europe (2013-15); member of the Constitutional Council

at the Bulgarian Ombudsman (2015-16); editor of a number of legal journals; author of numerous legal publications; Advocate General at the Court of Justice since 19 September 2016.

Ezio Perillo

Born 1950; Doctor of Laws and lawyer at the Padua Bar; assistant lecturer, then senior researcher in civil and comparative law in the law faculty of the University of Padua (1977-82); lecturer in Community law at the European College, of Parma (1990-98), in the law faculties of the University of Padua (1985-87), the University of Macerata (1991-94) and the University of Naples (1995), and at the University of Milan (2000-01); member of the Scientific Committee for the Master's in European Integration at the University of Padua; official in the Library, Research and Documentation Directorate of the Court of Justice of the European Communities (1982-84); Legal Secretary at the Court of Justice of the European Communities to Advocate General Mancini (1984-88); Legal Adviser to the Secretary-General of the European Parliament, E. Vinci (1988-93); Head of Division in the Legal Service of the European Parliament (1995-99); Director for Legislative Affairs and Conciliations, Inter-Institutional Relations and Relations with National Parliaments, at the European Parliament (1999-2004); Director for External Relations at the European Parliament (2004-06); Director for Legislative Affairs in the Legal Service of the European Parliament (2006-11); author of a number of publications on Italian civil law and EU law; Judge at the Civil Service Tribunal from 6 October 2011 to 31 August 2016; Judge at the General Court since 19 September 2016.

René Barents

Born 1951; graduated in law, specialisation in economics (Erasmus University Rotterdam, 1973); Doctor of Laws (University of Utrecht, 1981); researcher in European law and international economic law (1973-74) and lecturer in European law and economic law at the Europa Institute of the University of Utrecht (1974-79) and at the University of Leiden (1979-81); Legal Secretary at the Court of Justice of the European Communities (1981-86); Head of the Employee Rights Section in the Personnel Division of the Court of Justice of the European Communities (1986-87); Member of the Legal Service of the Commission of the European Communities (1987-91); Legal Secretary at the Court of Justice of the European Communities (1991-2000); Head of Division (2000-09), then Director (2009-11), in the Research and Documentation Directorate of the Court of Justice of the European Union; Professor (1988-2003) and Honorary Professor (since 2003) in European law at the University of Maastricht; Adviser to the Regional Court of Appeal, 's-Hertogenbosch (1993-2011); Member of the Royal Netherlands Academy of Arts and Sciences (since 1993); numerous publications on European law; Judge at the Civil Service Tribunal from 6 October 2011 to 31 August 2016; Judge at the General Court since 19 September 2016.

Ricardo da Silva Passos

Born 1953; graduated in law from the Classical University of Lisbon (1975); diploma of advanced studies at the University of Strasbourg (1978); Master of Laws, Harvard University (1984); Deputy Public Prosecutor at the Court of First Instance, Cascais (1975-76); Lawyer in the Secretariat of the European Commission of Human Rights (1978-86); Legal Secretary at the Court of Justice of the European Communities (1986-87); Head of Division in the Secretariat of the Committee on Legal Affairs and Citizens' Rights of the European Parliament (1988-99); Member of the Secretariat of the Convention on the Future of Europe (2002-03); Head of Unit in the Legal Service of the European Parliament (1999-2010); Director of Institutional and Parliamentary Affairs in the Legal Service of the European Parliament (2010-16); Judge at the General Court since 19 September 2016.

Paul Nihoul

Born 1963; graduated in law from the Université catholique de Louvain (1988); Master of Laws, Harvard University (1989); Doctor of Laws (1998); Legal Secretary at the Court of Justice of the European Communities (1991-95); researcher at the Université catholique de Louvain (1995-99); Professor at the University of Groningen (1999-2001), then at the Université catholique de Louvain (2001-16); Visiting Professor at a number of universities, in particular at Paris Dauphine University (2013-16); Chair of the Academic Society for Competition Law (2013-16); chief editor of a number of legal journals; Judge at the General Court since 19 September 2016.

Barna Berke

Born 1966; graduated in law from Eötvös Loránd University, Budapest (1990); Master of Laws from the University of Stockholm (1995); lawyer at the Budapest bar; Legal Adviser at the Hungarian Parliament during the process for Hungary's accession to the European Union (1994-96 and 2002-04); Legal Secretary to the President of the Hungarian Constitutional Court (1997-2000); Vice-President of the Competition Authority, then Chairman of the Competition Council (2000-02); arbitrator at the Permanent Court of Arbitration of the Financial and Capital Markets (2008-14); lecturer (1990-94); senior lecturer (1995-99) and then associate senior lecturer (2003-16) at Eötvös Loránd University, Budapest; State Secretary for European and International Judicial Cooperation at the Ministry of Justice (2014-16); Judge at the General Court since 19 September 2016.

Jesper Svenningsen

Born 1966; study of law (*Candidatus juris*, University of Aarhus, 1989); trainee lawyer with the Legal Adviser to the Danish Government (1989-91); Legal Secretary at the Court of Justice of the European Communities in the Chambers of Advocate General Gulmann (1991-93); admitted to the bar in Denmark (1993); lawyer with the Legal Adviser to the Danish Government (1993-95); Lecturer in European law at the University of Copenhagen; Senior Lecturer at the European Institute of Public Administration (EIPA) (Luxembourg, 1995-97); lawyer at the Brussels bar (1997); Senior Lecturer, then Acting Director of EIPA (Luxembourg, 1997-99); administrator with the Legal Service of the Surveillance Authority of the European Free Trade Association (EFTA) (1999-2000); Legal Secretary at the Court of Justice of the European Communities in the Chambers of Judge Gulmann (2003-06), then of Judge Bay Larsen (2006-13); Judge at the Civil Service Tribunal from 7 October 2013 to 31 August 2016; Judge at the General Court since 19 September 2016.

Ulf Christophe Öberg

Born 1966; graduated in law from the University of Stockholm (1991); diploma in French-English legal translation at University of Paris II, Panthéon-Assas (1991); diploma in higher specialised studies at University of Paris I, Panthéon-Sorbonne (1992); diploma at the Institut d'études politiques, Paris (1993); researcher at the Swedish Defence Research Agency (1992 and 1994); participated in the training programme for Swedish civil servants (1993-94); Legal Adviser for European Affairs at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (1994-95); Legal Secretary at the Court of Justice of the European Communities (1995-2000); Lecturer at the University of Stockholm (2000-16); lawyer (2001-06), then advocate (2006-16); Judge at the General Court since 19 September 2016.

Octavia Spineanu-Matei

Born 1967; graduated in law from Alexandru Ioan Cuza University, Iasi (1990); Doctor of Laws (1999); Judge at the Court of First Instance, Sector 4, Bucharest (1991-96); Judge (1996-99) and President of Section (1997-99) at the District Court, Bucharest; Judge (1999-2005) and President of Section (1999-2003) at the Court of Appeal, Bucharest; Member of the Enlarged Board of Appeal of the European Patent Office (2006-16); Instructor at and then Director of the National Institute of the Magistracy (2011-16); Judge at the High Court of Cassation and Justice of Romania (2006-16); Member of the Scientific Council of the National Institute of the Magistracy and of the Board of Governors of the National School for Registrars (2011-16); elected board member of the Doctoral School of the University of Bucharest (2012-16); Judge at the General Court since 19 September 2016.

Maria José Costeira

Born 1967; graduated in law from the University of Coimbra (1991); postgraduate studies in intellectual property law at the University of Lisbon (2001); trainee lawyer (1991-92); Judicial Trainee (1992-95); Judge at courts of first instance (1995-97); Judge at the Commercial Court, Lisbon (1999-16); Judge at the Court of Appeal, Coimbra (2016); taught law at a number of Portuguese universities and at the Centre for Judicial Studies; Secretary-General (2012-15), then President (2015-16), of the Association of Portuguese Judges; Judge at the General Court since 19 September 2016.

Jan M. Passer

Born 1974; graduated in law from Charles University, Prague (1997), and Master of Laws from the University of Stockholm (2000); Doctor of Laws (2007); Lecturer in EU law at Charles University, Prague (2001-03), and at the Judicial Academy of the Czech Republic (2001-16); Trainee Judge at Prague City Court (1997-2001); Judge at the Prague 2 District Court (2001-05); Judge at the Supreme Administrative Court of the Czech Republic (2005-16); Lecturer at the law faculty of Masaryk University, Brno (2006-16), and Palacký University, Olomouc (2014-16); Legal Adviser at the Ministry of Justice (2010-16); Judge at the General Court since 19 September 2016.

Krystyna Kowalik-Bańczyk

Born 1976; graduated in law from the University of Gdańsk (1999); diploma of advanced studies at the University of Social Sciences of Toulouse (2000); Master of Laws in European law at the College of Europe (2002); Doctor of Laws (2004); Lecturer in EU law at Gdańsk University of Technology (2010-16); Senior Lecturer (2006-14), then Associate Professor (2014-16), at the Institute for Legal Studies of the Polish Academy of Sciences; co-editorship of and participation in a number of legal periodicals; author of numerous publications; Judge at the General Court since 19 September 2016.

Alexander Kornezov

Born 1978; graduated in law from St Kliment Ohridski University, Sofia (2002), and Master of Laws in European law from the College of Europe (Bruges, 2004); Doctor of Laws (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); Guest lecturer at the University of Cambridge and at Katholieke Universiteit Leuven; Legal Secretary at the Court of Justice of the European Union (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 *Evropeiski praven pregled*; author of numerous publications in the field of European law; Judge at the Civil Service Tribunal from 13 April 2016 to 31 August 2016; Judge at the General Court since 19 September 2016.

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