

# Court of Justice of the European Union PRESS RELEASE No 113/15

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Formal sitting of the Court of Justice

# Partial renewal of the membership of the Court of Justice and entry into office of a new Member of the General Court of the European Union

By decisions of 24 September 2014, 1 April 2015 and 16 September 2015, the representatives of the governments of the Member States renewed the term of office of 12 Judges of the Court of Justice, namely Mr Lars Bay Larsen, Mr François Biltgen, Mr Marko Ilešič, Mr Endre Juhász, Ms Küllike Jürimäe, Mr Koen Lenaerts, Mr Siniša Rodin, Mr Allan Rosas, Mr Marek Safjan, Ms Rosario Silva de Lapuerta, Mr Daniel Šváby and Ms Camelia Toader, for the period from 7 October 2015 to 6 October 2021.

By decision of 16 September 2015, Mr Eugene Regan, who replaces Mr Aindrias Ó Caoimh, and Mr Michail Vilaras, who replaces Mr Vassilios Skouris, were appointed as Judges at the Court of Justice for the period from 7 October 2015 to 6 October 2021.

By decision of 1 April 2015, the representatives of the governments of the Member States renewed the term of office of two Advocates General of the Court of Justice, namely Mrs Juliane Kokott and Miss Eleanor Sharpston, for the period from 7 October 2015 to 6 October 2021.

By decisions of 1 April 2015, 15 June 2015 and 16 September 2015, Mr Michal Bobek, Mr Henrik Saugmandsgaard Øe<sup>1</sup> and Mr Manuel Campos Sánchez-Bordona, who replaces Mr Pedro Cruz Villalón, were appointed as Advocates General at the Court of Justice for the period from 7 October 2015 to 6 October 2021.

By decision of 16 September 2015, Mr Ian Stewart Forrester, who replaces Mr Nicholas James Forwood, was appointed as a Judge at the General Court for the remainder of the latter's term of office, that is to say, from 1 October 2015 to 31 August 2019.

A formal sitting of the Court of Justice will take place on 7 October 2015 on the occasion of the departure from office of Mr Aindrias Ó Caoimh, Mr Pedro Cruz Villalón, Mr Niilo Jääskinen,<sup>2</sup> Mr Nicholas James Forwood and Mr Vassilios Skouris and the taking of the oath and entry into office of the new Members of the institution.

The ceremony will be broadcast live on 7 October 2015 from 4.15 p.m. on the following site: <a href="http://conference.connectedviews.com/Live.aspx?i=cdj">http://conference.connectedviews.com/Live.aspx?i=cdj</a>.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> By Council Decision 2013/336/EU of 25 June 2013 increasing the number of Advocates General of the Court of Justice of the European Union (OJ 2013 L 179, p. 92), the number of Advocates General was increased from nine to eleven with effect from 7 October 2015. The posts allocated to Mr Bobek and Mr Saugmandsgaard Øe correspond to the two new posts of Advocate General.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> The Advocate General succeeding Mr Jääskinen will take up office at a later date. In accordance with the principle of rotation, he will be a Bulgarian national.

## **Curricula vitae of the new Judges and Advocates General**

#### Michal Bobek

Born 1977; master's degree in law and master's degree in international relations (Charles University in Prague); diploma in English law and the law of the European Union (University of Cambridge); Magister Juris (University of Oxford, St. Edmund Hall); Doctor of Laws (European University Institute, Florence); studies at the Université libre de Bruxelles and the University of Queensland (Australia); Legal Secretary to the President of the Supreme Administrative Court of the Czech Republic (2005-09) and Head of the Research and Documentation Department of that court (2008-09); qualified to perform the duties of a judge in the Czech Republic (2009); Fellow (2011-12) and Research Fellow (2013-16) at the Institute of European and Comparative Law of the University of Oxford; Professor at the College of Europe in Bruges (2013-15); Member of the Board of Appeals of the Czech National Bank (2013-15); Ad hoc judge at the European Court of Human Rights (2013-15); Co-founder and President of the Czech Society for European and Comparative Law; lecturer and visiting professor at numerous universities in Europe and elsewhere; author of numerous publications in the field of EU law, European human rights, comparative (public) law and legal theory; Advocate General at the Court of Justice since 7 October 2015.

# Manuel Campos Sánchez-Bordona

Born 1950; graduated in law from the Universities of Seville and Grenada (1967-72); Public Prosecutor at the courts of Palma de Mallorca and Seville (1977-82); Judge in the Chamber for Contentious Administrative Proceedings of the High Court of Justice of Andalucia, of the National High Court and of the High Court of Justice of the Canaries (1982-89); President of the Chamber for Contentious Administrative Proceedings of the High Court of Justice of Cantabria (1989-94); Legal Secretary at the Court of Justice of the European Communities (1995-99); Member of the Board of the Association of Councils of State and Supreme Administrative Jurisdictions of the European Union (ACA-Europe) (2006-14); Member of the Central Electoral Board (2012-15); Judge in the Administrative Chamber of the Supreme Court of Spain (1999-2015); Advocate General at the Court of Justice since 7 October 2015.

## **Ian Stewart Forrester**

Born 1945; degrees from the University of Glasgow (MA 1965, LLB 1967) (history and English literature, law); master's degree in civil law from Tulane University of Louisiana (MCL 1969); called to the Scottish Bar (1972) and the New York Bar (1977); appointed Queen's Counsel (1988); called to the Bar of England and Wales (1996) and the Brussels Bar (1999); practised at the Bar in Edinburgh, Brussels, London and New York; visiting professor (1991) and doctor *honoris causa* (2009) of the University of Glasgow; Bencher of Middle Temple (2012); arbitrator at the International Chamber of Commerce (ICC), the International Centre for Settlement of Investment Disputes (ICSID) and the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS); author of numerous publications; Judge at the General Court since 7 October 2015.

### **Eugene Regan**

Born 1952; degree in politics and economics (1974) and master's degree in political economy (1975) from University College Dublin; master's degree in international law and comparative law from Vrije Universiteit, Brussels (1979); Barrister, King's Inns, Dublin (1985); Economist at the Irish Farmers' Association, Dublin (1975-76); Director of the Office of the Irish Farmers' Association at the European Economic Community (1976-79); Chief Executive of the Irish Meat Exporters Association (1980-84); Policy Adviser to the Commissioner Peter Sutherland (1985-88); Director and General Manager of Agra Trading Ltd (1989-95); practice as Barrister (1995-2005) and Senior Counsel (from 2005); Member of the Seanad (High Chamber of the Irish Parliament) (2007-11); Chairman of the Lawyers' Group and Project Leader of the Justice Group at the Institute of International and European Affairs (since 1998); Judge at the Court of Justice since 7 October 2015.

## Henrik Saugmandsgaard Øe

Born 1964; graduated in law from the University of Aarhus (1991); master's degree in European Law from the College of Europe in Bruges (1993); lecturer at the University of Aarhus (1991-93) and the University of Copenhagen (1999-2001); visiting professor at the Universities of Copenhagen and Aalborg (since 2008); lawyer at the Danish Bar (1995); Legal Secretary at the Court of First Instance of the European Communities (1994-99); Public Prosecutor at the Prosecution Office, Copenhagen (1999-2000), and Inspector in police districts (2004-06); Legal Adviser to the representative of the Danish Prime Minister during the negotiations for drawing up the Charter of Fundamental Rights of the European Union (1999-2000); Head of Section in the Office for EU Law (1999-2000), Head of Department in the Office for EU Law and Human Rights (2000-01) and Head of Department in the Office for Property and Obligations Law (2001-06), at the Ministry of Justice; Consumer Ombudsman appointed by the Danish Government (2006-14); Judge at the Østre Landsret, Copenhagen (2015); Advocate General at the Court of Justice since 7 October 2015.

### **Michail Vilaras**

Born 1950; lawyer (1974-80); national expert with the Legal Service of the Commission of the European Communities (1988-1990), then Principal Administrator in Directorate General V (Employment, Industrial Relations, Social Affairs) (1990-1994); Junior Officer, Junior Member and, since 1999, Member of the Greek Council of State; Associate Member of the Superior Special Court of Greece; Member of the Central Legislative Drafting Committee of Greece (1996-98); Director of the Legal Service in the General Secretariat of the Greek Government (1996-1998); Judge at the General Court of the European Union (1998 to 2010, President of Chamber from 2004 to 2010); Member of the Supreme Council for Administrative Justice (2011-2012); Member of the Special Court for Disputes relating to the Remuneration of Judges and of the Special Court for Actions against Judges (2013-2014); Member of the Advisory Panel of Experts on Candidates for Election as Judge to the European Court of Human Rights (2014-2015); Member of the Committee responsible for giving an Opinion on Candidates' Suitability to perform the Duties of Judge at the European Union Civil Service Tribunal (2012-2015); Lecturer in European Law at the National School for the Judiciary (1995-1996 and 2012-2015); Judge at the Court of Justice since 7 October 2015.

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