



PRESS RELEASE No 127/25

Luxembourg, 22 September 2025

New composition of the Chambers of the General Court of the European Union

Following the partial replacement of the Members of the General Court of the European Union, ¹ and the election of the President, ² the Vice-President, ³ the Presidents of Chambers ⁴ and the Judges called upon to perform the duties of an Advocate General in dealing with requests for a preliminary ruling, ⁵ the General Court amended, on 22 September 2025, the decision on the formation of Chambers and the assignment of Judges to Chambers, the decision on the composition of the Grand Chamber and the Intermediate Chamber, the decision concerning the criteria for allocation to Chambers, and the decision on the method of designating the Judge to replace a Judge who is prevented from acting.

For the period from 16 September 2025 to 31 August 2028, the General Court is composed of ten Chambers, seven of which are responsible for cases relating to intellectual property law and three of which are responsible for cases relating to the civil service. ⁶ The two Chambers responsible for requests for a preliminary ruling form part of the seven Chambers responsible for cases relating to intellectual property rights.

Composition of the Chambers of the General Court from 22 September 2025:

First Chamber:

- Eugène Buttigieg, President of the Chamber,
- Juraj Schwarcz, Mariyana Kancheva, Elisabeth Tichy-Fisslberger, Francesco Bestagno.

Second Chamber, also responsible for dealing with requests for a preliminary ruling:

- Nina Póltorak, President of the Chamber,
- José Martín y Pérez de Nanclares, Judge called upon to perform the duties of an Advocate General in dealing with references for a preliminary ruling ⁷,
- Gerhard Hesse, Gabriele Steinfatt, David Petrлік, Ioannis Dimitrakopoulos.

Third Chamber:

- Krystyna Kowalik-Bańczyk, President of the Chamber,
- Inga Reine, Ricardo da Silva Passos, Hervé Cassagnabère, Tanja Pavelin.

Fourth Chamber:

- Geert De Baere, President of the Chamber,
- Jesper Svenningsen, Colm Mac Eochaidh, Raphaël Meyer, Danutė Jočienė.

Fifth Chamber, also responsible for dealing with requests for a preliminary ruling:

- Miguel Sampol Pucurull, President of the Chamber,
- Maja Brkan, Judge called upon to perform the duties of an Advocate General in dealing with references for a preliminary ruling,⁸
- Tuula Riitta Pynnä, Johannes Christoph Laitenberger, Mirela Stancu, William Valasidis.

Sixth Chamber:

- Petra Škvařilová-Pelzl, President of the Chamber,
- Iko Nömm, Damjan Kukovec, Raffaella Pezzuto.

Seventh Chamber:

- Krisztián Kecsmár, President of the Chamber,
- Lauri Madise, Paul Nihoul, Ulf Öberg, Laurent Truchot.

Eighth Chamber:

- Ion Gâlea, President of the Chamber,
- Maria José Costeira, Tihamér Tóth, Beatrix Ricziová, Louise Spangsberg Grønfeldt.

Ninth Chamber:

- Suzanne Kingston, President of the Chamber,
- Anna Marcoulli, Pēteris Zilgalvis, Jörgen Hettne.

Tenth Chamber:

- Saulius Lukas Kalėda, President of the Chamber,
- Marc Jaeger, Heikki Kanninen, Tamara Perišin, Steven Verschuur.

Unofficial document for media use, not binding on the General Court.

Press contact: Jacques René Zammit ☎ (+352) 4303 3355.

Stay Connected!



¹ See press release [No 121/25](#) of 15 September 2025.

² See press release [No 122/25](#) of 16 September 2025.

³ See press release [No 123/25](#) of 16 September 2025.

⁴ See press release [No 124/25](#) of 17 September 2025.

⁵ See press release [No 125/25](#) of 17 September 2025.

⁶ Those cases now include not only the cases which have their origin in the employment relationship between the European Union and its staff, but also those which have their origin in the relationships between, on one hand, the Union institutions, bodies, offices and agencies and, on the other hand, their Members or former Members, and the persons exercising or having exercised a mandate within those Union institutions, bodies, offices and agencies.

⁷ In accordance with Article 31b of the Rules of Procedure, 'the President of the General Court shall assign each preliminary ruling case to an Advocate General.' In accordance with Article 49a, third subparagraph, of the Statute, 'the Advocate General shall be selected from among the Judges elected to perform that duty who belong to a chamber other than the chamber to which the request in question has been assigned'.

⁸ Ibid.