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## **Partial renewal of the membership and entry into office of 14 new Members of the General Court of the European Union**

By decisions of 1 February 2019 and 29 May 2019, the representatives of the governments of the Member States of the European Union renewed, for the period from 1 September 2019 to 31 August 2025, the term of office of 12 Judges of the General Court, namely Ms Vesna Tomljenović, Ms Mariyana Kancheva, Ms Inga Reine and Ms Ramona Frendo, and Mr Anthony Collins, Mr Stéphane Gervasoni, Mr Eugène Buttigieg, Mr Fredrik Schalin, Mr Ulf Öberg, Mr Jan Passer, Mr Alexander Kornezov and Mr Colm Mac Eochaidh.

By decision of 1 February 2019, Mr Laurent Truchot and Ms Mirela Stancu were appointed as Judges of the General Court for the periods from 1 September 2019 to 31 August 2025 and 1 September 2019 to 31 August 2022, respectively.

By decision of 6 March 2019, Ms Tuula Riitta Pynnä was appointed as a Judge of the General Court for the period from 1 September 2019 to 31 August 2022.

By decision of 29 May 2019, Ms Tamara Perišin, Ms Petra Škvařilová-Pelzl and Ms Gabriele Steinfatt and Mr Johannes Christoph Laitenberger, Mr José Martín y Pérez de Nanclares, Mr Rimvydas Norkus and Mr Miguel Sampol Pucurull were appointed as Judges of the General Court for the period from 1 September 2019 to 31 August 2025 and Mr Iko Nömm for the period from 1 September 2019 to 31 August 2022.

By decision of 11 July 2019, Ms Ornella Porchia and Mr Roberto Mastroianni were appointed as Judges of the General Court for the period from 1 September 2019 to 31 August 2025.

By decision of 4 September 2019, Mr Gerhard Hesse was appointed as a Judge of the General Court for the period from 6 September 2019 to 31 August 2022.

On the occasion of the taking of the oath and entry into office of the new Members of the institution, a formal sitting of the Court of Justice of the European Union will take place today.

The ceremony will be broadcast live from 18:00 on the following site:  
<http://c.connectedviews.com/01/LiveMeetings/cdj>

### **Curricula vitae of the new Members**

#### **Laurent Truchot**

Born 1962; graduate of the Institute of Political Studies in Paris (1984); former student of the National School for the Judiciary (1986-1988); Judge at the Regional Court, Marseilles (1988-1990); Law Officer in the Directorate for Civil Affairs and the Legal Professions at the Ministry of Justice (1990-1992); Deputy Section Head, then Section Head, in the Directorate-General for Competition, Consumption and the Combating of Fraud at the Ministry of Economic Affairs, Finance and Industry (1992-1994); Technical Adviser to the Minister for Justice (1994-1995); Judge at the Regional Court, Nîmes (1995-1996); Legal Secretary at the Court of Justice of the

European Union in the Chambers of Advocate General Léger (1996-2001); Auxiliary Judge at the Court of Cassation (2001-2007); Judge at the General Court (2007-2013, President of Chamber from 2010 to 2013); Judge at the Court of Cassation (2013-2019); Judge at the General Court since 26 September 2019.

### **Mirela Stancu**

Born 1974; graduated in law from the University of Bucharest (1998); Doctor of Laws of the University of Bucharest (2009); lawyer at the Bucharest Bar (1999-2002); lecturer (2002-2018), then, from 2018, senior lecturer in procedural law at the University of Bucharest; trainer at the National Institute of Magistracy (2007-2018); Judge at the Court of First Instance, Bucharest (2004-2009); Judge at the Tribunal of Bucharest (2009-2019); Judge on secondment to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (2005); Lawyer-administrator at the Court of Justice of the European Union in the Chambers of Judge Toader (2011-2014); Director for European Affairs, International Relations and Programmes of the Superior Council of Magistracy (2015-2018); author of numerous publications; Judge at the General Court since 26 September 2019.

### **Tuula Riitta Pynnä**

Born 1958; graduated in law from the University of Turku (Master of Laws degree, 1981); judicial training programme at the District Court, Ulvila (1984); Master of Laws of Trier University (1993); Master of European Legal Studies at the European Institute of Public Administration (1994); lecturer at the University of Turku (1981-1982); Judge at the District Court, Pori (1982-1983); Section Head of the Population Office (1983-1985); Judge at the District Court, Tampere and Pirkanmaa (1985-1995); Legal Secretary at the Supreme Court of Finland (1995); Head of Unit for EU Litigation, Legal Adviser and Agent of the government before the Court of Justice of the European Union, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Head of the Finnish delegation on the Council Working Party on the 'Court of Justice' (1996-2005); member of the 'Friends of the Presidency' Group with regard to the reform of the Community judicial system in the Treaty of Nice; Judge at the Supreme Administrative Court of Finland (2005-2012); Judge at the Supreme Court of Finland (2012-2019); member of the Helsinki Stock Exchange Disciplinary Committee (2015-2019); member, then Chairwoman, of the Helsinki Bar Examination Committee (2011-2019); Judge at the General Court since 26 September 2019.

### **Tamara Perišin**

Born 1979; graduated in law from the University of Zagreb (2002); Master of Laws of the University of Oxford (2003); Doctor of Laws of the University of Zagreb (2007); Fulbright scholar at Georgetown University and at the University of Michigan (2005-2006); course in the scholarship of teaching and learning at the Central European University (2007-2008); researcher at the Asser Institute (2004), at the Max Planck Institute (2007-2008) and at Harvard Law School (2014); called to the Croatian Bar (2009); Professor of EU Law, holder of a Jean Monnet Chair and coordinator of the Jean Monnet Centre of Excellence at the University of Zagreb (2002-2019); Visiting Professor at Harvard University (2015-2016); member of the negotiating team for the accession of Croatia to the European Union (2005-2011); responsible for providing training on EU law to officials and diplomats at the National Institute of Public Administration and at the Diplomatic Academy of the Ministry of Foreign and European Affairs (2011-2012); responsible for providing training on EU law to judges and prosecutors at the Judicial Academy and at Zagreb Municipal Court (2012-2013); responsible for providing training on EU law for the Croatian Bar Association (2015); Special Adviser to the Ministry of Science and Education (2017-2019); editor-in-chief of a journal on EU law; author of numerous publications; Judge at the General Court since 26 September 2019.

### **Petra Škvařilová-Pelzl**

Born 1975; legal studies in the Czech Republic and in Germany (Magister iuris, Charles University, Prague, 1999), Doctor of Laws (University of Hamburg, 2004); interpreting qualification for German from the State Language School of Prague (1995); research associate in the Commercial, Maritime, and Business Law Department at the University of Hamburg; successful in a competition

of the European institutions for Czech lawyers (2004); official in the Library, Research and Documentation Directorate-General of the Court of Justice of the European Union (2004-2019); aide to the Director-General (2010-2016); Legal Secretary at the Court of Justice of the European Union in the Chambers of Judge Berger (2017-2018); lecturer in EU law at the Austrian Federal Academy of Public Administration in Vienna; regular appearances at the biennial German-Czech Law Festival; author of several publications, in particular in the areas of EU law and comparative law; Judge at the General Court since 26 September 2019.

### **Gabriele Steinfatt**

Born 1977; studies in Saarbrücken and Strasbourg; law degree from the Robert Schuman University of Strasbourg (master's degree in private law and certificate in European law, 2000); State examinations in Saarbrücken (2002 and 2005); postgraduate studies at the Institute of European Studies of Saarland University (2002-2003); Doctor of Laws of Saarland University (2011); Judge at the Administrative Court, Bremen (2005-2018); Judge at the Higher Administrative Court, Bremen (2018-2019); member of the Disciplinary Appeals Court for Judges (2018-2019); alternate member of the Disciplinary Appeals Court for Engineers (2018-2019); lecturer at Saarland University and the University of Bremen; author of several legal publications, in particular on European law; Judge at the General Court since 26 September 2019.

### **Johannes Christoph Laitenberger**

Born 1964; studied law at the University of Bonn (Rheinische Friedrich-Wilhelms-Universität Bonn); first State examination in law (1990); Legal Adviser in the administrative department of the German Bundestag (1991); articled law clerk in the Cologne Higher Regional Court district (1991-1994); second State examination in law (1994); lecturer and researcher at the University of Bonn (1991-1995); lawyer at the Cologne Bar and legal counsel of a federation of undertakings (1996); Adviser at the Directorate for Administration and Protocol of the General Secretariat of the Council of the European Union (1996-1999); Rapporteur in the Directorate-General for Competition of the European Commission (1999); Member of Cabinet (1999-2003), then Head of Cabinet (2003-2004), of the European Commissioner Ms Viviane Reding; Member of Cabinet of the President of the Commission of the European Communities, Mr José Manuel Barroso (2004-2005); Spokesman and Head of the Spokesperson's Service of the European Commission (2005-2009); Head of Cabinet of the President of the European Commission, Mr José Manuel Barroso (2009-2014); Deputy Director-General of the Legal Service of the European Commission (2014-2015); Director-General of the Directorate-General for Competition of the European Commission (2015-2019); Judge at the General Court since 26 September 2019.

### **José Martín y Pérez de Nanclares**

Born 1965; law degree from the University of Salamanca (1983-1988); studies in constitutional law at the University of Cologne (1988-1989); Master of European Law of the University of Saarbrücken (1991); Doctor of Law of the Universities of Saarbrücken (1994) and Salamanca (1994); senior lecturer (1993-1996) and professor of international law (1996-2001) at the University of La Rioja; holder of the Chair of Public International Law and of the Jean Monnet Chair of EU Law at the University of La Rioja (2001-2009); holder of the Chair of Public International Law at the University of Salamanca (2009-2012 and 2018); Vice-Rector for International Relations (2004-2008), Vice-Rector for Research (1996-2000) and Secretary General (1996) of the University of La Rioja; Doctor *honoris Causa* of the University of Piura, Peru (2009); Director of the Department of International Legal Affairs of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Cooperation of the Spanish Government (2012-2018); Director of the Office of the Presidency of the Spanish Council of State (2018-2019); member of the Permanent Court of Arbitration (2018-2019); author of numerous publications; Judge at the General Court since 26 September 2019.

### **Rimvydas Norkus**

Born 1979; master's degree in law from the University of Vilnius (2001); Doctor of Laws of Mykolas Romeris University (2005); studies at the Swiss Institute of Comparative Law (Institut suisse de

droit comparé (ISDC)) and at the universities of Bonn and Vilnius (2002-2006); Law clerk at the Court of Appeal of Lithuania (1999-2000); Adviser to the President of the Court of Appeal of Lithuania (2000-2003); Director of the Judicial Practice Department of the Supreme Administrative Court of Lithuania (2003-2009); Lawyer-linguist at the European Parliament (2009-2010); Director of the Legal Research Department of the Supreme Court of Lithuania (2010-2012); Judge at the Court of Appeal of Lithuania (2012-2013); Judge at the Supreme Court of Lithuania (2013-2014); President of the Supreme Court of Lithuania (2014-2019); Professor at the Institute of Private Law at Mykolas Romeris University (2012-2019); Associate Professor at Mykolas Romeris University (2007-2008); President of the Judicial Council of Lithuania (2016-2018); author of numerous publications; Judge at the General Court since 26 September 2019.

### **Miguel Sampol Pucurull**

Born 1974; degree in law and business administration from the Comillas Pontifical University — ICADE (1998); Abogado del Estado responsible for representing the State before national courts (2002-2005); Abogado del Estado in the Legal Service of the Ministry of Culture (2005-2006); member of the Legal Service of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs with regard to the Court of Justice of the European Union (2006-2007); Abogado del Estado/Legal Adviser to the Spanish Permanent Representation to the European Union (2007-2014); Head Abogado del Estado of the State Legal Service responsible for cases before the Court of Justice of the European Union and Deputy Director-General of EU and International Affairs at the Abogacía General del Estado (Ministry of Justice) (2014-2019); member of the board of directors of a number of state-owned undertakings (2014-2019); author of numerous publications; Judge at the General Court since 26 September 2019.

### **Iko Nõmm**

Born 1977; Doctor of Laws of the University of Tartu (2013); Adviser to the Court of Appeal, Tallinn (2001-2002); trainee judge at the Court of First Instance, Harju (2002); Judge at the Court of First Instance, Harju (2002-2007); Judge at the Court of Appeal, Tallinn (2007-2019); trainee judge at the Supreme Court of Estonia (2015-2016); national judge seconded to the Court of Justice of the European Union (2017-2018); lecturer at the University of Tartu (2014-2019); teacher at the Supreme Court of Estonia (2015-2019); trainer at the Estonian Bar Association (2015-2019); member of the Judge Assessment Commission (2018-2019); member of the Professional Suitability Assessment Committee of the Estonian Bar (2015-2019); Judge at the General Court since 26 September 2019.

### **Ornella Porchia**

Born 1966; degree in law (1991); Doctor of Laws of the Bocconi University in Milan (1996); Professor of EU Law at the University of Turin; member of the Turin Bar (1994); Assistant Professor (1998-2002) and Associate Professor of International Law at the University of Turin (2002-2007); member of the Research Department of the Italian Constitutional Court (2010-2014); Legal Adviser to the Permanent Representation of Italy to the European Union (2014-2019); author of numerous publications; Judge at the General Court since 26 September 2019.

### **Roberto Mastroianni**

Born 1964; law degree from the University of Florence (1987); Doctor of Laws of the University of Bologna (1992); Master of Laws of the Dickinson School of Law, Pennsylvania (1990); postdoctoral studies at the University of Geneva (1992-1993); postdoctoral studies at the University of Amsterdam (1993-1994); researcher in international law at the University of Florence (1992-1997); Legal Secretary at the Court of Justice of the European Union in the Chambers of Advocates General Giuseppe Tesauro and Antonio Saggio (1997-2000); Professor of EU law at the University of Naples Federico II (2000-2019); Visiting Professor of EU law and of European litigation at the University of Paris II, Panthéon-Assas (2011-2013); Professor of EU law at the Luiss Guido Carli University, Rome (2013-2017); Adviser to the Italian Government for legislative affairs in the Department of European Affairs (2015-2018); lawyer qualified to plead before superior courts

(1993-2019); Professor of comparative competition law at the Sturm College of Law of the University of Denver (2015-2019); member of the Board of Governors of the Italian Society of International Law (SIDI) (2013-2015) and of the Italian Association of EU Law Scholars (AISDUE) (2018-2019); author of a wide range of publications; Judge at the General Court since 26 September 2019.

### **Gerhard Hesse**

Born 1970; graduated in law from the University of Vienna (1993); Doctor of Laws of the University of Vienna (2002); member of the Federal Chancellery's Department of European Affairs (1994-1995); member, then head of department, in the Federal Chancellery's Legal Service (1995-2000); legal adviser in the Chamber of Labour (2000-2002); member, then head of department, in the Federal Chancellery's Legal Service (2002-2007); legal adviser in the Cabinet of the Federal Chancellery (2007-2010); Director-General of the Federal Chancellery's Legal Service (2010-2017); Director-General of the Legal Service of the Federal Ministry of Constitutional Affairs, Reforms, Deregulation and Justice (2017-2019); member of the government's Data Protection Council (2010-2019); Chairman of the board of trustees of the Austrian National Library (2017-2019); author of numerous publications; Judge at the General Court since 26 September 2019.

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