



## **Mr Maciej Szpunar is elected First Advocate General of the Court of Justice**

Following the partial renewal of the membership of the Court of Justice,<sup>1</sup> Mr Maciej Szpunar has been elected First Advocate General of the Court of Justice by his peers for the period from 8 October 2021 to 6 October 2024.

### **Curriculum vitae of Maciej Szpunar**

Born in 1971 in Cracow (Poland), Mr Maciej Szpunar obtained a master's degree in law from the Uniwersytet Śląski (University of Silesia, Poland) in 1995 and from the College of Europe in Bruges (Belgium) in 1996. He presented his doctoral thesis in law in 2000, became a habilitated doctor in legal science in 2009, and then a professor of law in 2013 at the Uniwersytet Śląski. In 1998, his academic work took him to Jesus College, Cambridge (UK) where he was a visiting scholar, then to the University of Liège (Belgium) in 1999, and to the European University Institute in Florence (Italy) in 2003.

In 2001, he joined the Katowice Bar to take up the profession of lawyer, a profession which he practiced until 2008. During that period, he was also a member of the Committee for Private International Law of the Civil Law Codification Commission under the Polish Ministry of Justice.

He was Undersecretary of State in the Office of the Committee for European Integration (Poland) from 2008 to 2009, before joining the Polish Ministry of Foreign Affairs between 2010 to 2013. During those three years, he represented the Polish government as an agent in a large number of cases before the European Union judicature.

He remains committed to academic research and is a member of the editorial board of a number of legal journals, which also led him to author numerous publications in the fields of European law and private international law.

Mr Szpunar was appointed as an Advocate General at the Court of Justice on 23 October 2013 and has held the position of First Advocate General since 11 October 2018.

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