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Formal sitting of the Court of Justice

### Entry into office of two new Members of the General Court of the European Union

By decision of 15 September 2023, the representatives of the governments of the Member States appointed Mr Saulius Lukas Kalėda, who replaces Mr Virgilijus Valančius, for the period from 20 September 2023 to 31 August 2025 and Ms Louise Spangsberg Grønfeldt, who replaces Mr Sten Frimodt Nielsen, for the period from 20 September 2023 to 31 August 2028, as Judges of the General Court of the European Union.

A formal sitting of the Court of Justice will take place today on the occasion of the entry into office of the new Members.

The solemn hearing will be streamed live from 12h00 on the Court site and is accessible from the following link: [https://curia.europa.eu/jcms/jcms/p1\\_3986683/](https://curia.europa.eu/jcms/jcms/p1_3986683/)

#### Curriculum vitae of the new Members

##### Saulius Lukas Kalėda

Born in 1976 in Cracow (Poland), Saulius Lukas Kalėda obtained a law degree law from the Vilniaus universitetas (University of Vilnius, Lithuania) in 1999, followed by a master's degree from the Zentrum für Europäische Integrationsforschung of the Universität Bonn (Bonn University, Germany) in 2000, and a doctorate in law from Uniwersytet Jagielloński (Jagellone University of Cracow) in 2002.

In 1998, Mr Kalėda began his professional career as a lawyer at the Insurance Supervisory Commission of the Government of the Republic of Lithuania. Between 2002 and 2003, during the negotiations for accession to the European Union, he worked as a senior expert in the European Law Department of the Government of the Republic of Lithuania. He then joined the European Commission's Directorate-General for the Internal Market as a lawyer from 2003 to 2004.

Between 2004 and 2013 Mr Kalėda worked as a Legal Secretary at the General Court of the European Union, in the chambers of Judge Vilenas Vadapalas and then in the chambers of Judge Egidijus Bieliūnas. In 2013, he joined the Court of Justice as a Legal Secretary to Advocate General Maciej Szpunar. Between 2017 and 2023, he was a member of the Legal Service of the European Commission. As an agent, he has represented the Commission in a large number of cases before the courts of the European Union.

Mr Kalėda is also involved in academic activities, as a lecturer at Vilniaus universitetas from 2002 to 2003 and again in 2011. Since 2013 he has been a lecturer at Uniwersytet Jagielloński. He is the author of numerous publications on the institutional and procedural law of the European Union.

## Ms Louise Spangsberg Grønfeldt

Born in 1980 in Ishøj (Denmark), Ms Louise Spangsberg Grønfeldt obtained a law degree in 2004 and a master's degree in law in 2007 from Københavns Universitet (University of Copenhagen, Denmark). She also obtained a master's degree from the College of Europe (Belgium) in 2007. She was admitted as a lawyer in Denmark in 2012.

Ms Spangsberg Grønfeldt began her professional career in 2007 as a trainee lawyer, a position she held until 2009. During this period, she also taught EU law at Københavns Universitet, first as lecturer and then as senior lecturer.

From 2009 to 2013, she worked as a lawyer-linguist at the General Secretariat of the Council of the European Union.

Between 2013 and 2016, Ms Spangsberg Grønfeldt was a member of the Legal Service of the European Commission, in the Budget team. She then served as Legal Secretary to Judge Jesper Svaningsen at the General Court of the European Union until 2018. At the end of that year, she returned to the Legal Service of the European Commission (State Aid team), before being appointed in 2019 as a member of the Cabinet of Margrethe Vestager, Executive Vice-President of the European Commission. From the end of 2020 to 2023, she worked in the Justice and Home Affairs team of the Legal service of the European Commission.

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