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Chris de Cooker (2013-2023)



Chris de Cooker, a Dutch citizen, is a retired international civil servant. He holds law degrees from the University of Amsterdam and Columbia University. He lectured public international law and international administration at the University of Leyden from 1975 until 1984, when he joined the European Space Agency (ESA) to serve in a number of functions, mainly in institutional and general management fields.

He represented ESA in “Co-ordination”. He was Chairman of the Co-ordinating Committee on Pension Matters (CAPOC). The last position he held until his retirement in 2011 was that of Head of the International Relations department.

He was from 1997 – 2013 Chairman of the Standing Committee on

Supranational Administration and the International Civil Service of the International Institute of Administrative Sciences.

He has for over a decade been an advisor to a number of international organizations (such as EBRD, IMF, IOM, NATO, UN, WHO, WIPO, World Bank, etc.) particularly on their internal dispute resolution systems.

Laurent Touvet (2013-2023)



Born in Dijon (France) in 1962, Laurent Touvet graduated from the Paris Business School and the Paris Institute of Political Science. He then joined the National School of Administration (class of 1990 Jean Monnet).

In 1990 he became a member of the French Council of State, Supreme Administrative Court. His role was sometimes that of administrative judge specializing in the law of regional authorities and of the public service, sometimes that of Government legal adviser. For six years (1995-2001) he was also assistant rapporteur to the Constitutional Council, dealing with cases of electoral dispute.

He has also held senior administrative positions: from 2001 to 2004, he was head of the services of the Higher Audiovisual Council, an independent body regulating the radio and television sector. From 2007 to 2013, he was Director of Civil Liberties and Legal Affairs, French Ministry of the Interior. From 2013 to 2016, he was Prefect of Ain, in charge of the administration of State and security services in this département situated between Lyon and Geneva. Since September 2016, he has been Prefect of Haut-Rhin, département of 760,000 inhabitants in Alsace.

He has experience as a local elected representative, having been deputy mayor of a town of 6,000 inhabitants (1995-2001).

He has published two works (Les grands arrêts du droit de la décentralisation, 2nd edition 2001, and Droit des élections, 2nd edition 2014), as well as many articles on administrative law, principally the law of local authorities and the law of the public service.

In parallel, he has gained experience in several international tribunals, in particular the NATO Appeals Board, of which he was a member from 2006 to 2013, when it became the Administrative Tribunal.

Christos A. Vassilopoulos (2013-2022)



Born in Athens on May 6, 1968, Christos Vassilopoulos graduated from the Law school of the National and Kapodistrian University of Athens and obtained Masters degrees in Public Law, in European community law (University of Bordeaux) and European Union and International law (European University Institute). He was awarded a Doctorate (PhD) in European Law from the University of Paris II (Panthéon-Assas) with the highest distinction and obtained the Robert Schuman award in Greece. Alumnus of the *École Nationale d'Administration* (French National School of Administration, Promotion Valmy 1996-1998), Mr. Vassilopoulos is a lawyer and a Member of the Athens Bar Association since 1994.

Mr. Vassilopoulos has extensive judicial duties first as *Référendaire* at the Court of First Instance (2001 – 2004) and the Court of Justice of the European Union (2004 – 2008) and subsequently as Alternate member, then Alternate President, of the NATO Board of Appeals (2009 – 2013).

As regards academic activities, Mr. Vassilopoulos has taught Public and European Law as a Lecturer respectively at the University of Athens (2008 – 2010) and at the Institute of Political Sciences of Paris (2011 – 2012). He was also member of the ad hoc commission of the National School of Administration in Greece, in charge of the program relating to the further education for senior management officials of the Greek administration.

Since 2011 he gives lectures in the framework of the French-Greek Masters program in Public Law organized jointly by law school of the University of Athens and the University of Bordeaux.

In addition to his judicial and academic activities, Mr. Vassilopoulos has also exercised numerous high profile functions in Greece: Head of Cabinet of Minister of Interior Affairs in charge of the organization of legislative elections in Greece in September 2009, Alternate member of the Hellenic Authority for Communication Security and Privacy (ADAE) 2008 – 2009 and Head of the Unit for *Legislation* in the General Secretariat of the Greek Government 2009 – 2010.

Mr. Vassilopoulos has published numerous articles in European reviews concerning in particular the case-law of the European Courts and he is the co-author the book *The European Stability Mechanism and the Pringle judgment* – Ed. Springer 2014.

Since 2011, Mr. Vassilopoulos is legal counsel at the Governor's office of the Central Bank of Luxembourg. He participated to international seminars and conferences and gave lectures regarding the European System of Central Banks and banking supervision.

Since the 1st April 2018, Mr. Vassilopoulos is also member of the Administrative Tribunal of the Council of Europe.

His mother tongue is Greek and he is fluent in French and English.

He is married and father of three children.

María-Lourdes Arastey Sahún (2013-2021)



M^a Lourdes Arastey Sahún (Spain) is currently a Judge of the Supreme Court of Cassation of Spain (Social Security, Employment and Labour Chamber), position to which she was promoted in 2009.

Ms Arastey is Vice-President of the European Association of Judges for Mediation (GEMME) and former President of its Spanish Section. She is a member of the European Law Institute (ELI).

On 2016 she's been appointed as an Expert by the European Network of Councils of the Judiciary (ENCJ) in the ENCJ/ELI Project on ADR/Formal and Informal Justice.

She graduated with a degree in Law from University of Barcelona in 1982 and entered the Spanish Judiciary in

1984.

She served as a Judge on Civil and Criminal Courts until 1989. From then on she worked as Expert Labour and Social Security Senior Judge for the High Court of Justice of Catalonia.

Additionally she has been an Associated Professor in Labour Law at the Faculty of Law, University of Barcelona, as well as a Lecturer at the Judicial Schools of Spain, Bulgaria, Romania and the Judicial School for Centroamerica and Caribbean. She has also given conferences in various Universities (Girona, Navarra, Jaume I de Castellón, Juan Carlos I de Madrid, Carlos III de Madrid, Granada, Pablo Olavide de Sevilla, País Vasco, Autónoma de Barcelona, Montesquieu Bordeaux IV, Centre Universitaire Méditerranéen de Nice- France-, Inca Garcilaso de Lima -Perú- and Central de Caracas -Venezuela-)

She participated in several international projects on legal and judicial matters in Romania, Bulgaria, Kosovo, Guatemala, Latvia, Italy, Portugal, France, Germany and the Slovak Republic. She represented the Spanish Judiciary in the Annual Summits of Justice and Gender/Supreme Courts of Latin America, in Cádiz 2012 and Cochabamba (Bolivia) 2013. She is an author for various publications on

labour law, discrimination, gender and equality issues, mediation and EU Law. Ms Arastey's languages are Spanish and Catalan and she speaks English, French and Italian.

John R. Crook (2013-2021)



John Crook teaches international arbitration at George Washington University Law School and currently acts as presiding or party-appointed arbitrator in investment treaty cases in ICSID, the PCA, and other settings. During three decades in the U.S. State Department's Office of the Legal Adviser, he was U.S. Agent at the Iran-United States Claims Tribunal and was deeply involved in creating the UN Compensation Commission.

He later was General Counsel of the Multinational Force and Observers (which operates peacekeepers in the Sinai Desert) and a commissioner on the Eritrea-Ethiopia Claims Commission. Crook is past vice-president of the American Society of International Law.

He has written widely on dispute settlement and is a member of the Board

of Editors of the American Journal of International Law.

He is a graduate of Yale Law School and Wabash College.