



European Court of Human Rights elects a new Section President

Judge Işıl Karakaş (Turkey) has today been elected Section President.

She has been elected for a three-year term and will take up her duties on 1 January 2015.

The Court is composed of one judge in respect of each of the 47 States to have ratified the European Convention on Human Rights. Judges work in five Sections from which Chambers of seven judges are constituted. The Court also sits as a Grand Chamber of 17 judges. The Court has two Vice-Presidents both of whom also preside over Sections, the other three Sections each having a Section President.

Judges' CVs

Judge Işıl Karakaş

Born on 8 December 1958 in Istanbul, Turkey
Faculty of Political Science, Istanbul University, 1983
Faculty of Law, Marmara University, 1990
Master's degree Public Law, Istanbul University, 1986
Master's degree in European Law, "Centre européen universitaire", Nancy II University, 1988
Doctor of Public Law, Istanbul University, 1992
European University Institute, Florence, 1990
Professor of International Law, Faculty of Law, Galatasaray University, 2003-2008
Director of the Research and Documentation Centre on Europe, Galatasaray University, 2002-2008
Head of Department of Public International Law, Faculty of Law, Galatasaray University, 2003-2008
Visiting Professor, Universities: Aix-Marseille III, Reims, Montpellier II, Strasbourg Robert Schuman
Vice-Dean, Faculty of Law, Galatasaray University, 2004-2008
Judge at the European Court of Human Rights since 1 May 2008
Vice-President of Section since 1 November 2013.

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