



European Court of Human Rights elects a new Section President

The European Court of Human Rights has today elected a new Section President – Judge **Paul Lemmens** (Belgium).

He has been elected for a two-year term and will take up his duties on 20 September 2019.

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 Paul Lemmens

Born on 29 June 1954 in Wilrijk, Belgium

Degree in Law, University of Antwerp and Catholic University of Leuven (KU Leuven), 1971-1976

Master of Laws, Northwestern University, Chicago, United States, 1977-1978

Doctor in Law, Catholic University of Leuven (KU Leuven), 1987

Member of the Brussels bar, 1976-1984 and 1987-1994

Auditor at the Council of State, 1984-1987

Judge (1994-2005), chamber president (2005-2012), Council of State

Assistant, Catholic University of Leuven (KU Leuven), 1976-1986

Professor of human rights (since 1986), of civil procedure (1986-1995), of administrative procedure (1995-1997), of constitutional law (1997-2008), University of Leuven (KU Leuven)

Member of the Human Rights Advisory Panel (United Nations, Kosovo), 2007-2012

Judge of the European Court of Human Rights since 13 September 2012

Vice-President of Section from 25 August 2015 to 31 October 2015 and from 3 November 2018 to 4 May 2019

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