Síofra O’Leary, judge in respect of Ireland, elected President of the European Court of Human Rights

The European Court of Human Rights has today elected Síofra O’Leary (Ireland) as its new President. Síofra O’Leary is the first female President of the European Court of Human Rights. Síofra O’Leary succeeds Robert Spano (Iceland). She will take up office on 1 November 2022.

Judges’ CVs

Judge Síofra O’Leary

Born on 20 September 1968, in Dublin, Ireland
Bachelor of Civil Law, University College Dublin, Ireland, 1986-1989
PhD, European University Institute, Florence, Italy, 1989-1993
Visiting Fellow and Research Associate, Department of Public International Law, University of Cádiz, Spain, and Institute for Public Policy Research, London, United Kingdom, 1994-1996
Assistant Director of the Centre for European Legal Studies, University of Cambridge, United Kingdom, 1995-1996
Fellow of Emmanuel College, University of Cambridge, United Kingdom, 1995-1996
Visiting Fellow, Faculty of Law, University College Dublin, Ireland, 1999-2004
Référendaire, Chef de Cabinet and Head of Unit, Court of Justice of the European Union, Luxembourg, 1996-2015
Visiting Professor, College of Europe, Bruges, Belgium, since 2003
Member of the Editorial Board of the Common Market Law Review, 2012-2015
Member of the Advisory Boards of the Common Market Law Review and the Irish Centre for European Law
Honorary Bencher of the Honorable Society of the King’s Inns, Ireland
Judge of the European Court of Human Rights since 2 July 2015
President of Section since 1 January 2020
Vice-President of the Court since 2 January 2022.

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