

PERSONAL INFORMATION

Prof. dr. Vilenas Vadapalas



Date of birth 26/05/1954 | Nationality Lithuanian

WORK EXPERIENCE

From 2 May 2004
to 16 September 2013

Judge

General Court of the European Union, rue du Fort Niedergrünewald L-2925 Luxembourg, <http://curia.europa.eu>

Adjudication of actions brought by natural or legal persons against acts of the institutions, bodies, offices or agencies of the European Union. Adjudication of actions brought by Member States against the Commission and the Council, etc.

From March 1997 to April 2004

Director General

European Law Department under the Government of the Republic of Lithuania (since 2004 – European Law Department under the Ministry of Justice), Gedimino pr. 56, LT-01110 Vilnius, Lithuania, www.etd.lt

Head of the institution directly reporting to the Prime Minister of the Republic of Lithuania. Responsibilities: harmonisation of national legislation with the *acquis communautaire*, giving legal opinions to the Government and the Parliament on the compliance of Lithuanian draft legislation with the EU law, all legal questions of the accession negotiations; member of the negotiations team; member of the group responsible for coordination of negotiations. Taking part in the sessions of the cabinet of the ministers. Harmonisation process included harmonisation of national legislation with the *acquis communautaire* in the area of European administrative law. Leading and supervision of staff of the Department consisting of 14 persons (11 legal experts and 3 technical staff members)

From September 2001 to April
2004

Professor, the Jean Monnet Chair of the European Union Law

Vilnius University, Universiteto g. 3, LT-01513 Vilnius, Lithuania, www.vu.lt

Holder of The Jean Monnet Chair of the European Union Law, established under the auspices of and supported by the European Commission. Courses taught to the students of the Faculty of Law: 1) The EU Law; 2) Case-Law of the European Court of Justice; 3) Protection of Human Rights in Europe; 4) Legal Issues of the Accession of Lithuania to the European Union. Supervision of the doctoral thesis (Ph.D.), studies and research in different areas of the EU law. Member of the University Council..

From September 1990 to
September 2001

Professor, chair of International and European Union Law (1990-1997: Chair of International and Comparative Law; Professor since 1998)

Vilnius University, Universiteto g. 3, LT-01513 Vilnius, Lithuania, www.vu.lt

The courses given to the students of the Faculty of Law: 1) Public International Law; 2) Human Rights; 3) International Humanitarian Law. Head of a department of the Faculty of Law. Supervision of the doctoral thesis (Ph.D.), studies and research in different areas of public and private international law, Community law, human rights, international humanitarian law. Administrative functions. Member of the University Council. Leading and supervision of academic staff consisting of approx. 14 persons

From March 1991 to December
1993

Advisor on Foreign Affairs to the Prime Minister of the Republic of Lithuania

Government of the Republic of Lithuania, Gedimino pr. 56, LT-01110 Vilnius, Lithuania, www.lrv.lt

From September 1977 to
September 1990

**Assistant of the Chair of Labour Law (1977-1990), Senior Assistant and
Associated Professor of the Chair of Theory and History of Law**

Vilnius University, Universiteto g. 3, LT-01513 Vilnius, Lithuania, www.vu.lt

Other professional activities

Advocate, member of Lithuanian Bar (Law Firm Kestutis Stungys in Vilnius, 1995-1996), legal assistant of the former European Commission of Human Rights in Strasbourg (1996-1997), professor of the EU law at Wyższa Szkoła Humanistyczno-Ekonomiczna we Włocławku, Poland (2002-2003).

EDUCATION

1997 Habilitated Doctor of Law (Public International Law)

Warsaw University, Faculty of Law and Administration, ul. Krakowskie Przedmieście 26/28 00-927 Warszawa, Polska

Habilitation thesis "*La mise en oeuvre de la responsabilité internationale des Etats*" (in French)

1979-1982 Doctor of Law (Public International Law)

Vilnius University (Vilniaus valstybinis V. Kapsuko universitetas), Universiteto g. 3, LT-01513 Vilnius, Lithuania, www.vu.lt

Degree obtained in 1983 in Moscow University after Ph.D studies at Vilnius University (nostrification in Lithuania in 1992 as Doctor in law)

Doctoral thesis "*Circumstances excluding responsibility of States in international law*" (In Russian).

1972-1977

University Diploma in Law

Vilnius University, Universiteto g. 3, LT-01513 Vilnius, Lithuania, www.vu.lt

PERSONAL SKILLS

Mother tongue Lithuanian

Other languages English, French, German, Polish, Russian

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Training Diploma of Center of studies and Research of the Hague Academy of International Law (August-September 1998). Hague Academy of International Law, Carnegieplein 2, 2517 KJ Den Haag, the Netherlands

Other activities Member of the European Law Institute, Vienna. Member of European Public Law Organisation, Athens. Honorary President of Lithuanian section of the *Fédération internationale de droit européen* (FIDE). Former member of International Commission of Jurists, Geneva. Former President of the Lithuanian European Communities Studies Association. Former rapporteur of the Expert group for assessment of legal consequences of the Pact Molotov-Ribbentrop, established by the Parliament of Lithuania in 1991. Former member and rapporteur of the Parliamentary Working Group for drafting of the Constitutional amendments necessary for the accession of Lithuania to the European Union (1998-2004). Former expert of the Council of Europe on compatibility of national legislation with the European Convention on Human Rights (Missions to Moldova, Ukraine, Azerbaijan, etc. 1998-2003). Former research fellow of l'Université de Paris II, l'Institut des hautes études internationales. Diploma of the Hague Academy of International Law (Centre of Studies and Research). Alumni des Max-Planck-Instituts für ausländisches öffentliches Recht und Völkerrecht, Heidelberg; research fellow of l'Institut suisse de droit comparé, Lausanne, foreign guest trainee solicitor in the Norton Rose Law Firm, London, etc. Lectured at Zurich, Grenoble, Kiel, Munich, Istanbul Seven Hills, Hanover, La Laguna and other universities. Author of five books and more than forty articles on the EU law, public international law, humanitarian law and human rights.

Distinctions: Knight of the Lithuanian Order of Merits; Knight of the *Palmes académiques françaises*.