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## **Election of judges to the European Court of Human Rights**

### **List and curricula vitae of candidates submitted by the Government of Hungary**

#### **Communication**

Secretary General of the Parliamentary Assembly

#### **1. List and curricula vitae of candidates submitted by the Government of Hungary and information on the national selection procedure<sup>1</sup>**

Letter from Mr Csanád Major, Deputy Permanent Representative of Hungary to the Council of Europe, to Ms Despina Chatzivassiliou, Secretary General of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe, dated 19 August 2025.

[...]

Dear Secretary General,

With reference to your letter of 11 September 2024 concerning the Hungarian candidates for judge of the European Court of Human Rights, I have the pleasure to officially transmit the list of candidates and the summary of the selection procedure for consideration by the Committee on the Election of Judges to the European Court of Human Rights of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe.

[...]

The Government of Hungary issued a call for applications for the position of the Hungarian judge opening on 23 April 2026 at the European Court of Human Rights. The call for applications was published on 22 April 2025 on the website of the Ministry of Justice.

The deadline for submitting the application was 6 May 2025, which was extended until 20 May 2025.

The candidates were selected at national level, in accordance with the expectations of the Council of Europe, through an open and transparent selection procedure, based on the nomination of the Professional Committee for the Evaluation of the Application (hereinafter: the Professional Committee).

The members of the Applications Evaluation Committee were as follows:

- Dr László Trócsányi, rector of the Károli Gáspár University of the Reformed Church, president of the Professional Committee
- Dr János Bánáti, co-chair of the Hungarian Lawyers Association, member of the Professional Committee
- Dr Réka Varga, judge of the Constitutional Court, member of the Applications Evaluation Committee

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1. The curriculum vitae were submitted by the Government of Hungary in English and French.



- Dr Judit Gyarmathy, Secretary General of the Curia of Hungary, member of the Applications Evaluation Committee
- Dr Zoltán Tóth, secretary of state of the Ministry of Justice, member of the Applications Evaluation Committee.

To evaluate the applications for the position of the Hungarian judge, the Ministry of Justice set up a Professional Committee consisting of highly respected representatives of the domestic legal community in order to ensure that candidates' being of high moral character, possessing the qualifications necessary for the judicial position, and having active knowledge of English or French and passive knowledge of the other official language be appropriately assessed. The Professional Committee also took into account the aspect of gender balance in its work. Representation of both genders is ensured among the candidates.

In addition to fulfilling the mandatory conditions stipulated in the call for applications, the Professional Committee examined the candidates' professional qualifications based on the submitted applications and in a personal interview.

The Professional Committee formed its position solely on professional considerations, based on the written application materials submitted and the personal interviews. The Professional Committee heard all applicants on 20 June 2025 and provided the candidates the opportunity to verbally supplement their submitted applications and answer the questions of the members of the Professional Committee.

The Professional Committee formulated its proposal after the personal hearing by ranking the male and female candidates by secret ballot. From the top three candidates on the ranked list, the Professional Committee selected three individuals in the second round by secret ballot, keeping in mind a balanced ratio of female and male candidates.

When making their decision, the Professional Committee took into account the criteria specified in the call for applications, in particular, the candidates' professional background, their sensitivity to human rights, their knowledge of the functioning of the Court, their level of language skills, their argumentative skills, as well as their international law experiences and their ability for co-operation.

The Professional Committee took into account the relevant resolutions and guidelines of the Council of Europe.

The Professional Committee ranked the candidates by secret ballot.

The Professional Committee recorded the results of the vote. The ballots were placed separately for each round in a sealed envelope, signed by the Chairman of the Committee and the Secretary of State of the Ministry of Justice.

Based on the above procedure, the Professional Committee decided by secret ballot to support the candidacy of the following candidates:

- Krisztina Márta Rozsnyai
- Balázs Tibor Schanda
- Marcel Szabó.

The final candidates were not ranked in order of preference.

The Professional Committee informed the Minister of Justice in writing of its proposal on 9 July 2025.

At the proposal of the Minister of Justice, the government decided to approve the proposal.

The decision of the government was published in the Official Journal (Magyar Közlöny) on 31 July 2025 (1276/2025 (VII.31.) Government decree).

### **Call for applications for the position of the Hungarian judge**

The Government of Hungary announces a call for applications for the position of the Hungarian judge of the European Court of Human Rights (hereinafter referred to as the Court) from 23 April 2026. The judges of the Court are elected by the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe from a list of three candidates submitted by the member states.

In accordance with the expectations of the Council of Europe, candidates are selected at the national level with the help of a professional committee after assessing the applications, and an advisory body within the framework of the Council of Europe also takes a position on their person. The candidates will then be heard by a committee of the Parliamentary Assembly.

Conditions for submitting an application for the position of judge:

- Hungarian citizenship,
- clean criminal record
- a certified law degree.

Further requirements for candidates are contained in Articles 21-23 of the European Convention on Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms (hereinafter: the Convention), contained in Resolutions 1646 (2009), and amended 1366 (2004) of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe, and in Guideline 40 of the Committee of Ministers.

Candidates are expected to have both in-depth knowledge of Strasbourg case law and a high level of English and French language skills (active knowledge of one and at least passive knowledge of the other is required).

During their term of office, judges may not engage in any activity that is incompatible with their independence and impartiality or with the requirements of holding a full-time office.

Judges must have a permanent residence in Strasbourg.

From among the applicants having met the eligibility criteria preference is given to applicants who:

- are familiar with both national law and international public law and had law-application or academic experience in the field of human rights;
- had active, high-level knowledge of both official languages of the Council of Europe;
- had experience as a judge/law-applier.

During the nomination procedure the Hungarian Government will also pay due regard to the gender balance requirement.

On the basis of the documents in the following websites <http://assembly.coe.int/CommitteeDocs/2009/ModelCVFR.doc>, <http://assembly.coe.int/CommitteeDocs/2009/ModelCVEN.doc> the applications can be submitted in Hungarian to the [miniszter@im.gov.hu](mailto:miniszter@im.gov.hu) e-mail address by 6 May 2025 with a motivation letter.

#### **Professional profiles of candidates interviewed but not ultimately selected by the Professional Committee**

| Candidate | Education and professional experience                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
|-----------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Female    | PhD., LL.M.<br>university vice dean, university professor<br>head of secretariat at the Constitutional Court<br>member of the expert committee of the European Charter on Regional or Minority languages                                            |
| Female    | PhD, candidate [degree from the Hungarian Academy of Sciences], LL.M.<br>Representing litigants as legal counsel and trainee lawyer in Budapest and London<br>university professor<br>head of bioethics department of an international organisation |
| Male      | PhD., LL.M.<br>university professor, dean<br>editor of a Commentary to an international treaty<br>expert responsible for European Human Rights LLM training<br>counsellor, head of department at the Office of the President of the Republic        |
| Male      | LL.M.<br>judge assigned to the Curia<br>advisor on European law<br>teacher of university course on "International Protection of Human Rights"                                                                                                       |

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|--------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Female | <p>LL.M.</p> <p>Certificate of Harvard Negotiation Master Class</p> <p>Postgraduate Diploma in Global Business; Leadership Scholarship, Saïd Business School, Oxford University</p> <p>Certificate of the Program on Negotiation, Senior Executive Education, Harvard Law School</p> <p>Certificate of International Comparative Law, Human Rights, Erasmus, Brabant University, Tilburg</p> <p>Certificate of Comparative Law, University of Graz, Austria</p> <p>Employee of an international financial organisation</p> <p>Former work experience:</p> <p>OSCE Secretary General's Office</p> <p>Senior expert in human rights and conflict management</p> <p>Council of Europe, Political Directorate, Legal Directorate</p> <p>Registry of the ECtHR</p> |
| Male   | <p>LL.M.</p> <p>Academy of European Law course on Human Rights in Europe</p> <p>codifier training</p> <p>Council of Europe's Human rights course</p> <p>course in EU law</p> <p>national representative in ECRI</p> <p>representative in CDDH</p> <p>national contact point of OSCE concerning hate speech</p> <p>agent before the ECtHR</p> <p>representative of Hungary before UN treaty bodies</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |

## **Appendix 1 – Curriculum vitae of Krisztina Márta ROZSNYAI**

### **I. Personal details**

Name: ROZSNYAI, Krisztina Márta

Gender: female

Date and place of birth: 31 August 1975 in Budapest, Hungary

Nationality: Hungarian, German

### **II. Education and academic, and other qualifications**

1994-1999: Eötvös Loránd University (ELTE) of Budapest, Faculty of Law; *doctor iuris summa cum laude* (1999)

- 1996/1997: Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität, Munich, Germany
- 1998/1999: Université Paris-X, Nanterre, Paris, France

2001-2002: Deutsche Hochschule für Verwaltungswissenschaften Speyer, Germany; *magistra rerum publicarum* (2002)

2008 University ELTE Budapest, Doctoral School of Legal Science; PhD (*summa cum laude*)

2015 Habilitation – *venia legendi* for Hungarian and comparative administrative law

### **III. Relevant professional activities**

#### **a. Description of judicial activities**

1999-2004: assistant/ counsel, Constitutional Court: drafting of decisions for justices Kiss and Erdei

- July 2001: internship at the Munich Administrative Court (Verwaltungsgericht München)

2012-2014: senior advisor at the Administrative and Labour Law Section of the Curia, the Highest Court of Hungary: supporting the panels with comparative legal advice and taking part in activities for monitoring the case law as well as participating in international activities of the Curia (visits to/from foreign courts and contributing to seminars for judges)

#### **b. Description of non-judicial legal activities**

Professor of administrative law of the Faculty of Law of University ELTE Budapest

- Assistant Professor: 1999-2008
- Adjunct Professor: 2008-2016
- Associate Professor: 2016-2020
- Full Professor from 1st September 2020

#### **since 2019: Vice-dean for international relations of the Faculty of Law, University ELTE Budapest**

I had the privilege to lead the codification works of the first Hungarian Code of Administrative Court Procedure (Act. No. 1 of 2017) at the Ministry of Justice between January 2015 and March 2017 [as a senior scientific adviser/ ministerial commissioner (July 2015 – Sept 2016)].

2008-2009: counsel at the Central Hungarian Regional Government Office, dealing with property right related administrative cases

2013-2015: member of the Appeals Committee of the National Accreditation Board

#### **c. Description of non-legal professional activities**

Member of the Committee of Research Ethics of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences since 2023

Head of the Public Law Section of the Hungarian Lawyers' Association since 2021

#### IV. Activities and experience in the field of human rights

As a civil servant at the Constitutional Court, I dealt with a wide range of procedural and substantive issues arising before the Court when drafting decisions for Justices Kiss and Erdei.

In the codification process of the Code of Administrative Court Procedure I could shape (draft) primary legislation to ensure ECHR (and EU-law) compliance.

Teaching administrative law, with special emphasis on administrative (procedural and court procedural) aspects of the protection of human rights. In addition to teaching these subjects in the general, core university courses, I offer in English a course centered around Article 6 ECHR with special emphasis on the issues of judicial review and judicial administration. In recent years, I also had the privilege to give guest lectures and courses on the right to effective judicial protection at several universities abroad [Bristol (UK), Indiana University (USA), Poitiers (F), Düsseldorf (D) and Göttingen (D)], and more broadly on administrative legal protection mechanisms [at LMU Munich (D), AMU Poznan (PL)], as well as on judicial independence [Bern (CH) and Manchester (UK)].

I contributed to the first Hungarian-language commentary of the European Convention on Human Rights edited by Pál Sonnevend and Eszter Bodnár with commentaries on Articles 6 and 13 ECHR.

My research is focused on the importance and the interdependencies of the rights to effective legal protection, fair trial and due process (see VII.).

#### V. Public activities

##### a. Public office

Not applicable

##### b. Elected posts

- **2010-2025 April and from July 2025 on: Member of the Faculty Council of the Faculty of Law of University ELTE Budapest**
- 2013-2015: member of the Appeals Committee of the Hungarian National Accreditation Board
- **since 2019: Vice dean for International Relations, Faculty of Law of University ELTE Budapest**
- **since 2020: Head of the Public Law Section of the Hungarian Lawyers' Association**
- **since 2023: Member of the Committee for Ethics in Research of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences**

##### Posts held in a political party or movement

Not applicable

#### VI. Other activities (field, duration, functions)

Memberships in expert working groups:

- **Ministry of Justice – Member of the Expert Committee Monitoring the Implementation of the Code of Administrative Procedure (since 2023)**
- Ministry of Justice – Member of the Advisory Committee on the Codification of the Rules of Administrative Procedural Law (2015-2016)
- Regular member of Jurisprudence-Analysing Working Groups of the Curia in the field of Public Law (2012, 2013, 2014/15, 2017/18 and 2020/21)

Memberships in International Learned Societies:

- **European Group of Public Administration (EGPA), since 2023 co-chair of Permanent Study Group X (Law and Administration)**
- **Vereinigung Deutscher Staatsrechtslehrer**
- **Académie Internationale de Droit Comparé**

– **Societas Iuris Publici Europaea (SIPE)**

Editorial Board Memberships:

- **ELTE Law Journal (Q4), Studia Iuridica Lublinensia (Q2), Magyar Jog [Hungarian Law], Public Governance, Administration and Finances Law Review**

## VII. Publications and Other Works

160 scientific publications with more than 800 independent references, 222 items in total [full list at [MTMT \(Hungarian Scientific Bibliography\)](#)].

Selected recent publications:

- (2025) [co-author Fényes, Marcell] Chambers or Panels? (Un)ambiguity in the Administration of Hungarian Courts. *International Journal for Court Administration (IJCA)* 16:1. Paper 4. DOI: <https://doi.org/10.36745/ijca.591>
- (2024) The Third Step of the Guðmundur Test and the Importance of a Seamless Implementation of the Principle of Separation of Powers into the Process of Appointment of Judges for Independent Tribunals Established by Law. *Juridical Tribune – Review of Comparative and International Law* 14:3 pp. 416-435. DOI: <https://doi.org/10.62768/TBJ/2024/14/3/05>
- (2024) Politics of power instead of coordination in public space management – on the example of Budapest. *Hungarian Journal of Legal Studies* 65:3 pp. 347–361 DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1556/2052.2025.00566>
- (2023) Judicial Review in Hungary: The Turmoil of Organisational Changes through the Lenses of Procedural Law. *ELTE Law Journal* 2023:1. 95-110. DOI: <https://doi.org/10.54148/ELTELJ.2023.1.95>
- (2021) The Procedural Autonomy of Hungarian Administrative Justice as a Precondition of Effective Judicial Protection. *Studia Iuridica Lublinensia* 30:4 pp. 491-503. DOI: <http://dx.doi.org/10.17951/sil.2021.30.4.491-503>
- (2021) – [co-author Mohácsi, Barbara] Tisztességes tárgyaláshoz való jog (= EEJE 6. cikk) [The right to a fair trial, Art. 6 ECHR], and
- (2021) – Hatékony jogorvoslathoz való jog (= EEJE 13. cikk) [The right to an effective remedy],
- both (6-7) in: Pál Sonnevend – Eszter Bodnár (eds.) *Az Emberi Jogok Európai Egyezményének kommentárja. [The European Convention on Human Rights – A Commentary]* Budapest: **HVG-orac**, pp. 103-173 and pp. 324-335.
- (2019) § 43 Geschichte der Verwaltungsgerichtsbarkeit in Ungarn. In: Sommermann, Karl-Peter; Schaffarzik, Bert (eds.) *Handbuch der Geschichte der Verwaltungsgerichtsbarkeit in Deutschland und Europa*. Band 2. Berlin, Heidelberg: Springer, pp. 1569-1599. <https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-642-41235-6>

## VIII. Languages

| Language             | English                                                              | French                                                                                                | German                                                                        | Hungarian     |
|----------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|
| <b>Reading</b>       | C2                                                                   | C2                                                                                                    | C2                                                                            | C2            |
| <b>Writing</b>       | C1                                                                   | C1                                                                                                    | C2                                                                            | C2            |
| <b>Listening</b>     | C2                                                                   | C1                                                                                                    | C2                                                                            | C2            |
| <b>Speaking</b>      | C1                                                                   | C1                                                                                                    | C2                                                                            | C2            |
| <b>How acquired?</b> | School and private lessons preparing for Proficiency in English exam | School and University (Diplôme d'Université de Langue, Littérature, Civilisation Françaises, Paris-X) | Living in Austria and Germany (1984-90), University (LMU München, DHV Speyer) | Mother tongue |

## IX. Other relevant information: referee

Married, 5 children

**X. In the event that you do not meet the level of language proficiency required for the post of judge in an official language, please confirm your intention to follow intensive language classes of the language concerned prior to, and if need be also at the beginning of, your term of duty if elected a judge on the Cour**

Yes, I confirm

**XI. Please confirm that you will take up permanent residence in Strasbourg if elected a judge on the Court**

Yes, I confirm

## **Appendix 2 – Curriculum vitae of Balázs Tibor SCHANDA**

### **I. Personal details**

Name: SCHANDA, Balázs Tibor

Gender: male

Date and place of birth: 18 August 1968, Budapest, Hungary

Nationality: Hungarian

### **II. Education and academic, and other qualifications**

Qualifications:

- 1993: Lawyer (Eötvös Loránd University, Faculty of Law)
- 1996: Bar exam
- 1999: Licentiate in canon law (Pázmány Péter Catholic University, Post-graduate Institute of Canon Law)
- 2003: PhD in legal studies (Eötvös Loránd University, Faculty of Law)
- 2010: habilitation (Pázmány Péter Catholic University, Faculty of Law and Political Sciences)

Studies abroad:

- 1992: Trier, Germany, TEMPUS scholarship, 6 months
- 1994: Bonn, Germany, Katholischer Akademischer Ausländer-Dienst research grant, 4 months
- 1994: Birmingham, United Kingdom “European Human Rights Law and Practice Program”, 10 weeks
- 1997: New York, USA, “visiting scholar” at the Columbia University “Religion, Human Rights, Religious Freedom Program”, 4 months

### **III. Relevant professional activities**

#### **a. Description of judicial activities**

Member of the Constitutional Court of Hungary since 1 December 2016 (Parliamentary resolution 31/2016. (XI. 23.) OGY)

Appointed judge since 1 July 2020 (Presidential resolution 304/2020. (VII. 3.) KE)

#### **b. Description of non-judicial legal activities**

1. University professor at the Faculty of Law and Political Sciences of Pázmány Péter Catholic University (subjects taught: constitutional law, ecclesiastical law)
2. Previous professional activities

Constitutional Court of the Republic of Hungary:

- law clerk (1 March 1993 – 31 December 1996)
- researcher (1 January 1997 – 31 May 1998)
- counsellor (1 June 1998 – 31 May 1999)

Ministry of National Cultural Heritage:

- deputy director (1 June 1999 – 30 June 2002)

Prime Ministers' Office:

- deputy director (July 2002)
- senior counsellor (1 August 2002 – 31 December 2002)

Constitutional Court of the Republic of Hungary:

- senior counsellor (1 January 2003 – April 2007)

Pázmány Péter Catholic University:

- associate professor and head of the Department of Constitutional Law (since September 2006)
- dean of the Faculty of Law and Political Sciences (1 July 2007 – 31 August 2013)
- **full university professor (2012-)**

### **c. Description of non-legal professional activities**

Not applicable

## **IV. Activities and experience in the field of human rights**

- Teaching fundamental rights and international human rights law.
- Board member of the Holocaust Documentation Centre Memorial Public Foundation (2002 – 2004)
- Alternate member of the Management Board (2010-2015) of the European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights
- Delivering the opinion (or dissenting) in numerous decisions of the Constitutional Court

## **V. Public activities**

### **a. Public office**

Member of the Constitutional Court (since 2016)

### **b. Elected posts**

Member of the Constitutional Court (since 2016)

### **c. Posts held in a political party or movement**

Not applicable

## **VI. Other activities (field, duration, functions)**

- European Consortium for Church and State Research – membership (since 2004, president in 2016)
- International Consortium for Law and Religion Studies (membership)
- Membership in editorial boards/scientific councils: *Iustum Aequum Salutare*, *Revista General de Derecho Canónico y Derecho Eclesiástico del Estado*, *Oxford Journal of Law and Religion*, *Studia z Prawa Wyznaniowego*, *In Medias Res*, Association of Hungarian Constitutional Lawyers
- Hungarian Academy of Sciences elected member of the General Assembly 2012-15, elected member of the Committee on Legal and Political Sciences (2012-15)
- Hungarian Accreditation Committee – member of the Expert Committee of Social Sciences (2011-2017)
- Bar exam examiner (since 2013)
- Member of the parents' council at the school of our youngest daughter (since 2021)

## **VII. Publications and other works**

- Schanda, Balázs: *Religion and Law in Hungary*, Alphen aan den Rijn: Kluwer Law International 2025 (third, revised edition), 145 p. (International Encyclopedia of Laws/Religion)

- Schanda Balázs: *Keresztény kultúra – Állam és egyház – Vallásszabadság: Tanulmányok a vallásszabadság és az állami egyházjog köréből* (Christian Culture – Church and State – Freedom of Religion: Studies on Freedom of Religion and Ecclesiastical Law) Budapest, Pázmány Press (2022), 217 p. ISBN: 9789633084281
- Schanda Balázs: 9. Cikk: Gondolat-, lelkiismereti- és vallásszabadság (Article 9: Freedom of thought, conscience and religion), In: Sonnevend, Pál; Bodnár, Eszter (eds.) *Az Emberi Jogok Európai Egyezményének kommentárja* (Commentary of the European Convention of Human Rights) Budapest, HVG-ORAC (2021) pp. 218-243.
- Schanda Balázs: *A kiskorú vallásszabadsága: A gyermek vagy a szülő joga?* (The right of freedom of religion of minors: A right for children or of parents?) KÁNONJOG: 25: 1 pp. 81-88. (2023)
- Schanda Balázs: *Az Alaptörvény mint kompromisszum – néhány szempont az Alaptörvény kompromisszumos jellegéhez* (The Fundamental Law as a compromise – some consideration on the compromise character of the Fundamental Law) KÖZJOGI SZEMLE: 1 pp. 16-21. (2024)
- Schanda Balázs: *Az alkotmánybíráskodás új szerepe az Alaptörvény első évtizedében: Kompromisszumok, identitás és jogfejlesztés* (The new role of constitutional jurisdiction in the first decade of the Fundamental Law: Compromises, identity and legal development) ACTA HUMANA: HUNGARIAN CENTRE FOR HUMAN RIGHTS PUBLICATIONS 9: 2 pp. 117-134., (2021)
- Schanda Balázs: *Magyarország keresztény kultúrájának alkotmányos védelme* (The constitutional defense of the Christian culture of Hungary) JOGTUDOMÁNYI KÖZLÖNY 74: 4 pp. 150-155. (2019)
- Schanda Balázs: *Hungary's Christian Culture as Subject of Constitutional Protection* STUDIA Z PRAWA WYZNANIOWEGO / STUDIES IN LAW ON RELIGION 23 pp. 55-72. (2020)
- Schanda Balázs: *The Recent Developments of Church-State Relations in Central Europe*, In: Ferrari Slivio, Cristofori Rinaldo (eds.) *Law and Religion in the 21st Century: Relations between States and Religious Communities*. Farnham: Ashgate, 2010. pp. 157-165.
- Schanda Balázs: *Das Recht der Religionsgemeinschaften in Ungarn*, In: Lienemann Wolfgang, Reuter Hans-Richard (eds.) *Das Recht der Religionsgemeinschaften in Mittel-, Ost- und Südosteuropa*. Baden-Baden: Nomos, 2005. pp. 547-568.

Full list of publications: <https://m2.mtmt.hu/gui2/?type=authors&mode=browse&sel=authors10001202>

All publications: 403, independent citations: 1749

### VIII. Languages

| Language      | English                   | French           | German                          | Italian   |
|---------------|---------------------------|------------------|---------------------------------|-----------|
| Reading       | C2                        | B2               | C1                              | B2        |
| Writing       | C2                        | B1               | C1                              | B1        |
| Listening     | C2                        | B2               | C2                              | B2        |
| Speaking      | C2                        | B1               | C1                              | B1        |
| How acquired? | privately since childhood | secondary school | privately since early childhood | privately |

### IX. Other relevant information

Married since 2003, four children.

**X. In the event that you do not meet the level of language proficiency required for the post of judge in an official language, please confirm your intention to follow intensive language classes of the language concerned prior to, and if need be also at the beginning of, your term of duty if elected a judge on the Court**

Yes, I confirm

**XI. Please confirm that you will take up permanent residence in Strasbourg if elected a judge on the Court**

Yes, I confirm

## Appendix 3 – Curriculum vitae of Marcel SZABÓ

### I. Personal details

Name: SZABÓ, Marcel

Gender: male

Date and place of birth: 23 May 1970 in Budapest, Hungary

Nationality: Hungarian

### II. Education and academic, and other qualifications

- 1989-1994 – juris doctor (ELTE Law School, Budapest) – *cum laude*
- 1992 (spring semester) – Technical University Delft (the Netherlands), River Basin Administration Center – research topic: International legal problems of transboundary Rhine and Danube areas
- 1995 (fall semester) – Stanford University (US), Diplomat Training Program
- 1996 (January-August) – Université Panthéon-Assas, Certificat de Recherches Approfondies
- 1996-1997 (two semesters) – Cambridge University, Diploma in International Law
- 1998 – bar exam (organized by the Ministry of Justice, Hungary)
- 2003 – Ph.D. (Pázmány Péter Catholic University, Budapest) – title of dissertation: Codification of the rules of reparation by the International Law Commission – *summa cum laude*
- 2012 – Habilitation (Pázmány Péter Catholic University, Budapest) – title of thesis: Hierarchy and collision between the norms of European law and public international law
- 2017 – Full professor (Pázmány Péter Catholic University, Budapest)

### III. Relevant professional activities

#### a. Description of judicial activities

- **1 December 2016-present – Member (justice) of the Hungarian Constitutional Court (term of office: 12 years, non-renewable).** Rapporteur judge in over 370 cases, 50 of which were decided by the plenary session (15-judge formation) of the Constitutional Court. Rapporteur judge in cases mostly relating to the protection of the environment, children's rights, the rights of persons with disabilities, and local government autonomy.
- **2015-present – Member (arbitrator) of the Hungarian National Group of the Permanent Court of Arbitration in The Hague.**

#### b. Description of non-judicial legal activities

Academic activities:

1997-present – Lecturer at the Faculty of Law of Pázmány Péter Catholic University (full professor since 2017)

- 2005-present – Head of department (2005-2014 – Department of International Law and European Law, 2015-present – Department of European Law)
- lectures on European law and international law
- 2001-2011 – Program director of the joint Central European Studies Program of PPCU and the University of San Francisco
- 2003-2011 – Vice Dean for International Relations, PPCU
- 2005-2009 – Program director of the University of San Francisco's Summer Law School Program in Budapest

- Visiting researcher/lecturer (Sacro Cuore University, Milan, Italy; University of San Francisco, US; Marymount College, Los Angeles, US; Lauterpacht Centre for International Law, Cambridge University, UK)

**2013-present – Founder and editor-in-chief of the Hungarian Yearbook of International Law and European Law** – a gold open access law journal, ranked by Scopus and ERIH Plus, and currently published by Nomos, Germany. The journal aims to present the latest scientific research and developments in international and European law in Hungary to an international audience, as well as the most significant decisions of the Hungarian supreme courts (Curia of Hungary, Constitutional Court of Hungary). It also analyses important cases from international forums, primarily the CJEU and the ECtHR, that are relevant to or significant for Hungary.

Non-academic and non-judicial legal activities:

- 1994-1995 – Legal advisor, International Law Department of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Hungary
- 1998-2002 – International law expert, Office of the Government Commissioner for the Danube Region, Hungary
- 2000-2002 – Head of delegation, Hungarian-Slovak Legal Working Group responsible for implementing the ICJ's judgment in the Gabčíkovo-Nagymaros Project Case (Hungary v. Slovakia)
- 2011-2012 – Ministerial Commissioner for the Sustainable Use of Transboundary Natural Resources, Ministry of Public Administration and Justice, Hungary
- 2011-2012 – Representative of Hungary before the ICJ

#### **c. Description of non-legal professional activities**

**2017-present – Chair of the International Committee of Voices of Future Generations**, established by the World Future Council. The program's mission is to promote children's rights to education and culture by publishing books written by children (typically aged 8-12) for younger readers.

#### **IV. Activities and experience in the field of human rights**

- 1997-present – University courses in international law, European law, and environmental law, focusing on the judicial protection mechanisms for individuals
- 1997-present – Publications and lectures on human rights protection (see the list of the most important publications in point VII). Lecture at the Council of Europe's 2023 conference in Strasbourg, titled 'The right to a clean, healthy and sustainable environment in practice'.
- 2012-2016 – Deputy Commissioner for Fundamental Rights and Ombudsman for Future Generations in Hungary. Investigating complaints relating to poor administration concerning the right to a healthy environment, the protection of natural resources and the interests of future generations. Issued independent statements on topics such as national parks as guardians of values for future generations (2014), or the protection of the soil (2016). Initiated a proposal at the 23rd session of the UN Human Rights Council, with the co-sponsorship of 15 states and in collaboration with WaterLex, for UN national human rights institutions to collect and share their national provisions and legal practices on the right to water and sanitation with each other. Founder and first president of the Network of Institutions for Future Generations (based on the 2013 UN Secretary-General's report titled 'Intergenerational Solidarity and the Needs of Future Generations', A/68/322).
- 2016-present – Justice at the Constitutional Court of Hungary. Rapporteur judge in over 370 cases, 50 of which were decided by the plenary session (15-judge formation) of the Constitutional Court. Rapporteur judge in cases mostly relating to the protection of the environment, children's rights, the rights of persons with disabilities, and local government autonomy. The most important decisions in which acting as a rapporteur judge are: Decision No. 5/2025 on the Hungarian Climate Protection Act, and Decision No. 10/2020 ensuring legal consistency between a judgment of the ECtHR and a specific Hungarian legal provision.
- 2017-present – Chair of the International Committee of Voices of Future Generations (see in point III.c. above)

## V. Public activities

### a. Public office

- 2000-2002 – Head of delegation, Hungarian-Slovak Legal Working Group responsible for implementing the ICJ's judgment in the Gabčíkovo-Nagymaros Project Case (Hungary v. Slovakia)
- 2011-2012 – Ministerial Commissioner for the Sustainable Use of Transboundary Natural Resources, Ministry of Public Administration and Justice, Hungary
- 2011-2012 – Representative of Hungary before the ICJ

### b. Elected posts

- 2012-2016 – Deputy Commissioner for Fundamental Rights and Ombudsman for Future Generations, Hungary
- **1 December 2016-present (term of office: 12 years) – Member (justice), Constitutional Court of Hungary**

### c. Posts held in a political party or movement

Not applicable

## VI. Other activities (field, duration, functions)

Membership in editorial boards:

- **2013-present – Founder and editor-in-chief, Hungarian Yearbook of International Law and European Law**
- **2015-present – Editorial board member, East-West Studies: Journal of Social Sciences (Tallinn University)**
- **2018-present – Editorial board member, Belügyi Szemle, Hungary**
- 2005-2011 – Editorial board member, Iustum Aequum Salutare, Hungary

Membership in professional organisations:

- **Member of the public body, Hungarian Academy of Sciences (HAS)**
- **Member, Subcommittees on Public International Law and on European Law of Section IX (Economics and Law) of the HAS**
- **Member, International Law Association (ILA), Hungarian Branch**
- **Member, International Federation of European Law (FIDE), Hungarian Branch**

Positions in professional organisations (all positions without remuneration):

- **2017-present – Chair, International Commission of the Voices of Future Generations**
- **2019-present – Member of the Governing Council, Centre for International Sustainable Development Law (ICSIDL), Montreal, Canada**
- **2022-present – Member, Weeramantry International Justice Commission**

Awards:

- 2016 – Justitia Regnorum Fundamentum (awarded by the Commissioner for Fundamental Rights, Hungary) in recognition of outstanding achievements in the field of human rights protection
- 2018 – Voices of Future Generations Global Inspiration Award
- 2020 – H.E. Justice C.G. Weeramantry International Justice Award

## VII. Publications and other works

Full list of publications is included in the Hungarian Scientific Works Repository (mtmt): <https://m2.mtmt.hu/gui2/?type=authors&mode=browse&sel=authors10026228&paging=1;1000>

Total number of books and articles: 161 (116 'scientific publications'), independent citations: 317, Hirsch-index: 9

Most important titles:

1. Marie-Claire Cordonier Segger – Marcel Szabó – Alexandra R. Harrington (eds.): *Intergenerational Justice in Sustainable Development Treaty Implementation: Advancing Future Generations Rights through National Institutions*. Cambridge University Press, 2021, 500 p.
2. *Representing the Interests of Present and Future Generations at the Same Time: A Case Study of the Hungarian Ombudsman for Future Generations*. In: Heléne Ruiz Fabri – Valérie Rosoux – Alessandra Donati (eds.): *Representing the Absent*. Nomos, 2023, pp.413–438.
3. *Right to environment*. In: Christina Binder – Manfred Nowak – Jane A. Hofbauer – Philipp Janig (eds.): *Elgar Encyclopedia of Human Rights*. Edward Elgar, 2022, pp.81–89.
4. *A Common Heritage Fund for Future Generations*, In: Iñigo González-Ricoy – Axel Gosseries (eds.): *Institutions for Future Generations*. Oxford University Press, 2016, pp.197–213.
5. *Sustainable development in the judgments of the International Court of Justice*. In: Marie-Claire Cordonier Segger – H.E. Judge C.G. Weeramantry (eds.): *Sustainable development principles in the decisions of international courts and tribunals 1992–2012*. Routledge, 2017, pp.266–280.
6. *The EU under public international law: challenging prospects*. The Cambridge Yearbook of European Legal Studies, Vol.10, 2010, pp.303–343.
7. *State succession and the jurisprudence of the European Court of Human Rights*. In: Christina Binder et al. (eds.): *The European Court of Human Rights and Public International Law – Fragmentation or Unity?* Nomos, 2014, pp.119–145.
8. The effects of the European Convention on Human Rights and the Strasbourg case law on the development of Hungarian law. *Acta Juridica Hungarica*, 2015/1, pp.59–71.
9. *Az egészséges környezethez való jog anyagi jogi és eljárásjogi kérdései az Alkotmánybíróság újabb gyakorlatában*. *Acta Humana*, 2022/2, pp.77–92. (in Hungarian, translation of the title: Substantive and procedural aspects of the right to a healthy environment in the recent case-law of the Hungarian Constitutional Court)
10. *Az Alkotmánybíróság és az Emberi Jogok Európai Bíróságának kapcsolata*. In: Zakariás Kinga (ed.): *Az alkotmánybírósági törvény kommentárja*. Pázmány Press, 2022, pp.99–107. (in Hungarian, translation of the title: The relationship between the Constitutional Court and the ECtHR)

## VIII. Languages

| Language      | English                   | French                    | Hungarian     |
|---------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|---------------|
| Reading       | C2                        | B2                        | C2            |
| Writing       | C2                        | B2                        | C2            |
| Listening     | C2                        | B2                        | C2            |
| Speaking      | C2                        | B2                        | C2            |
| How acquired? | learning, studying abroad | learning, studying abroad | mother tongue |

## IX. Other relevant information

Not applicable

**X. In the event that you do not meet the level of language proficiency required for the post of judge in an official language, please confirm your intention to follow intensive language classes of the language concerned prior to, and if need be also at the beginning of, your term of duty if elected a judge on the Court**

Yes, I confirm

**XI. Please confirm that you will take up permanent residence in Strasbourg if elected a judge on the Court**

Yes, I confirm