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List and curricula vitae of candidates submitted by the Government of the Netherlands

Communication
Secretary General of the Parliamentary Assembly

1. List and curricula vitae of candidates submitted by the Government of the Netherlands[1]

Letter from Ms Tanja Gonggrijp, Ambassador, Permanent Representative of the Kingdom of the Netherlands to the Council of Europe, to Ms Despina Chatzivassiliou, Secretary General of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe, dated 14 November 2025.

[…]

Your Excellency,

On behalf of the Government of the Kingdom of the Netherlands, I have the honour to formally submit the nomination of three distinguished candidates for the position of Judge of the European Court of Human Rights, to be elected in respect of the Netherlands.

In accordance with the procedures established by the Parliamentary Assembly, the Government of the Kingdom of the Netherlands has decided to nominate these candidates based on their impeccable qualifications, professional integrity, and steadfast commitment to the principles enshrined in the European Convention on Human Rights.

The nominees are, in alphabetical order:

– Mr Sjoerd BAKKER
– Ms Tamara TROTMAN
– Ms Corinna WISSELS

Each candidate embodies the highest standards of legal expertise and impartiality, and the Government of the Kingdom of the Netherlands is confident that they will uphold the dignity and the rule of law that this esteemed judicial institution represents.

[…]

In addition to the CVs of the candidates, please also find attached the recommendation by the Recommendation Committee to the Minister of Foreign Affairs and the Minister for Legal Protection, signed by the President of the Supreme Court, Ms. De Groot. Please also note that this document also contains the necessary information on the national selection procedure.

[…]

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

2. Information on the national selection procedure for candidates for election as judge to the European Court of Human Rights in respect of the Netherlands

2.1. Background

On 2 April 2026 the term of the current Dutch judge at the ECtHR will come to an end. By letter of 11 September 2024 the Secretary General of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe invited the Dutch Government to nominate three candidates for the position by 11 August 2025. By letter of 25 September 2024 the Advisory Panel of Experts on Candidates for Election as Judge to the European Court of Human Rights ('Advisory Panel') invited the government to first submit its nominations to the Advisory Panel (by no later than 12 May 2025).

With that in mind the Minister of Foreign Affairs and the then Minister for Legal Protection initiated the procedure[2] created by their predecessors by order of 4 July 2023. Under this procedure they are sent a non-public list of recommended candidates, drawn up by a Recommendation Committee which, in the case of the present vacancy, consisted of the following members:

– Dr Dineke DE GROOT, President of the Supreme Court of the Netherlands (chair);

– Dr Rosa UYLENBURG, President of the Administrative Jurisdiction Division of the Council of State (member);

– Professor Nico SCHRIJVER, interim chair of the Netherlands Institute for Human Rights (member);

– Mr Jos SILVIS, former judge at the ECtHR and former Procurator General at the Supreme Court (member).

Since 1 September 2025 Professor Richard Lawson has been chair of the Netherlands Institute for Human Rights. As of that date he thus succeeded Professor Nico Schrijver as ex officio member of the Recommendation Committee.

Dr Nelleke Koffeman (Ministry of Justice and Security) and Mr Vincent de Graaf LLM (Ministry of Foreign Affairs) served as secretaries of the committee.

2.2. Procedure

The vacancy was published on 27 December 2024 on www.werkenvoornederland.nl, the website for announcing job listings for central government. Interested parties were invited to upload their CV and a cover letter. The deadline given was 10 February 2025. On 10 January 2025 a full-page advertisement for the vacancy, which contained a reference to the above-mentioned site, appeared in the law journal Nederlands Juristenblad (NJB) and also in the NJB's online newsletter, with a link to the official listing. A listing for the position was also published in early January on the website of the Centre for International Law of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and of the Council for the Judiciary. Finally, the vacancy was widely disseminated on LinkedIn, the online professional network.

In addition to announcing the job opening, as described above, the Recommendation Committee ('the committee') also notified people it felt would be suitable for and interested in the position.

In the first round a total of 13 people applied for the position, either on www.werkenvoornederland.nl or by directly emailing the committee. Out of that total of 13 applications, the committee invited five candidates (three men and two women) for an interview. In the committee's view, the other eight applicants (four men and four women) did not fulfil the requirement set down in Article 21, paragraph 1 of the European Convention on Human Rights (ECHR) that judges on the ECtHR 'must either possess the qualifications required for appointment to high judicial office or be jurisconsults of recognised competence', as it has been interpreted by the Advisory Panel.

On the basis of the five interviews, the committee drew up a recommendation on 11 March 2025 consisting of three candidates, listed in alphabetical order: Professor Sjoerd Bakker,[...] and Ms Corinna Wissels. On 25 April 2025 the Council of Ministers for the Kingdom approved this recommendation, and on 28 April 2025 it was submitted to the Advisory Panel. […] The list was subsequently submitted to the Parliamentary Assembly

2. See:www.rijksoverheid.nl/documenten/kamerstukken/2023/07/04/kamerbrief-inzake-procedure-voordracht-europese-rechterlijke-colleges.

of the Council of Europe (PACE) on 3 July 2025. Shortly thereafter, one of the candidates withdrew from the procedure for personal reasons. Consequently, the Netherlands' list of candidates was formally withdrawn on 22 July 2025.

Inquiries with the PACE secretariat revealed that as long as the list had not yet been published by PACE, the government was free to modify it. The Dutch list had not been published by PACE. The PACE secretariat confirmed that the two other candidates could remain on the list and that the third position could be filled by a new candidate, as long as that person had been interviewed in the course of the national selection procedure. There were only two remaining candidates who had also been interviewed as part of the national selection procedure. The committee felt that it was appropriate to readvertise the vacancy. The Minister of Justice and Security and the then Minister for Legal Protection were sent a memo to this effect.

The vacancy for the remaining place on the list was published on werkenvoornederland.nl from 6 to 28 August 2025. A similar notice was also published on the website of the Centre for International Law of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and widely disseminated on LinkedIn, the online professional network. In addition, the committee asked its secretaries to inform a number of individuals directly about the new vacancy.

In the further application round, a total of 13 people (seven men and six women) applied for the open place on the list. The committee invited three of those individuals for an interview (one man and two women). In the committee's view, the other 10 applicants did not meet the aforementioned requirements set down in Article 21, paragraph 1 of the ECHR, or at least not to the same degree as the three individuals selected for interviews. One of the three invited candidates withdrew from the procedure shortly before their interview was to take place. As a result, interviews were conducted with only two individuals.

2.3. Assessment by the Recommendation Committee

In assessing the candidates, the committee took the following requirements as points of departure:

– the above-mentioned requirements contained in Article 21, paragraph 1 of the ECHR, as interpreted by the Advisory Panel, and the other requirements enshrined in that Article;

– the ability to express oneself effectively both orally and in writing in at least one of the Court's working languages (English/French), plus at least a passive knowledge of the other language.[3]

Furthermore, the committee sought to determine whether the applicants had an in-depth knowledge of the ECHR and the areas of Dutch law that are relevant to ECtHR cases, including criminal law and immigration law. It also looked into whether applicants had relevant international work experience, whether they had a good awareness of the different legal cultures of the member States of the Council of Europe and whether they could be expected to operate effectively in such an international environment. In addition, the committee considered whether the applicants had a sufficient knowledge of and connection to the Netherlands' constitutional order, including the role of ECtHR cases in the Dutch legal system and administration of justice, and whether they had a vision of the tasks performed by and the functioning of the ECtHR, both now and in the future, and the way these things relate to the national legal order. Applicants were also assessed on whether they were capable of shouldering the heavy workload of the ECtHR. Finally, the committee assessed whether the candidates were willing to move to Strasbourg.

2.4. Recommendation

The government is obliged to submit a nomination list of three people, in alphabetical order, to the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe. At least one person on the list must be a woman. Because women are currently underrepresented on the ECtHR, the nomination list could also have consisted solely of women in this instance. The government's eventual nomination to the Parliamentary Assembly will consist of only the names and CVs of the three people in question.

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3. To this end, the applicants' linguistic competence as claimed in their CVs was tested in the committee's assessment. In addition, during the interviews the applicants were requested to reply, in French, to a question asked in French about ECtHR case law. The applicants were also asked whether they felt competent to write draft judgments in English and/or French and to discuss their experience with drafting legal texts in those languages.

On the basis of the relevant documents, interviews with the applicants and other observations during the application rounds described above, the committee arrived at the following recommendation (in alphabetical order):

– Professor Sjoerd Bakker;

– Ms Tamara Trotman;

– Ms Corinna Wissels.

[…]

Appendix 1 – Curriculum vitae of Sjoerd BAKKER

I. Personal details

Name: BAKKER, Sjoerd

Gender: male

Date and place of birth: 10 November 1973 in Heemstede, the Netherlands

Nationality: Dutch

II. Education and academic, and other qualifications

– 2024: CPO Course for NAI Arbitration, Rotterdam, the Netherlands
– 2019-2021: RHIO (raadsheer in opleiding) judicial traineeship for appellate court justices at the Gerechtshof Arnhem-Leeuwarden, the Netherlands (Court of Appeal Arnhem-Leeuwarden)
– 2009-2012: PhD Trajectory, Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam, the Netherlands (Faculty of Law) (doctoral thesis: “Redelijkheid en billijkheid als gedragsnorm” (Good faith as a norm of conduct)
– 2007-2008: Grotius Academy, Nijmegen, the Netherlands: postgraduate course on corporate and business law
– 1998: Courses in philosophy of law and international public law and its role in peacekeeping, Ruprecht-Karls-Universität, Heidelberg, Germany
– 1997: Pragmatism (philosophy), course conducted by prof. R. Rorty, University of Amsterdam, the Netherlands
– 1992-1999: Law studies Universiteit Leiden, the Netherlands (private law). Electives including Legal Theory, Foundations of Private Law
– 1986-1992: Gymnasium a, GSR Rotterdam, the Netherlands and Lyceum Sancta Maria, Haarlem, the Netherlands

III. Relevant professional activities

a. Description of judicial activities

Period: **Since 2021**

Position: **Appeal Judge** (*raadsheer*) (0,8 FTE)

Location: **Court of Appeal Arnhem-Leeuwarden, the Netherlands** (venue Leeuwarden)

Responsibilities: judging on appeal with respect to civil cases (commercial disputes, family and hereditary law) as well as (from 2024) criminal cases.

Period: Since 2024

Member of the Expert Group Victim Rights within the judiciary.

This Expert Group mainly focusses on the legal position of the victim/affected party in criminal cases.

Period: Since 2021

Member of the Platform Innovative Projects (PIP), a think tank within the judiciary, affiliated with the Taskforce Innovation (Regiegroep Innovatie) and The Council for the Judiciary (Raad voor de rechtspraak) respectively.

Period: 2019 – 2021

Position: Deputy Judge (*raadsheer in opleiding*)

Location: Court of Appeal Arnhem-Leeuwarden, the Netherlands (venue Leeuwarden)

Responsibilities: judging on appeal with respect to civil cases (mainly concerning commercial disputes and family law).

b. Description of non-judicial activities

Period: **Since 2023**

Position: **Endowed Professor Administration of Justice** (0.2 FTE)

Employer: **Radboud University Nijmegen, the Netherlands** (Faculty of Law, Department of Jurisprudence)

Responsibilities: conducting and stimulating research (within the sector plan “Conflict Resolving Institutions”) and teaching in the field of, inter alia, justice and lawmaking, with particular attention to hermeneutics, fundamental rights in civil law, organising periodic round table meetings with a view to exchanging knowledge between the judiciary and (legal) science, supervision of graduate thesis students.

Period: **Since 2013**

Position: **University Lecturer** (zero-hours appointment)

Employer: **Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam, the Netherlands** (Faculty of Law, Department of Private Law)

Responsibilities: (until 2014): conducting research and teaching (bachelor and master phase) in the area of (international) contract and liability law; supervision of undergraduate and graduate thesis students and support of young researchers and lecturers.

Period: 2017 – 2019

Position: Attorney at law

Employer: Spigt Dutch Caribbean, Willemstad, Curaçao, Dutch Caribbean

Responsibilities: advising and litigating in the field of corporate law, (international) contract and liability law and competition law, drafting and negotiating financing agreements for the Caribbean market.

Period: 2016 – 2017

Position: Associate Professor (Faculty of Law, Department of Private Law)

Employer: University of Curaçao Dr. Moises da Costa Gomez, Willemstad, Curaçao, Dutch Caribbean

Responsibilities: conducting and coordinating research (in the research programme “Fundamental Rights") and conducting and coordinating education (bachelor and master phase) in the field of property law and the law of obligations; supervision of undergraduate and graduate thesis students.

Period: October 2015 – March 2016

Position: Senior Legal Counsel a.i.

Employer: Dynniq Nederland (formerly Imtech Traffic & Infra BV), Amersfoort, the Netherlands

Period: January 2015 – September 2015

Position: Senior Legal Counsel

Employer: Royal Imtech NV, Gouda, the Netherlands (liquidated)

Period: 2011 – 2013

Position: Lecturer-researcher

Employer: Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam, the Netherlands (Faculty of Law, Department of Private Law)

Period: 2007 – 2014

Position: Attorney at law/PSL (private law)

Employer: Houthoff Buruma, Amsterdam, the Netherlands

Period: 2000 – 2006

Position: Attorney at law (private law)

Employer: Bos & Van der Burg Advocaten, Zoetermeer, the Netherlands

c. Description of non-legal professional activities

Period: Since 2024

Ad hoc contributor to Judges for Judges (Rechters voor Rechters), a Dutch NGO, which aims to support fellow judges who have experienced or may experience problems related to their profession.

IV. Activities and experience in the field of human rights

In 2016 my family and I moved to Curaçao in the Dutch Caribbean after accepting an invitation to become an associate professor at the University of Curaçao Dr. Moises da Costa Gomez. Seeing the many differences in life and welfare conditions between the people of the Dutch Caribbean and the inhabitants of the European part of the kingdom of the Netherlands, I took a lasting interest in fundamental rights and their significance for the Dutch Caribbean and the Netherlands. I was by that time appointed by the co-deans of the law faculty of said university to conduct and co-ordinate research in the research programme “Fundamental Rights". Around and after my departure from said faculty this resulted in a faculty research volume on fundamental rights in the Dutch Caribbean (2019) and in articles by me on the relation between fundamental rights and good faith (2017) and on the impact of the 2016 ECtHR ruling in the Murray case on Dutch Caribbean private law (2020). Fundamental rights have since then played a distinct role in my publications and (university) lectures, whereby the focus is generally laid on their influence on the legal order, private law in particular, and on judicial decision-making. Publications of this period include an article on the banishing (wegcontracteren) of fundamental rights in contracts (2022) and a monograph on the influence of fundamental rights on Dutch property law and law of obligations (2023). More recent studies with a fundamental rights perspective were conducted on the subject of corporal coercion, the ‘right to be forgotten’ and the Jewish orthodox phenomenon of the ‘Eruv’. On a regular basis I also contribute to publications by a group of Dutch Court Watchers in the Nederlands Juristenblad, where new ECtHR jurisprudence is presented by said group on a weekly basis. Moreover, I recently co-organized and presented lectures on religious pluralism and human rights at the yearly conference of the Dutch Council for the Judiciary (Raad voor de rechtspraak) in The Hague and accepted an invitation to contribute to an upcoming Nijmegen research volume on the application by the judiciary of ECtRH and CJEU rulings in Dutch law.

V. Public activities

a. Public office

Not applicable.

b. Elected posts

Not applicable.

c. Posts held in a political party or movement

Not applicable.

VI. Other activities

Period: Since 2023

Member of the Court Watchers, a Dutch group of ECtHR observers from Leiden University and the Radboud University Nijmegen under the auspices of Prof. Dr. Rick Lawson

Period: Since 2023

Arbitrator for the Dutch Arbitration Institute (Nederlands Arbitrage Instituut) (NAI), Rotterdam, the Netherlands

Period: Since 2022

Arbitrator at the Arbitration Board for the Building Industry (Raad van Arbitrage in bouwgeschillen), Utrecht, the Netherlands

Period: Since 2018

Co-editor of the Groene Serie Verbintenissenrecht (reference work Wolters Kluwer on the Dutch law of obligations)

VII. Publications and other works

Up to ca. 90 academic legal publications since 2006, amongst others:

– De eruv: een verkenning vanuit civiel- en mensenrechtelijk perspectief (article on the Jewish orthodox phenomenon of the eruv, discussed from a private law and human rights perspective), to be published in 2025.

– Het recht op vergetelheid anno 2024 (article on privacy and the 'right to be forgotten'), NTM/NJCM, jrg. 49 (2024), nr. 3, p. 199-214.

– Lijfsdwang in mensenrechtenperspectief (article on corporal coercion in a human rights perspective), Tijdschrift voor de Procespraktijk 2024-4, p. 116-120.

– Rechterlijke discretie (inaugural speech on judicial discretion), Boom juridisch: Den Haag 2023,37 pp, ISBN: 9789462128248.

– Grondrechten in het vermogensrecht (concise monograph on fundamental rights in private law), Ars Aequi Libri Cahier Privaatrecht, Nijmegen: Ars Aequi Libri 2023, 106 pp, ISBN: 9789493199941.

– Wegcontracteren van grondrechten (article on the banishing of fundamental rights in contractual relationships), ORP 2022/6, p. 16-24.

– Contractsuitleg (concise monograph on the interpretation of contracts), Ars Aequi Libri Cahier Privaatrecht, Nijmegen: Ars Aequi Libri 2021, 98 p., ISBN: 789493199484.

– TBS en Curaçao (article on fundamental rights in relation to mentally ill detained persons), Nederlands Juristenblad 2020/643, p. 691-698.

– De receptiefunctie van de redelijkheid en billijkheid (article on the receptive function of good faith), WPNR 2017/7133 (anniversary issue 25 years New Dutch Civil Code), p. 1-9.

– Redelijkheid en billijkheid als gedragsnorm (dissertation on the role of good faith as a norm of conduct), Deventer: Kluwer 2012, 187 p., ISBN: 9789013110562.

VIII. Languages

Language	English	French	German
Reading	C2	C1	C2
Writing	C2	C1	C1
Listening	C2	C1	C2
Speaking	C2	C1	C1/C2
How acquired?	In secondary school, during my student years in university and in my professional life as a lawyer, university scholar and legal counsel.	In secondary school and during group and individual language courses at Alliance Française, both in the Netherlands and in France during the past years.	In secondary school, during my study time in Heidelberg and in my professional life as a lawyer, university scholar and legal counsel.

IX. Other relevant information

Lecturer CPO/Grotius Academy, postgraduate course on international contracting, Nijmegen, the Netherlands (**ongoing**).

Lecturer OSR/Law Firm School, a partnership of leading law firms in the Netherlands, offering aspiring lawyers a high-quality training program aimed at developing legal expertise and professional skills that are essential for success in the legal profession, Utrecht, The Netherlands **(ongoing**).

X. Upgrading language skills

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. Residency in Strasbourg

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 Tamara Beatrice TROTMAN

I. Personal details

Name: TROTMAN, Tamara Beatrice

Gender: female

Date and place of birth: 16 November 1969 in Rome, Italy

Nationalities: Dutch and Barbadian

II. Education and academic, and other qualifications

- 1986-1992:	Master's degree in Law, Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam (criminal and civil law)
- 1992-1995:	Professional training for lawyers (Beroepsopleiding Advocaten)
- 2000:	Specialist training for defense lawyers (Opleiding Specialisatie Strafrecht), (Netherlands Bar Association and Willem Pompe Institute of the Utrecht University)
- 2005-2006:	Various courses at SSR (the Training and Study Centre for the Judiciary) in the context of the initial training for judges

III. Relevant professional activities

a. Description of judicial activities

- Since April 2023:	**Judge at the Supreme Court of the Netherlands, criminal chamber**
- 2018-2023:	Adjunct member of the jurisdiction division of the Council for the Administration of Criminal Justice and Youth Protection (*Raad voor Strafrechtstoepassing en Jeugdbescherming (RSJ)*). The council reviews in appeal decisions made regarding persons serving a prison sentence or custodial measure: (remand) prisoners, offenders under a psychiatric treatment order).
- 2014-2023:	Judge at the Court of Appeal The Hague, criminal chamber, (appointed senior appeal judge on 1 November 2023)
- 2011-2021:	Deputy judge in the European Arrest Warrant/International Legal Cooperation Chamber at the District Court of Amsterdam (exclusive jurisdiction regarding EAW-cases in The Netherlands)
- 2007-2014:	Judge at the District Court of Rotterdam, criminal chamber (appointed senior judge on 1 July 2013)
- 2006-2007:	Judge in training (administrative and criminal law chambers) at the District Court of Rotterdam
- 2004-2005:	Deputy judge, criminal chamber at the District Court of Rotterdam

b. Description of non-judicial legal activities

- 2020-2023:	SSR (Training and Study Centre for the Judiciary) lecturer (*lector*) criminal law regarding the continuing education courses for judges and legal court staff. A lecturer is seconded to SSR on a part-time basis and has the final responsibility for the content of the training programme.
- 2006-2012:	Member of the Criminal Law Division of the Examination Board of the Netherlands Bar Association
- 1998-2005:	Deputy member of the Board of Representatives (*College van Afgevaardigden*) of the Netherlands Bar Association
- 1996-2000:	Deputy clerk to the Disciplinary Council (*Raad van Discipline*) in The Hague
- 1992-2005:	Criminal defence lawyer in The Hague at the firm Wladimiroff & Waling and its predecessors (Wladimiroff Waling Schreuders and Wladimiroff & Spong). I handled cases across the whole spectrum of criminal law.

c. Description of non-legal professional activities

- Not applicable	

IV. Activities and experience in the field of human rights

- **Since 2009:**	**Member (and chair since 2013) of the board of foundation Judges for Judges** (www.rechtersvoorrechters.nl) Established in 1999, Dutch foundation Rechters voor Rechters (Judges for Judges/ J4J) is an independent and non-political foundation set up by judges to support fellow judges abroad who have run into problems or risk problems on account of their professional practice. These problems are mostly related to (presumed) violation of their professional independence. J4J also concerns itself with judges, who have been discharged for disturbing reasons, have been arrested and imprisoned, put under pressure, are threatened or even assassinated. Examples of our activities: monitoring disciplinary trials (Serbia, Bulgaria), monitoring criminal trials (Türkiye), submission of joint report for Universal Periodic Review (Eswatini), third party interventions ECHR in cooperation with prof. Laurent Pech (in several Polish judges cases). J4J cooperates with e.g. European Association of Judges (EAJ), Magistrats Européens pour la Démocratie et les Libertés (MEDEL), Association of European Administrative Judges (AEAJ), International Commission of Jurists (ICJ), International Bar Association's Human Rights Institute (IBAHRI) and the UN Special Rapporteur on the independence of judges and lawyers.
- 2020-2023:	Member Supervisory Board of Netherlands Helsinki Committee
- 2012-2021:	Member, later Vice-Chair, Supervisory Board of UNICEF Netherlands
- 1999-2003:	Member of the International Standing Committee on the Mandate of Amnesty International
- 1997-2001:	Board member of Amnesty International Netherlands

V. Public activities

a. Public office

- See under III.a	
- 2019-2023	Chair of the appointment advisory committee for the Council for Culture (*Raad voor Cultuur*, a body established by law to advise the Dutch Government and Parliament on the arts, culture and media)

b. Elected posts

- Not applicable	

c. Posts held in a political party or movement

- Not applicable	

VI. Other activities (field, duration, functions)

A selection:

- Since 2025:	**Lecturer at Opleiding Specialisatie Strafrecht (specialist training for defense lawyers) the Willem Pompe Institute of the Utrecht University**
- 2023:	Speaker (on Freedom of expression of judges) Central & Eastern European Judicial Exchange Network Conference CEELI, Prague
- 2022 & 2015:	Chair/member of the Camera Justitia award jury, Movies that Matter film festival
- Since 2021:	**Jury member Thoolen NJCM thesis prize (NJCM is the Dutch section of the International Commission of Jurists)**
- 2019:	Jury member EJTN-THEMIS 2019 Semi-final (Judicial Ethics and Professional Conduct), Sofia
- 2018 2023:	Short term expert for the Center for International Legal Cooperation (CILC), project Strengthening the Probation Service and the system for alternative sanctions (Serbia & Montenegro) and project Strengthening women's leadership in the judiciary (MENA-region)
- Since 2016:	**Member of the editorial board of BoomStrafblad** (until 2020: Strafblad (SDU))

- Since 2014:	**Lecturer (Course on core values for judges) at the Training and Study Centre for the Judiciary (SSR)**
- 2008-2017:	Member of the New Board Members Committee Amnesty International Netherlands
- 2002-2009:	Member of the Supervisory Board of Stichting FORUM, institute for multicultural development
- 1994-1996:	Board member of the Young Bar Association at the Supreme Court of the Netherlands

VII. Publications and other works

A selection:

– T. Trotman & R.C. Simons, *Het Pokkenbriefje-arrest: het oudste strafrechtelijke arrest van de Hoge Raad op rechtspraak.nl* (The Smallpox Certificate ruling: the oldest criminal ruling by the Supreme Court on Rechtspraak.nl), Boom Strafblad 2023/6;

– Paul Bovend'Eert & T.Trotman: *Rechterlijke onafhankelijkheid in Nederland: stevige waarborgen, maar ook kwetsbaarheden* (Judicial independence in the Netherlands: strong safeguards, but also vulnerabilities) in: Rechterlijke onafhankelijkheid (Judicial Independence), Paul Bovend'Eert, Paul Lemmens, Tamara Trotman en Raf Van Ransbeeck, Lea Uitgevers, 2023;

– T. Trotman, Taking judicial independence seriously?, TREMA, 2018/3;

– T. Trotman, *De TA: Terroristen getralied* (The TA (terrorism prison wing): Terrorists behind bars), Strafblad, 2016/4;

– T.Trotman, annotation (Dutch) under *Ivanovski v. Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia* (29908/11), EHRC 2016/94 (Sdu European Human Rights Cases), issue 5, 2016;

– J. Janssen, T. Trotman & L. van Walree, *Levenslang, da's logisch toch…?* (Life imprisonment, that makes sense, doesn't it...?), Nederlands Juristenblad (NJB) 2015/1590;

– T. Trotman, *Over solidariteit en de persoonlijke moed van daadwerkelijk onafhankelijke en onpartijdige Rechters* (On solidarity and the personal courage of truly independent and impartial judges), Ars Aequi, June 2014;

– J. Janssen, E. van den Emster and T. Trotman, *Strafrechters over de praktijk van de voorlopige hechtenis* (Judges on the practice of pre-trial detention, Strafblad 2013/6;

– T. Trotman, author of comments on several articles of the Criminal Code and the Code of Criminal Procedure in: *Sdu Commentaar Strafrecht* and *Sdu Commentaar Strafvordering*, Den Haag (between 2006-2019);

– T. Trotman & Dr. P.M. van Russen Groen, *Een zwitserse skileraar en het nemo-tenetur beginsel: een stand van zaken* (A Swiss ski instructor and the nemo tenetur principle: a state of affairs, regarding J.B. v. Switzerland (Application no. 31827/96)) contribution to "*Iets bijzonders*" (Liber amicorum for Prof. Jhr. M. Wladimiroff), SDU, 2002.

VIII. Languages

Language	English	French	Dutch	Italian
Reading	C2	B2	C2	B1
Writing	C1/C2	A2	C2	A2
Listening	C2	B1	C2	B1
Speaking	C1/C2	A2	C2	A2
How acquired?	Secondary education (VWO = pre-university education), self-study	Secondary education (VWO = pre-university education), self-study	Mother tongue	Language courses, self-study

IX. Other relevant information

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X. Upgrading language skills

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. Residency in Strasbourg

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 Corinna WISSELS

I. Personal details

Name: WISSELS, Corinna Maria

Gender: female

Date and place of birth: 15 November 1963 in Luxembourg

Nationality: Dutch

II. Education and academic, and other qualifications

– Diplôme d'Etudes Approfondies (DEA) in International Public Law, University of Paris II, Panthéon-Assas (1987)

– Law, specialisation in International Public Law and European Law, Leiden Law School, Leiden University (1981-1986)

– European Baccalaureate, European School Brussels

III. Relevant professional activities

a. Description of judicial activities

– **Council of State of the Netherlands, State councillor, member of the Administrative Jurisdiction Division, since March 2013**. The Council of State has two primary tasks, conducted by two separate divisions. The Advisory Division advises the Government and Parliament on legislation and governance. The Administrative Jurisdiction Division is the country's highest general administrative court. It has three chambers: the Spatial Planning Chamber, the Migration Chamber, and the General Chamber. In 2024 the Division was composed of 45 State Councillors (judges) and 252 lawyers. It delivered 10.525 judgments: 2.507 in the Spatial Planning Chamber, 1806 in the General Chamber and 6.210 in the Migration Chamber.

– Member of the General Chamber and of the Migration Chamber.

– Chair of one of three units of the Migration Chamber. As chair of unit I cooperate with the Registry, the legal and administrative staff on matters regarding my unit. The bureau of the Migration Chamber is composed of the President of the Chamber and the three chairs of units.

– Chair of the European Union Law Committee: this committee provides advise on EU law to both the Advisory Division and the Administrative Jurisdiction Division. The chair cooperates with the Chair of the Constitutional law Committee in matters regarding the interpretation of both the EU Charter of Fundamental Rights and the ECHR.

– Member of the Constitutional Law Committee: this committee provides internal advice on constitutional law and human rights as protected by the ECHR and the EU Charter of Fundamental Rights.

– Trade and Industry Appeals Tribunal, substitute judge (since 2009): this is a specialised administrative court which rules on disputers in the area of social- economic administrative law. It also rules on appeals for specific laws such as the Competition Act and the Telecommunications act.

– EU-UK Withdrawal Agreement Arbitration Panel, nominated as chairperson (2020).

b. Description of non-judicial legal activities

– Head of the European Law Department, Ministry of Foreign Affairs (2007 – 2013): Agent, representing the Netherlands at the Court of Justice of the EU; Advising the political and administrative leadership on European law matters; Coordinating the defence in infringement procedures initiated by the EU Commission.

– Deputy Head of the European Law Department, Ministry of Foreign Affairs 2005 – 2007).

– EU Law specialist at the European Law Department, Ministry of Foreign Affairs (1997 – 2005).

– Attorney at law, specialised in EU law, Pels Rijcken Drooglever Fortuijn (State Attorney, 2000 – 2001).

– Assistant Professor, Leiden University, Institute for Eastern European Law and Russian Studies: (1999 – 2000) – Lecturer on Russian law; legal counsel in a World Bank / EU project 'Corporate governance in Armenia'.

– Researcher in Russian law at the T.M.C Asser Institute – Centre for International and European Law (1996 – 1997).

– Director IRIS-Russia Commercial Law Project in Moscow, Centre for Institutional Reform and the informal Sector (IRIS), University of Maryland (US) (1995 – 1996): Coordinating legal advice by American and European scholars to the Presidential Committee, responsible for the drafting of the new Civil Code of the Russian Federation; Organising discussions between Russian, American and European legal experts.

– Attorney at law, Gide Loyrette Nouel & Baker & McKenzie, Moscow office (1993 – 1995): Advising French and Dutch companies in Russia; Lithuania: legal advice on company law to the authorities of Lithuania in the context of a EU TACIS Project..

– Attorney at law, Loeff Claeys Verbeke Sorel, Rotterdam, Amsterdam, and Brussels (1987 – 1992): Representing Dutch and international companies before national courts; providing legal advice, in the field of European Law (company law, state aid, free movement of goods, intellectual property law).

– Trainee, European Commission, 1985 – 1986, department responsible for equal opportunities between men and women.

c. Description of non-legal professional activities

IV. Activities and experience in the field of human rights

My experience in the field of human rights is related to my professional experience working as European Law specialist at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and as a member of the Administrative Jurisdiction Division of the Council of State. As head-agent, representing the Netherlands at the EU Court of Justice, I cooperated with the agents, who represented the Netherlands at the ECtHR, in cases that concerned the interpretation and application of both the ECHR and the EU Charter of Fundamental Rights. I also gave advise on the EU accession to the ECHR (until 2013).

As a member of the Migration Chamber and the General Chamber of the Council of State, I rule in numerous cases, in which applicants invoke rights that are protected by the ECHR, such as articles 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 9, 10, 11 and 13, and article 1 of the first Protocol to the ECHR. In many of those cases, the EU Charter of Fundamental rights is applicable as well. I therefore have experience with the case law of both European Courts. As chair of the Committee on EU law of the Council of State, I advise on the interpretation and application of the EU Charter of Fundamental rights and the question to what extent the caselaw of the EU Court of Justice corresponds with that of the ECtHR. A member of the Constitutional law committee of the Council of State I advise on questions regarding the ECHR and the ECtHR’s jurisprudence.

I have published on the EU Charter of Fundamental Rights and its application in the Netherlands (see VII Publications). At conferences, I gave presentations on the EU Charter of Fundamental rights (for example in Brussels, 10 years EU Charter of Fundamental rights) or moderated panel discussions on the principle of mutual trust (for example FIDE 2023, Budapest). Since 2025 I also teach the advanced course on fundamental rights in the European Union at the training centre of the judiciary in the Netherlands (SSR).

V. Public activities

a. Public office

b. Elected posts

c. Posts held in a political party or movement

VI. Other activities (field, duration, functions)

– Contactperson representing the Administrative Jurisdiction Division in the EU law coordinating network of the courts, since 2013
– National Contactperson (NCP) of the EUAA (European Union Asylum Agency) Courts and Tribunals Network, since 2024
– Supervisor at the Academy of Government Lawyers with respect to European and international law, since 2014
– Member of the Board of Trustees of the Europa Institute of Utrecht University, since 2015
– Member of the Board of Trustees of the Research Centre for State and Law of Radboud University Nijmegen, since 2021
– Member of the Board of Trustees of the Europa Institute of Leiden Law School, since 2025.
– Member of the “publications committee” of the IARMJ (International Association of Refugee and Migration Judges, since 2024
– Lecturer at the training centre of the judiciary (SSR): advanced course on fundamental rights of the European Union, since 2025
– Guest lecturer European Law, Leiden Law School, since 2012
– President of the Dutch Association for European Law (NVER), 2013-2022
– President of FIDE (International Federation of European Law), 2018 – 2021
– Chairman of the Organizing Committee of the FIDE Congress The Hague held on November 3 – 6, 2021, 2013 – 2021.

VII. Publications and other works

– “The Proof is in the Pudding: Some thoughts on the 2024 reform of the Statute of the Court of Justice from a highest national court”, Corinna Wissels en Tom Boekestein, EU Law Live Symposium, The 2024 Reform of the Statute of the Court of Justice of the EU, 2024
– *"The national judge, the EU and the gaze of MC Escher",* Leiden Europe Lecture, Dutch Journal on Administrative Law 2022, no. 7, p. 401 – 405.
– *"New kid on the block – growing pains or growing gains",* Corinna Wissels, Aniel Pahladsingh, in "The EU Charter on Fundamental Rights in the Member States," Michal Bobek, Jeremias Adams Prassl (eds.), Hart Publishing, 2020.
– *"If you can't trust each other….? Some thoughts on the L.M. judgment and the principle of mutual trust",* Corinna Wissels, Ramona Grimbergen, "10 years of the EU Charter on Fundamental Rights in the Netherlands", Henri de Wade, Jasper Krommendijk and Karin Zwaan (eds.), Wolters Kluwer 2019.
– *"The interplay between the EU Court of Justice and the national court",* Hanna Sevenster, Corinna Wissels, liber amicorum Piet Hein Donner, Boom, 2018.
– *"The Advocate General at the EU Court: general or scout",* Hanna Sevenster, Corinna Wissels in "Beyond the Opinion", Liber Amicorum Jaap Polak, Ars Aequi Libri, Nijmegen 2017.
– *"Navigating between Ferreira and van Dijk",* Hanna Sevenster, Corinna Wissels, liber amicorum Henk Lubberdink, 2016.

– "Effect of the EU Charter in the case law of the Administrative Jurisdiction Division of the Council of State: from form to content?" Laura van Heijningen, Corinna Wissels, Five years of binding EU Charter on Fundamental Rights, impact, consequences, perspectives, Janneke Gerards, Henri de Waele and Karin Zwaan (eds), Wolters Kluwer, Deventer 2015.

– *"Strategies developed by – and between – national governments to interact with the ECJ",* Mielle Bulterman, Corinna Wissels, in Judicial Activism at the European Court of Justice, editors Mark Dawson, Bruno de Witte and Elise Muir, Edward Elgar (ed), 2013.

– *The Russian Civil Code: will it boost or bust franchising in Russia?* Corinna M. Wissels, Review of Central and Fast European Law, Volume 22, no 5, 1996.

VIII. Languages

Language	English	French	German	Russian	Dutch
eReading	C2	C2	C2	B2	C2
Writing	C1	C1	B2	A2	C2
Listening	C2	C2	C2	B2	C2
Speaking	C2	C2	C1	B2	C2
How acquired?	School, University, work	School, university, work	School, social life	work and intensive private language lessons while living in Russia, social life	Mother tongue

IX. Other relevant information

X. Upgrading language skills

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. Residency in Strasbourg

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

Yes, I confirm