



## Professor Koen Lenaerts

### President of the Court of Justice of the European Union

Born 1954 in Mortsels (Belgium), Koen Lenaerts obtained a law degree in 1977 from Katholieke Universiteit Leuven (Catholic University of Leuven, Belgium) before continuing his studies at Harvard University, USA, where he obtained a Master of Laws in 1978 and a Master in Public Administration in 1979. Returning to Katholieke Universiteit Leuven, he became a Doctor of Laws in 1982.

It was at that same university that he started his professional career in 1979 as a lecturer before becoming a Professor of European Law in 1983. During his university career, he also taught at the College of Europe in Bruges (Belgium) from 1984 to 1989 and as a visiting professor at Harvard Law School, USA, in 1989.

Mr Lenaerts began his career at the Court of Justice as a legal secretary to Judge René Joliet, a post which he held from 1984 to 1985 before working as a lawyer at the Brussels Bar from 1986 to 1989.

He was appointed as a Judge at the Court of First Instance of the European Communities on 25 September 1989, the date on which that newly created court was established. He served in that capacity for more than 14 years before being appointed as a Judge at the Court of Justice on 7 October 2003. He was elected by his peers to the office of President of Chamber for two successive terms from 9 October 2006 to 8 October 2012 and subsequently to the office of Vice-President of the Court of Justice on 9 October 2012.

He was elected as President of the Court of Justice on 8 October 2015 and has held that office since then.

#### **Memberships of legal, cultural, artistic, social, sporting or charitable foundations, organisations or establishments**

- Member of the Academia Europaea, London
- Member of the Advisory Council of the British Institute of International and Comparative Law
- Member of the Advisory Board of the Centre of Law and Governance in Europe, University College London
- Member of the Governing Board of the Foundation of the Academy of European Law (ERA), Trier
- Member of the Board of Trustees of the Max-Planck-Institut für ausländisches öffentliches Recht und Völkerrecht, Heidelberg
- Member of the editorial committee of Europarecht
- Member of the editorial committee of the European Law Review
- Member of the editorial committee of International Comparative Jurisprudence, Mykolo Romerio universitetas
- Member of the editorial committee of S.E.W. Tijdschrift voor Europees en economisch recht
- Member of the scientific committee of Cahiers de droit européen
- Member of the scientific committee of the Columbia Journal of European Law
- Member of the scientific committee of the European Constitutional Law Review
- Member of the scientific committee of European Public Law
- Member of the scientific committee of Europejski Przegląd Sądowy
- Member of the editorial committee of actualidad administrativa
- Member of the editorial committee of EStAL (European State Aid Law Quarterly)
- Member of the scientific committee of the European Journal of Human Rights
- Member of the scientific committee of the Lex ET Scientia International Journal (LESIJ), Universitatea Nicolae Titulescu din Bucuresti
- Member of the scientific committee of Concurrences, Revue des droits de la concurrence
- Member of the scientific committee of the World Competition. Law and Economics Review
- Member of the Advisory Board of the EU Tax Review
- Member of the honorary committee of Revista Română de Drept European

#### **Honorary titles and awards**

- Title of nobility: Baron (2005)
- Distinguished Helen DeRoy Fellow, University of Michigan Law School (2005)
- Honorary Master of the Bench of the Inner Temple, London (2010)
- Doctor honoris causa, université de Poitiers (2016)
- Doctor honoris causa, Mykolo Romerio universitetas (2017)
- Doctor honoris causa, université de Namur (2017)
- Doctor honoris causa, Universitatea Nicolae Titulescu din Bucuresti (2017)
- All European Academies Madame de Staël Prize for Cultural Values (2017)
- Doctor honoris causa, Sofijski universitet 'Sveti Kliment Ohridski' (2018)
- Doctor honoris causa, Universiteti European i Tiranës (2018)
- Doctor honoris causa, Vilniaus universitetas (2022)