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Year of Call: 2000 (Athens 1987)



Main Areas of Practice

Public law

Human rights law

Public international law

International arbitration

Media law

Crime,
especially financial crime

Extradition, mutual
assistance and asset
restraint

Professor Takis Tridimas is a leading author in European Union law and offers advice in all aspects of European Union law and the European Convention of Human Rights. He specialises in particular in public law and judicial review, competition law, company law and financial services, commercial law, and the new EU accession States.

He has appeared as senior counsel before the European Court of Justice. He has been involved, among others, in the areas of competition law, mergers, mutual recognition of professional qualifications, customs law, extradition of tax offenders, free movement of goods, persons and services, EU constitutional law, employment law, and EU external relations. He has acted for HM Customs and Excise, the Greek Ministry of Foreign Affairs and private persons. Takis is also qualified as a Greek advocate and offers advice in Greek law, especially company, commercial, tax, and administrative law.

In the first half of 2003, he was senior legal advisor to the EU Presidency. He chaired the Group set up by the EU Council of Ministers to draft the Accession Treaty by which ten new Member States of Central and Eastern Europe, plus Cyprus and Malta, joined the EU on 1 May 2004. He was also involved in the discussions over the proposed EU Constitution and giving legal advice on the UN plans for reunification of Cyprus.

He is also qualified as a Greek advocate and offers advice in Greek law, especially company, commercial, tax, and administrative law. He has acted as expert witness on Greek law in English courts.

Professor Tridimas joined Matrix in April 2004 from Hailsham chambers

Appointments

Sir John Lubbock Professor of Banking Law and Head of the International Financial Law Unit of the Centre for Commercial Law Studies, Queen Mary College, University of London (since 2004)

Professor of European Law, College of Europe, Bruges (since 1999)

Legal Advisor on EU Law to the EU Presidency held by Greece (2003)

Référendaire at the European Court of Justice (1992-1995)

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Publications

Takis Tridimas has authored numerous books and articles and is the co-editor of the *Yearbook of European Law* (Clarendon Press). His writings have been cited by the European Court of Justice and the English courts, his recent books and articles include:

Tridimas and Nebbia (Eds): *EU Law for the 21st century: Rethinking the New Legal Order* (Hart Publishing, 2004) (in two volumes)

The General Principles of Community Law (Oxford University Press, 2nd edn. 2006; 1st edn. 1999)

Beatson and Tridimas (Eds), *New Directions in European Public Law* (Hart Publishing 1998)

Ellis and Tridimas, *Public Law of the European Community* (Sweet & Maxwell, 1995)

'Harmonisation of European Financial Services Law' in *CCH Financial Services Reporter*, 1996

'The Case law of the European Court of Justice on Corporate Entities', (1993) 13 *Yearbook of European Law*, 335-360

'Liability for Breach of Community Law: Growing Up and Mellowing Down?' (2001) 38 *Common Market Law Review*, 301-332

'Black White and Shades of Grey: Horizontality of Directives Revisited', (2002) 21 *Yearbook of European Law*, 327-354

'Knocking on Heaven's Door: Fragmentation, Efficiency and Defiance in the Preliminary Reference Procedure', 40 (2003) *Common Market Law Review*, 9-50

Committees

Chair, EU Council Group for the Drafting of the Treaty of Accession to the EU of the Czech Republic, Estonia, Cyprus, Latvia, Lithuania, Hungary, Malta, Poland, Slovenia and Slovakia (2003)

Member, EU Council Group on the European Court of Justice (2003)

Chair, EU Council Group on Comitology (2003)

Education

LLB (Athens), LLM, PhD (Cantab)

Languages

Greek, French

Major Cases

[Cadbury Schweppes - Pfizer](#) , 17 March 2003
Merger clearance from the Greek Competition Authority; instructed by Slaughter & May

[Case C-244/95 Moskof v EOK](#) , European Court of Justice, judgment of 20 November 1997
Judicial review against Community agricultural regulation based on breach of proportionality, equality, protection of legitimate expectations

Professional Memberships

Society of Legal Scholars

Bar European Group

The European Circuit