

# Takis Tridimas

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Registered name on the Bar Standards Board Register: Professor Panagiotis Takis Tridimas

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 his work as barrister covers the whole spectrum of EU law and the European Convention of Human Rights. He specialises in public law and judicial review, competition law, company law, banking and financial services, commercial law, and conflict of laws.

He has handled cases before the Supreme Court of the UK, the European Court of Justice, the EU General Court, and the European Court of Human Rights. He has been involved, among others, in cases on economic sanctions, competition law, mergers, asylum, 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 individuals and corporations as well as for HM Customs and Excise, and the Greek Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Since 2008, he has been advising the banking sector on matters relating to the financial and the eurozone crisis.

Takis has been retained at various times as counsel or legal advisor by all EU institutions, namely the Council of Ministers, the Commission, the European Parliament, the European Central Bank and, the Court of Auditors. He was also legal secretary for Advocate General Sir Francis Jacobs at the European Court of Justice.

Takis is one of the most frequently quoted academic authors by Advocates General of the European Court of Justice and, on matters of EU law, by English courts. His academic work has also been cited by Belgian and Irish courts. He is also qualified as a Greek advocate and offers advice in Greek law, especially company, commercial, tax, and administrative law.

In 2003, Takis 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 eight 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.

Takis became a member of Matrix in April 2004. He was previously a tenant of Hailsham Chambers.

## Appointments

Sir John Lubbock Professor of Banking Law and Deputy Director of the Centre for Commercial Law Studies, Queen Mary, University of London (since 2004)

Nancy A. Patterson Distinguished Scholar and Professor, School of Law, Pennsylvania State University (since 2004)

Independent, non-executive director, EFG Eurobank Ergasias SA (since 2006)

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

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

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

### Publications

Takis Tridimas has authored numerous books and articles and is the co-editor of the Yearbook of European Law (Clarendon Press). His recent books and articles include:

Arnulf, Eeckhout and Tridimas (Eds): *Continuity and Change in EU Law: Essays in Honour of Sir Francis Jacobs*, Oxford, 2008

*The General Principles of EU Law*, Oxford University Press, 2nd Ed. 2006

Tridimas and Nebbia (Eds): *EU Law for the 21st century: Rethinking the New Legal Order*, Hart Publishing, 2004, Volume I & II

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

*Economic Sanctions, Procedural Rights and Judicial Scrutiny: Post-Kadi Developments*, (2010-11) Cambridge Yearbook of European Legal Studies, 455-490

"Primacy, Fundamental Rights and the Search for Legitimacy" in M.P. Maduro and L. Azoulai (Eds), *The Past and Future of EU Law: The Classics of EU Law Revisited on the 50th Anniversary of the Rome Treaty*, Hart Publishing, 2010, pp. 98-105 (ISBN 978-1-84113-712-4)

Tridimas and Gari, *Winners and Losers in Luxembourg: A statistical analysis of Judicial Review before the European Court of Justice and the Court of First Instance: 2001-2005*, (2010) 35 *European Law Review* 131-173

*Terrorism and the ECJ: Empowerment and Democracy in the EC Legal Order*, 34 (2009) *European Law Review*, 103-126

*Community Agencies, Competition Law and ECB Initiatives on Securities Settlement* 28 (2009) *Oxford Yearbook of European Law*, pp. 216-307

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

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

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

## Notable Cases

[FA \(Iraq\) v SSHD](#) [2011] UKSC 22, Asylum and humanitarian protection, remedies for the protection of EU rights in domestic courts, principle of equivalence.

[Al-Jedda v United Kingdom](#) (Application Number 27021/08), European Court of Human Rights [2011], Right to security, detention by British troops in Iraq, Article 5 ECHR, relationship between the European Convention of Human rights and UN Charter.

[Hanny Youssef v Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs](#), Queen's Bench Division [2011], Economic sanctions imposed by the UN Security Council and EU law, rights of defence, EU fundamental rights, duty to provide reasons.

[Nicolaou v Court of Auditors](#), Case T-241/09, General Court of the EU [2011], Non-contractual liability of the EU, disciplinary proceedings.

[Petridou-Katakaidou v Greece](#) (Application No 3463/09), European Court of Human Rights [2010], Articles 6, 7 ECHR.

[Mamidakis v Greece](#) (app no 35533/04, judgment of 11 January 2007) European Court of Human Rights, Right to property and right to an effective remedy.

[Cadbury Schweppes - Pzifer](#) [2003], Merger clearance from the Greek Competition Authority.

[Moskof v EOK](#) [1997] ECR I-6441, Judgment of 20 November 1997, Common agricultural policy, General principles of EU law.

## Judicial Citations

Takis's academic writings have been extensively cited, among others, by the UK Supreme Court, the Court of Appeal of England and Wales, and Advocates General of the European Court of Justice. Citations include:

*Supreme Court - House of Lords*

[HM Treasury v Ahmed & Ors](#) [2010] UKSC 2 (freezing of assets, protection of fundamental rights)

[Regina \(Countryside Alliance and others\) v Attorney General](#) [2007] UKHL 52 [2008] 1 A.C. 719 (judicial review, principle of proportionality)

[Autologic Holdings plc & Ors v. Commissioners of Inland Revenue](#) [2005] UKHL 54 (tax liability of corporations)

*Court of Appeal*

[R \(on the application of Sinclair Collis Ltd\) v The Members of the National Association of Cigarette Machine Operators](#) [2011] EWCA Civ 437 (free movement of goods, proportionality)

[Test Claimants In the Franked Investment Group Litigation v Commissioners of the Inland Revenue](#) [2010] EWCA Civ 103 (tax, freedom of establishment)

[FA \(Iraq\) v Secretary of State for the Home Department](#) [2010] EWCA Civ 696 (EU principle of equivalence)

[R \(Repic Ltd\) v The Scottish Environment Protection Agency \[2009\] EWHC 2015](#) (environmental law)

[R \(on the application of Horvath\) v Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs \[2007\] EWCA Civ 620](#) (agriculture)

[B v Secretary of State For Home Department \[2000\] EWCA Civ 158](#) (free movement of persons)

*European Court of Justice*

[Case C-282/10 Dominguez](#), Opinion of Advocate General Trstenjak, 8 September 2011 (EU Charter of Fundamental Rights, social policy)

[Case C-27/09 P French Republic v People's Mojahedin Organization of Iran](#), Opinion of Advocate General Sharpston, 14 July 2011 (freezing of assets - economic sanctions)

[Case C-108/10 Scattolon v Ministero dell'Istruzione, dell'Università e della Ricerca](#), Opinion of Advocate General Bot, 5 April 2011 (social policy)

[Cases C-47/08, C-50/08, C-51/08, C-52/08, C-53/08, C-54/08, C-61/08, Commission v Belgium, France, Luxembourg, Portugal, Austria, Germany and Greece](#), Opinion of Advocate General Cruz Villalón, 14 September 2010 (freedom of establishment)

[Case C-440/08 Gielen](#), Opinion of Advocate General Ruiz-Jarabo Colomer, 27 October 2009 (freedom of establishment, tax law)

[Case C-101/08 Audiolux](#), Opinion of Advocate General Trstenjak, 30 June 2009 (company law)

[Case C-326/07 Commission v Italy](#), Opinion of Advocate General Ruiz-Jarabo Colomer, 6 November 2008 (freedom of establishment, privatization of undertakings)

[Case C-427/06 Bartsch](#), Opinion of Advocate General Sharpston, 22 May 2008 (effects of directives, proportionality)

[Case C-152/07, C-153/07 & C-154/07 Arcor & Others](#), Opinion of Advocate General 1 April 2008 (telecommunications, competition law)

*Other courts*

Takis's work has also been cited by the High Court of Ireland ([T. v O.](#) [2007] IEHC 326; [Farrell v Whitty & Ors](#) [2008] IEHC 124; [Montemuino v Minister for Communications & Ors](#) [2008] IEHC 157), and Belgian courts ([Arrest nr. 48.391 van Arbeidshof, Brussel](#), 11 April 2008).

*Media appearances*

*United Kingdom*

Live interview on the Eurozone crisis, BBC News 24 TV, 23 September 2011, 8 pm

Live interview on the Greek austerity plan, BBC News 24 TV, 8 November 2011, 8.30 pm

Radio Interview, Newsweek Scotland, BBC Scotland, 25 June 2011

Live Radio interview on the Greek financial crisis, The World Today, BBC World Service, 21 June 2011, 8 am

Live interview on Greek financial crisis by BBC News 24 TV channel, 20 June 2011

Live interview on Greek austerity plans by BBC World News 24 TV, 20 June 2011

Profile in Movers of the Month page, Inbrief magazine, May 2004, p. 109

Profile in Trading Places, The Times, Law section, 6 April 2004, p. 11

BBC Television News: South Today; live interview regarding the implementation of Directive 95/54 on electric equipment for fitment to vehicles; 18 October 2001

BBC Radio Solent, Interview on the European Court of Justice, 17 August 2000

#### *United States*

Radio Interview for PRI's The World, Global Perspectives for an American Audience, 21 June 2011

Boston Globe, article by Charlie Savage on US EU relations, 9 April 2008

#### *Other European countries*

Numerous interviews by BBC World service, Hungarian television, Slovak television, Greek radio and Polish newspapers in relation to the enlargement of the EU (January - March 2003).

RIK Television, (Cyprus State Television Channel), news programme "Apo mera se mera", interview on the prospects of the accession of Cyprus to the EU, 21 May 2002

RIK Radio, interview on the changes required in the Cypriot legal system to comply with the obligations flowing from EU membership, 21 May 2002

Professional Profile in Greek newspapers on the occasion of the award of the Bodossaki Prize: Adesmeutos newspaper, 5 June 2000; Apogeumatini newspaper, 6 June 2000; Kathimerini newspaper, 6 June 2000

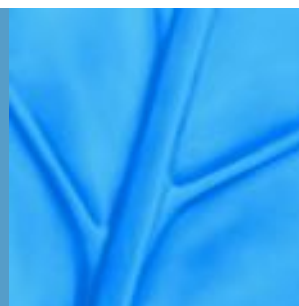
Professional Profile and interview on European Union law and on Greek stock exchange regulation in Greece: Bima Newspaper, Sunday, 25 June 2000

#### *Papers delivered in international conferences*

"The New EU Financial Supervision Architecture" paper presented in *Comparative Approaches to Systemic Risk and Resolution*, conference organized by Brooklyn Law School, NY, 25 February 2011

Panelist in "Transatlantic Trade", Panel Session in *The European Union 20 Years after Maastricht: Transatlantic Perspectives*, conference organized by Tulane Law School, New Orleans, 25 March 2011

"The Logistics and Technicalities of the Accession of the EU to the European Convention of Human Rights" paper presented in *Who will be the ultimate guardian of human rights in Europe?*, conference organized by UCL, London, 20 May 2011



The European Court of Justice: Prospects and Challenges in a post-Lisbon era, paper presented in *The 50th Anniversary London-Leiden Conference on European Law: The Rule of Law in the European Union*, conference organized by British Institute of International and Comparative Law and the Europa Institute, Faculty of Law, Leiden University, London, 25 June 2011

"The EU and the right to judicial protection: Some Reflections", paper presented in "Recent Developments in EU Law", conference organized by Matrix Chambers, RSA, London, 22 September 2011

"The recent case law on the general principles of EU law" paper presented in conference Judging Europe's judges: The Legitimacy of the Case Law of the ECJ in a Union Transformed, University of Antwerp, 3 November 2011

"State Liability in Damages: vingt ans après", paper presented in conference *Celebrating 20 Years of Francovich in the EU*, British Institute of International and Comparative Law, London, 17 November 2011

"The EU Financial Regulatory Response to the Financial Crisis", Session Chairperson and Panelist in *Reflections on the Role of European Law Through the Financial and Economic Crisis*, Joint Conference of The Irish Society for European Law and The United Kingdom Association for European Law, Dublin, 18 November 2011

"Towards an increased jurisdictional control of the decision making institutions by the CJEU?" paper presented in conference *The institutional system of the Union two years after the entry into force of the Lisbon Treaty: towards a new balance?* College of Europe, Bruges, 21 November 2011

### Committees

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

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Commercial law

### Professional Memberships

Society of Legal Scholars  
Bar European Group  
The European Circuit

### Education

LLB (Athens)  
LLM, PhD (Cantab)

### Languages

Greek, French