Recent Trends in the Case Law of the Court of Justice of the European Union: What Directions for the Future?

Luxembourg, 1-2 December 2014

Target group
This annual conference is addressed to legal professionals within the public and private sector, judicial professionals, law enforcement officers, national civil servants and persons working on European Union law issues, academics, and others who are active or interested in EU legal issues in general, and in the main rulings delivered by the European Courts in particular.

Description and objectives
The overall objective of this annual conference is to provide a commented overview of the current case law of the Court of Justice of the European Union. By analysing a selection of key rulings in different areas of EU law delivered by the three EU jurisdictions in the course of the preceding year, the conference will identify general trends, as well as potential directions for the future evolution of the Court’s case law and its impact on the legal development of the EU.

This year, the programme features a number of fundamental decisions taken in the fields of fundamental rights, institutional framework, free movement of persons and goods, competition, state aid, environment and regulatory affairs, as well as presenting a review of the most significant rulings delivered in EU staff cases and in the area of freedom, security and Justice.

Learning methodology
Experts, mainly officials from the Court of Justice of the European Union, but also from other EU and national administrations, private practicing lawyers and renowned academics, will give presentations on topics of particular interest and engage in discussions with participants.
MONDAY 1 DECEMBER 2014

08.30 Registration of participants

09.00 Welcome of participants and opening of the conference
   Tomasz Kramer, Conference Chairman, Lecturer, EIPA Luxembourg

GENERAL EU LAW
Fundamental rights

09.30 Are infringement actions proper tools for protecting fundamental rights and values of the EU: should systematic violations occur?
   • European Commission v Hungary, Case C-288/12, 8 April 2014
   Petra Jeney, Senior Lecturer, EIPA Luxembourg

10.00 Questions and answers

10.15 Right to the protection of personal data and the right to be forgotten
   • Google Spain SL, Google Inc. v Agencia Española de Protección de Datos, Mario Costeja González of 13 May 2014, Case C-131/12, 13 May 2014
   Orla Lynskey, Assistant Professor in Law, London School of Economics (UK)

10.45 Questions and answers

11.00 Coffee break

11.30 Data Retention Directive interfering with the fundamental right of respect of private life, and the protection of personal data being declared invalid
   • Digital Rights Ireland Ltd (C-293/12) v Minister for Communications, Marine and Natural Resources and Others and Kärntner Landesregierung (C-594/12) and Others, Joined Cases C 293/12 and C 594/12
   Matthieu Chavrier, Legal Adviser, Legal Service of the Council of the European Union, Brussels (BE) (invited)

12.00 Questions and answers

12.15 Lunch break

Institutional system of the EU

13.45 Powers available to European agencies and their compliance with the requirements of the Meroni doctrine
   • United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland v European Parliament and Council of the European Union, Case C-270/12, 22 January 2014
   Juan Diego Ramírez-Cárdenas Díaz, Senior Lecturer, EIPA Luxembourg

14.15 Questions and answers

(SOCIAL?) INTERNAL MARKET & BEYOND
Free movement of persons

14.30 Social assistance in times of economic crisis: at the crossroads of EU legislation on free movement and EU legislation on social security
   • Pensionsversicherungsanstalt v Peter Brey, Case C-140/12, 19 September 2013
   Adam Lazowski, Reader in Law, Department of Advanced Legal Studies, University of Westminster (UK)

15.00 Questions and answers

15.15 Coffee break

Family reunification

15.30 When the freedom of establishment facilitates family reunification
   • Naime Dogan v Bundesrepublik Deutschland, Case C-138/13, 10 July 2014
   Pascal Schumacher, Justice and Home Affairs Councillor, Permanent Representation of the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg to the EU (LU)

16.15 Questions and answers

Free movement of goods

16.30 Merging concepts of global environmental protection, the EU's single electricity market and nationally restrictive measures supporting renewable energy sources
   • Ålands vindkraft AB v Energimyndigheten, Case C-573/12, 1 July 2014
   Igor Dizdarevic, Lecturer, EIPA Luxembourg

17.00 Questions and answers

17.15 Summary of the day's proceedings and announcement of the programme of the following day

17.30 End of first day and reception
TUESDAY 2 DECEMBER 2014

CASE LAW ON SPECIFIC EU POLICIES

Competition

09.00 Joint and several liability of mother companies in competition law

- Europese Gemeenschap v Otis NV and Others, Case C-199/11, 6 November 2012
- Kendrion NV v European Commission, Case C-50/12 P, 26 November 2013
- Groupe Gascogne SA v European Commission, Case C-58/12 P, 26 November 2013
- Areva SA (C-247/11 P) v European Commission and Alstom SA and Others (C-253/11 P) v European Commission, Joined Cases C-247/11 P and C-253/11 P, 10 April 2014
- European Commission v Siemens AG Österreich and Others (C-231/11 P) and Siemens Transmission & Distribution Ltd and Others v European Commission (C-232/11 P and C-233/11 P), Joined cases C-231/11 P to C-233/11 P, 10 April 2014
- FLS Plast A/S v European Commission, Case C-243/12 P, 19 June 2014

Ludovic Bernardeau, Legal Secretary, Chambers of Judge Ingrid Labucka, General Court of the European Union, Luxembourg and Senior Lecturer at the University Paris X (FR)

09.30 Questions and answers

State aid

09.45 State aid to banks arising out of the financial crisis: towards new rules on the banking union

- Land Burgenland (C-214/12 P), Grazer Wechselfestige Versicherung AG (C-215/12 P) and Republic of Austria (C-223/12 P) v European Commission, Joined cases C-214/12 P, C-215/12 P and C-223/12 P, 24 October 2013
- European Commission v Kingdom of the Netherlands and ING Groep NV, Case C-224/12 P, 3 April 2014
- ABN Amro Group NV v European Commission, Case T-319/11, 8 April 2014
- Stefania Adorisio and Others v European Commission (Order), Case T-321/13, 26 March 2014

Leo Flynn, Member of the Legal Service, European Commission, Brussels (BE)

10.15 Questions and answers

10.30 Coffee break

Regulatory affairs

11.15 The EU’s judicial ‘War on Drugs’ or the apparently clear distinction between ‘medicinal products’ and ‘recreational drugs’

- Criminal proceedings against Markus D. (C-358/13) and G. (C-181/14), Joined cases C-358/13 and C-181/14, 10 July 2014.

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11.45 Questions and answers

AREA OF FREEDOM, SECURITY AND JUSTICE

Judicial cooperation in criminal matters

12.00 Further clarifications regarding ne bis in idem principle

- Criminal proceedings against M., Case C-398/12, 5 June 2014
- Criminal proceedings against Zoran Spasic, Case C-129/14 PPU, 27 May 2014

Steve Peer, Professor in EU Law, University of Essex (UK) (invited)

12.30 Questions and answers

12.45 Lunch

Judicial cooperation in civil matters

14.15 The determination of the competent jurisdiction on international exclusive distribution agreement

- Corman-Collins SA v La Maison du Whiskey SA, Case C-9/12, 19 December 2013

Roberta Ribeiro Oertel, Lecturer, EIPA Luxembourg

14.45 Questions and answers

EUROPEAN CIVIL SERVICE LAW

15.00 Review of landmark judgements rendered in the field of public administration over the last year

Pascal Gilliaux, Legal Secretary at the Cabinet of the President of the European Union Civil Service Tribunal, Court of Justice of the European Union, Luxembourg and Senior Lecturer at the University of Brussels (BE) and Visiting Professor at the University of Caen (FR)

15.30 Questions and answers

15.45 Summary of the proceedings of the second day

16.00 End of conference
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