



## Litigating European Union Law

- Proceedings before the Court of Justice of the European Union (CJEU)
- Visit to the CJEU

SEMINAR FOR LAWYERS

Trier and Luxembourg, 3-4 April 2019

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GRADE**  
YOUR LEGAL  
EXPERTISE



### Speakers

**Grainne Gilmore**, Barrister, Dublin

**Nina Niejahr**, Lawyer, Baker & McKenzie, Brussels

*Legal Secretary at the Court of Justice of the European Union*



### Key topics

- The judicial system of the EU
- Proceedings before the CJEU
- Preliminary ruling proceedings before the CJEU
- Direct actions

Language  
English

Seminar number  
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Organisation  
ERA (Sanja Jovičić) in  
cooperation with the European  
Lawyers' Foundation (Alonso  
Hernández-Pinzón)



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## Wednesday, 3 April 2019

8:30 Arrival and registration of participants

9:00 **Opening of the seminar**  
*Sanja Jovičić*

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### I. THE JUDICIAL SYSTEM OF THE EUROPEAN UNION

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9:15 **Composition, organisation and competences of the Court of Justice of the European Union**

- **The reform of the General Court**  
*CJEU Legal Secretary*

10:00 Discussion

10:15 **Applying to the Court of Justice of the European Union**

- Introduction to proceedings before the CJEU
- Most common procedural issues in recent case law
- Language difficulties in written and oral submissions  
*CJEU Legal Secretary*

11:00 Discussion

11:15 Coffee break

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### II. PRELIMINARY RULING PROCEEDINGS

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11:45 **Reference for a preliminary ruling: practical advice for lawyers**

- How to convince a national judge to make a preliminary reference to the CJEU
- The urgent preliminary ruling procedure (PPU)
- The written observations
- The oral phase  
*Grainne Gilmore*

12:30 Discussion

12:45 Lunch

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### III. DIRECT ACTIONS

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14:00 **Direct actions before the General Court**

- How to prepare an action and submit procedural documents
- Admissibility issues
- How to prepare for the oral phase  
*Nina Niejahr*

14:45 Discussion

15:00 Coffee break

15:30 **Case study: Drafting of an action**

- Group work
- Common discussion about the results  
*Nina Niejahr*

17:00 Discussion

17:30 End of first seminar day

19:00 Dinner

## Supporting organisations

ΔΙΚΗΓΟΡΙΚΟΣ ΣΥΛΛΟΓΟΣ ΑΘΗΝΩΝ  
(Athens Bar)

Bar Council of Ireland

Consejo General de la Abogacía Española  
(General Council of Spanish Lawyers)

Ecole Régionale des Avocats du Grand Est,  
France

Haute Ecole des Avocats Conseil, France

Krajowa Rada Radców Prawnych (National  
Council of Legal Advisers, Poland)

Suomen Assianajaliitto (Finnish Bar)

## Objective

The training will focus on proceedings before the Court of Justice of the European Union (CJEU) and will enable the participants to apply properly their knowledge of substantive EU law before the EU courts.

## Who should attend?

This seminar will be relevant to lawyers in private practice from the EU Member States, excluding the UK and Denmark, including Albania.

## You will learn ...?

- about the practical aspects of CJEU proceedings
- how to prepare an action and submit procedural documents
- how to present pleadings effectively before the CJEU and, in particular, before the General Court
- how to take into account and solve language problems in written and oral pleadings.

## What participants said about the previous trainings on the topic

“It’s a chance to get to know tasks from people who actually deal with them”

“Excellent educational experience”

“Good choice of speakers and excellent organization”

Thursday, 4 April 2019

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#### IV. VISIT TO THE COURT OF JUSTICE OF THE EUROPEAN UNION

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- 7:00 Departure to Luxembourg
- 8:30 Visit to the CJEU
- Welcome and presentation of a case before the CJEU or the General Court
  - Attendance at a hearing
  - Meeting with staff of the CJUE
- 13:00 End of visit and of seminar

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Programme may be subject to amendment.



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#### CPD

ERA's programmes meet the standard requirements for recognition as Continuing Professional Development (CPD). This event corresponds to **10.5 CPD hours**.

#### Dinner

After an intensive day of training on 3 April you are invited to a joint dinner at no extra cost.

#### Discover Trier

Discover Trier, built on centuries of history and surrounded by diverse culture. Experience what inspired the



Romans, immerse yourself in the city's rich and varied history, or simply take a stroll and soak up the atmosphere. Explore some of the main attractions and landmarks and visit the Porta Nigra, the Cathedral of Saint Peter and Constantine Basilica to name but a few.

#### Transport

Shuttle services from the airports of Luxembourg (30 minutes) and Frankfurt Hahn (50 minutes) to the ERA Conference Centre can be booked at special rates at: [era@finkelgruens-taxi.de](mailto:era@finkelgruens-taxi.de).

## Application for Litigating European Union Law

may be made through our  
partners to the project.

### Location

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### Language

English

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## Terms and conditions of participation

### Selection

1. Participation is only open to **lawyers in private practice** from an **EU Member State (except the United Kingdom and Denmark)** and **Albania**.
2. The number of places available is limited to 25 persons. Participation will be subject to a selection procedure. Selection will be dependent on the following criteria:
  - a. the relevance of the seminar to the professional life of the applicant;
  - b. geographical balance among the participants;
  - c. ability to disseminate the information obtained;
  - d. in the case of an excess of applications, only one participant per institution may be accepted;
  - e. in case of applicants with the same qualifications, the first applicant to register will be selected;
  - f. applications from persons with disabilities are particularly welcome.
3. Applications should be submitted before **25 February 2019**.
4. A response will be sent to every applicant shortly after this deadline. **We advise you not to book any travel or hotel before you receive our confirmation.**

### Registration fee

5. Seminar fee: 350 euros. No seminar fee for participants selected by our partner organisations.

### Travel

6. Travel expenses will be reimbursed to a **maximum of 350 euros** only for participants coming from abroad and subject to the submission of the **originals** of travel receipts (like flight ticket, boarding pass, train ticket, taxi bill, etc.). Participants are advised of the obligation to use the **most cost-efficient mode of transport available**. Participants are further advised not to plan their return travel shortly after the visit of the CJEU as ERA cannot guarantee that the hearing will end at the time specified in the programme. Furthermore, due to security reasons, once inside the Court, the participants will not be allowed to leave individually but only as a group. A bus booked by ERA will take the participants from Trier to Luxembourg for the visit of the CJEU and back to Trier. Participants may decide to stay in Luxembourg after the end of the visit of the CJEU.

### Accommodation

7. **Maximum 2 hotel nights** will be covered directly by ERA, only for the hotel booked by ERA.

### Other services

8. One dinner, two lunches, beverages consumed during the event and the seminar documents are offered by ERA.

### Participation

9. Participation at the whole conference is required and your presence will be monitored. A certificate of attendance will be distributed at the end of the conference.
10. A list of participants including each participant's address will be made available to all participants unless the ERA receives written objection from the participant no later than one week prior to the beginning of the event.