

THE CONSTITUTIONAL COURT  
OF HUNGARY



MEMBERS OF THE CONSTITUTIONAL COURT

**Dr. Péter PACZOLAY**  
President of the Constitutional Court



He is Judge of the Constitutional Court since February 2006. Since 4 July 2008, he has been the President of the Constitutional Court.

He graduated from the Faculty of Law and Political Sciences of Eötvös Loránd University, Budapest in 1980. On 1 January 1990 he became chief counsellor to the Constitutional Court and from November 1996 he worked as Secretary General of the Court. From August 2000 he was Deputy Head, from August 2005 he was Head of the Office of the President of the Republic of Hungary. He was elected Judge of the Constitutional Court in February 2006 and he was Vice-President of the Court from March 2007 to July 2008. The plenary session of the Constitutional Court elected him President on 4 July 2008 for three years. On 4 July 2011 the Hungarian Parliament – for the period of his mandate as Constitutional Judge – elected him as President of the Court. Since 1992 he has been Head of Department of Political Sciences at the Faculty of Law and Political Sciences of József Attila University of Szeged. He obtained his candidate's degree in 1989 and he qualified as a university lecturer in 1999. He was granted full professorship in 2000.

In 2002 he was elected member of the European Academy of Sciences and Arts (Salzburg). Since 2005, he has been member of the Venice Commission of the Council of Europe. Between 2009 and 2011 he was Vice President of the Venice Commission, in October 2013 he was elected as Honorary President.

He is Judge of the Constitutional Court since November 2005.

He graduated from the Faculty of Law of József Attila University, Szeged, in 1983; two years later he qualified as a legal adviser. After his studies at the University of Freiburg, in the period of 1989-1991, he was awarded the title of "doctor iuris" at the same university, in 1992.

As an Alexander von Humboldt Foundation research fellow, he spent the academic year of 1998/1999 at the Leopold Wenger Institute, Munich. He qualified as a university lecturer in 2001; he was granted full professorship in 2002. At the moment he is teaching European constitutional and legal history, as well as Hungarian criminal law history at the József Attila University, Szeged.



**Dr. Elemér BALOGH** Judge of the Constitutional Court



**Dr. István BALSAI**  
Judge of the Constitutional Court

He is Judge of the Constitutional Court since 1st September 2011.

He studied law between 1967 and 1972 at the Faculty of Law of Eötvös Loránd University in Budapest. Between 1974 and 1990 and between 1995 and 2007 he worked as a lawyer. Between 1990 and 2011 he was Member of the Hungarian Parliament, he was leader of the faction of Hungarian Democratic Forum between 1998 and 2002, and vice leader of the faction of Fidesz between 2010 and 2011.

From 2003 until 2004 he was Parliamentary Observer of the European Parliament, and in 2004 he worked as Member of the European Parliament. He was member of the Committee on Constitutional Affairs and of the Committee for Petitions of the EP.

Between 1990 and 1994 he was Minister of Justice.



He is Judge of the Constitutional Court since September 2005.

He graduated from the Faculty of Law of Eötvös Loránd University, Budapest, in 1975. Since 1977 he has been research fellow in the Institute for Legal Sciences of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences, from 1999 as research professor. As an Alexander von Humboldt fellow, in 1990 he made research at the Freiburg University (Germany). Since the 1980's he has taught at the Faculty of Law of Miskolc University, at the Department of International Law, then at the Department of Constitutional Law. Since 2000 he is a university professor and head of Doctoral School of the Faculty. Between 1994 and 2004 he was a recurrent visiting professor at the Department of Political Sciences at the Central European University. He earned candidate's degree (CSc) in 1988, since 2003 he has been doctor of sciences at the Hungarian Academy of Sciences (DSc).

**Dr. András BRAGYOVA**  
Judge of the Constitutional Court

**Dr. Egon DIENES-OEHM** Judge of the Constitutional Court

He is Judge of the Constitutional Court since September 2011.

He graduated from the Faculty of Law of József Attila University in 1968. Between 1968 and 1975 he worked as a lawyer. Since 1975 he worked in the Public Administration, first he dealt with international trade, later with European integration. Between 1998 and 2003 he was deputy under-secretary of state for integration issues, he had the rank of secretary of state. Between 2003 and 2007 – as an ambassador – he was deputy Permanent Representative of Hungary to the European Union in Brussels. Between 1987 and 1998 he was an invited lecturer at the József Attila University in Szeged, from 1993 until 1998 he was lecturer at the University of Miskolc, since 1997 he is lecturer and honorary senior lecturer at the Pázmány Péter Catholic University of Budapest.



**Dr. Imre JUHÁSZ** Judge of the Constitutional Court

He is Judge of the Constitutional Court since April 2013.

He studied law at the Faculty of Law of Eötvös Loránd University in Budapest and graduated in 1986. He accredited as a Ph.D in 2011. Between 1986 and 1992 he was assistant of professor at the Department of Civil Procedural Law at the Faculty of Law of Eötvös Loránd University. He qualified as a lecturer in 1992. In the first half of 1990's he took part in the activity of legal protection programme of the UN High Commissioner for Refugees. He was founding member of the Committee of Lawyers which investigated the large number of police attacks that violated human rights in autumn 2006 in Hungary. From 2010 he was the chairman of Independent Police Complaints Board. The Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe confirmed his appointment as member of the European Commission against Racism and Intolerance. From January 2013 he represents Hungary in the Commission.







**Dr. László KISS**  
Judge of the Constitutional Court

He is Judge of the Constitutional Court since March 1998.

He graduated from the Faculty of Law of the University of Pécs. Since 1975 he has been lecturing at the Department of Constitutional and Administrative Law, of which he became Head in 1993. Having received his candidate's degree in 1982 and an academic degree in Law in 1992, he was awarded full professorship in 1992. As a Humboldt fellow, he spent 1988 and 1997 at Philipps University in Marburg. At the moment he is teaching Constitutional Law, Administrative Law and Theory of Legislation at the Department of Constitutional and Administrative Law of the University of Pécs. In 2007 he was awarded doctor honoris causa by the Faculty of State Administration of the Corvinus University of Budapest.





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He is Judge of the Constitutional Court since September 2005. He graduated from the Faculty of Law of József Attila University in 1983. After his studies at the European University Centre, Nancy, in 1983/84, he received his law degree specialized in community rights. In 1987, he was awarded the title of "doctor universitatis" at the University of Miskolc, accredited as a Ph.D. in 1996. He qualified as a university lecturer in 1997. From 1983 he was senior lecturer, from 1998 university professor, between 1999 and 2005 head of Department for International Law at the University of Miskolc. Between 1997 and 2005 he was head of Department at the Catholic University Pázmány Péter. Between 1990 and 1994 he worked at the Embassy of the Republic of Hungary to Paris, in 1998/99 he was head of Department for Human Rights and Minority Law within the staff of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.



**Dr. Péter KOVÁCS** Judge of the Constitutional Court

He is Judge of the Constitutional Court since April 2007. After graduating from the Faculty of Law of Eötvös Loránd University in 1980. From August 1981 to June 2004 he worked as a full-time lecturer. Between 1992 and 2000 he was vice-dean, from 2000 to 2004 was dean at the Faculty of Law of the University of Miskolc. Between 2001 and 2004 he worked as a partial time university professor at the Scientific Institution in Criminology at the Faculty of Law of the Catholic University Pázmány Péter. Since February 2004 gives lectures at the Faculty of Law of Eötvös Loránd University. Since October 2004 he has been Head of Department of Criminology. Since 1998 he has been university professor. In 2009 he was elected president of the European Criminology Society. In March 2013 the Secretary General of the United Nations President of the Advisory Board of the European Institute for Crime Prevention and Control.

**Dr. Miklós LÉVAY**  
Judge of the Constitutional Court

He is Judge of the Constitutional Court since February 2013. He studied law between 1967 and 1972 at the Faculty of Law of Eötvös Loránd University in Budapest. Between 1974 and 1990, then from 1996 until 1998 he worked as a lawyer. He was Member of the Hungarian Parliament from 1990. He was member and chairman of the Committee on Constitutional matters of the Parliament and of the Committee on Procedural Affairs. He was the chairman of the temporary Committee on drafting the concept of the new Constitution between 2010 and 2011. He was vice president of the Hungarian Parliament between 1994 and 1996. Since 1995 he has taught at the Faculty of Law of Pázmány Péter Catholic University of Budapest, at the Department of Constitutional Law. He qualified as an honorary associate professor in 1997 and he was qualified as a master professor in 2005, since 2013 he was granted full university professorship.

**Dr. László SALAMON** Judge of the Constitutional Court



He is Judge of Constitutional Court since September 2011. He graduated from the Faculty of Law and Political Sciences of Eötvös Loránd University in 1984. Between 1984 and 1987 he was lecturer at the Department of Constitutional Law of the Faculty of Law of Eötvös Loránd University, he was a scholar trainee of the Scientific Qualifying Commission of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences. He was a clerk at the Department of Legal Drafting of the Ministry of Justice from 1987 until 1988. He was government counsellor and later senior counsellor, he was government counsellor for the parliamentary issues at the Cabinet of the Prime Minister's Office from 1990 until 1992. From 1993 until 1998 he was the legal director of the Financial Institution Center. From 1998 he worked as a lawyer.

**Dr. Péter SZALAY**  
Judge of the Constitutional Court

**Dr. Barnabás LENKOVICS**  
Judge of the Constitutional Court



He is Judge of the Constitutional Court since April 2007. He graduated from the Faculty of Law of Eötvös Loránd University, in 1974. He taught at the Department of Civil Law at the Faculty of Law of Eötvös Loránd University, from 1974 to 1976 as assistant, from 1976 to 1982 as assistant lecturer, from 1982 to 1991 as lecturer, from 1992 as senior lecturer. Since 1996 he has been Head of Department of Civil Law and Civil Procedure at the Faculty of Law of the Széchenyi University (Győr). Between July 2001 and April 2007 he was Parliamentary Commissioner for Human Rights. He obtained his candidate's degree in 1992, qualified as a university lecturer in 1999.

**Dr. Béla POKOL** Judge of the Constitutional Court

He is Judge of the Constitutional Court since September 2011. He graduated from the Faculty of Law of Eötvös Loránd University in 1977 and began to work as assistant of professor at the College of Public Administration, where he taught state law and philosophy of law. Since 1980 he was a lecturer at the Faculty of Law of Eötvös Loránd University of Budapest, from 1984 at the Department of Political Sciences. In 1985 and in 1989-90 he spent two years in Germany as a Humboldt Foundation fellow. In 1989 he became doctor of sciences and in 1991 he was granted university professorship. He has been head of Legal Theory and Sociology of Law at the University of Szeged since 1991. During the parliamentary cycle between 1998 and 2002 he was Member of Parliament, and he acted as the chairman of the Parliamentary Committee of Constitutional and Justice Matters.



**Dr. István STUMPF**  
Judge of the Constitutional Court

He is Judge of the Constitutional Court since July 2010. He graduated from the Faculty of Law of Eötvös Loránd University of Budapest (ELTE) in 1982; he graduated in sociology from the Faculty of Philosophy in 1985. In 1992-93 he studied public policy at Harvard and George Washington Universities. He obtained his political science candidate's degree in 1996, qualified at ELTE as a university lecturer in political sciences in 2008. In 1982 he founded the ELTE Special College "Bibó István", and directed it until 1988. Since 1987 he has carried out scientific research work at the Institute for Political Sciences of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences. In 1991 he founded the Political School "Századvég", and directed it until 1998.

**Dr. Mária SZÍVÓS** Judge of the Constitutional Court

She is Judge of the Constitutional Court since September 2011. She graduated from the Faculty of Law of József Attila University in Szeged in 1978. She worked as a barrister from 1984 to 1993. In March 1994 she was appointed to Judge to the Court of the 2nd and 3rd district of Budapest, for criminal cases. From 1st July 2002 she was appointed Judge to the Criminal College of the Court of Budapest. From 2008 she was presiding judge at the Court of Appeal of Budapest. Since 1993 she has been university professor at the Faculty of Human Sciences of Pázmány Péter Catholic University, she has been a lecturer also at the Department of Criminal Law of the Faculty of Law of the same university, since 2006 she has been Master professor, since 2013 she was granted full university professorship.

