

Biography Andreas Zagklis

Andreas Zagklis, a Greek national, joined FIBA in 2016 as Legal Director after having acted for 9 years as its external legal advisor. He was appointed FIBA Secretary General in December 2018.

He received his under- and post-graduate degrees from the Law School of the University of Athens while he spent two semesters as a visiting student at the Universities of Salamanca (Spain) and Western Ontario (Canada) respectively.

He also completed the postgraduate program on Olympic Studies at the International Olympic Academy. Most recently, he attended the Leadership in Corporate Counsel programme at the Harvard Law School (USA).

In his professional career, Mr Zagklis advised basketball players, coaches and clubs and acted as assistant to the Court of Arbitration for Sport in three Olympic Games (2004, 2006, 2008). He practiced next to the pioneer sports lawyers Pantelis Dedes (Greece, 2004-2008) and Dirk-Reiner Martens (Germany, 2008-2016), before his appointment to head the FIBA Legal Department.

He was instrumental in the growth of the Basketball Arbitral Tribunal (BAT), supervising more than 1,000 basketball-related cases, as well as in the governance changes adopted by the extraordinary FIBA Congress in 2014.

He has published numerous scientific articles in the areas of good governance, dispute resolution and commercial rights in sports. He also frequently lectures on management of sporting events and sports law at the Universities of Neuchatel and Zurich in Switzerland.

Mr Zagklis was a basketball player, coach and administrator in Greece.

He speaks English, Spanish, German, French and Greek.

Mr Zagklis is married and has two children.