

CURRICULUM VITAE

THOMAS LAKER

Judge of the Administrative Tribunal of the Council of Europe

I. Personal details

Name, Forename: LAKER Thomas
Date and place of birth: 10 February 1956, Nordenham, Germany
Citizenship: German



II. Education

- Zweites Juristisches Staatsexamen (Second State Examination in Law)
- Georg August University (Göttingen), Ph.D. (Dr. iur.), magna cum laude, Thesis on Civil Disobedience, published as “Ziviler Ungehorsam”, (Nomos 1986)- Erstes Juristisches Staatsexamen (First State Examination in Law)
- Georg August University (Göttingen) and Université de Genève (Switzerland), Studies of Law and Philosophy

III. Professional experience

- 1 April 2024 – Present, Judge at the Administrative Tribunal of the World Bank (Washington, D.C., USA)
- May 2022 – Present, Judge at the Administrative Tribunal of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (Brussels, Belgium)
- April 2021 – Present, Judge at the Administrative Tribunal of the Council of Europe (Strasbourg, France)
- December 2020 – Present, Judge at the Administrative Tribunal of the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (London, UK).
- January 2019 – December 2025, *Ad litem* Judge at the Administrative Tribunal of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (Amman, Jordan).
- November 2018 – December 2020 (Organisation dissolved), Judge at the Administrative Tribunal of the Centre for Agricultural and Rural Cooperation (Wageningen, the Netherlands).
- February 2017 – Present, Staff Appeals Judge at the Kosovo Specialist Chambers (The Hague, the Netherlands).
- March 2016 – Present, Chairperson of the Panel of Adjudicators of the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe (Vienna, Austria).
- August 2011 – Present, Chairperson of the Joint Appeals Board of the International Tribunal of the Law of the Sea (Hamburg, Germany).
- July 2009 – June 2016 (non-renewable seven-year term), Full-Time Judge at the United Nations Dispute Tribunal (UNDT), (Geneva, Switzerland).
- 2010-2011 and 2013-2014, 2 one-year terms as President of the UNDT
- October 2005 – March 2020, Presiding Judge at the Administrative Law Court of the State of Hamburg (Hamburg, Germany).
 - Secondment as Judge, Social Security Law Court (2005)
 - Secondment as Judge, Administrative Court of Appeal (1999 – 2000).

Secondment as Legal Officer, Department of Justice (1992 – 1996).
Judge, Administrative Law Court (1991 – Lifetime Appointment).
Judge, Administrative Law Court (1989).

1988 – 1989, Attorney at Law (Bremerhaven, Germany).
1985 – 1987, Internship – Judicial Preparation Service (Lower Saxony, Germany).
February – June 1983, Research Scholar at Cornell Law School (Ithaca, NY, USA).
1981 – 1985, Research Assistant to Prof. Dr. Ralf Dreier, Chair of General Theory of Law at Georg August University (Göttingen, Germany).

IV. Selected Publications

The United Nations and the (Internal) Administration of Justice, in Clemens A. Feinäugle (ed.), *The Rule of Law and Its Application to the United Nations*, (Nomos 2016), 311- 331
Handbook on the Internal Justice System at the United Nations, United Nations System Staff College (ed.), (United Nations Publications 2014), 113 – 138

V. Selected conferences – seminars

June 2023, NATO Administrative Tribunal, 10th Anniversary Conference, Brussels, Chair of Panel on 'Harassment'

May 2023, Council of Europe, Conference on the general principles of the international civil service, Intervention "The Administrative Tribunal of the Council of Europe", Strasbourg, invited Speaker

March 2015, Council of Europe, International Colloquy “Common Focus and Autonomy of International Administrative Tribunals”, Strasbourg, Moderator

September 2014, Max Planck Institute Luxembourg for International, European and Regulatory Procedural Law, “The Rule of Law and Its Application to the United Nations”, Luxembourg, Invited Speaker