

CURRICULUM VITAE OF THOMAS LAKER

I. Personal details

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



II. Professional experience

May 2022 – Present
Judge at the Administrative Tribunal of the North Atlantic
Treaty Organization (Brussels, Belgium)

December 2020 – Present
Judge at the Administrative Tribunal of the European Bank for Reconstruction and
Development (London, UK).

January 2019 – Present
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).
2 one-year terms as President of the UNDT (2010-2011 and 2013-2014).

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).

III. Education

Mr Laker studied Law and Philosophy in Germany and Switzerland. He graduated with a Ph.D. with high honour and wrote a thesis on Civil Disobedience, published as “Ziviler Ungehorsam”. He passed the First and Second State Examination in Law in 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

Moderator at the Council of Europe’s International Colloquy on “Common Focus and Autonomy of International Administrative Tribunals”, Strasbourg, March 2015.

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