

Judge Dimitrios Raikos (Greece)



Judge Raikos was born in Athens in 1959. He studied law at the Law Faculty of Athens University, held postgraduate studies at the Law School of Thessaloniki (1986), at London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE) and Middlesex University in 1994, and holds a PhD in Administrative Law.

He is currently a Supreme Grade Justice, serving as President of the Administrative Court of Appeal in Athens. His judicial experience as Judge of the Administrative Courts of Greece spans over more than 39 years [3/1985 - 10/2024: Judge of first instance (1985 – 1999) and Appeal Court (2000 -2016), President of the Administrative Court of Appeal (2016 onwards)] and has adjudicated in this capacity, inter alia, a plethora of employment-related disputes between civil servants/public employees and the Greek Administration (disciplinary matters, promotions, demotions, remunerations, social security, damages etc.). He has also served as Head-President in 3 major Administrative Courts in Greece (Athens, Piraeus, Patras).

Judge Raikos was a Judge of the United Nations Appeals Tribunal (UNAT), having been elected by the General Assembly of the United Nations for a seven-year term of office (7/2016-7/2023). He served as First Vice-President (2018) and then President of that Tribunal (2019).

He has been a Professor of Administrative Law, Administrative Procedural Law and Public Procurement Law at the Law School of Democritus University of Thrace (Greece) since 1/2005 (he is currently the Head of the Department of Public Law and Political Science), member in the Advisory Body of the Institute for Justice and Growth of the European Public Law Organization (EPLO), an international Organization based in Athens, as well as Arbitrator in Administrative Law, Public Procurement Law and Energy Law disputes. Additionally, he was a Professor at the National School of Judges in Greece from 2001-2012.

During the period from 9/2012 to 9/2013 Judge Raikos was a member of the Special Legal Service of the Ministry of Justice (Greece), Transparency and Human Rights of Greece. He has also participated as Chair or member of numerous law-drafting Committees on the national level.

In 2013, Judge Raikos was appointed by the Greek Parliament as President of the Independent Authority for Public Procurement of Greece (H.S.P.P.A., from 2013 to 2016).

Judge Raikos has more than 22 years (since 2002) of professional experience in multicultural and international work environment. His international activities comprise, among others, membership in transnational committees (Committees of the Council of Europe etc.),

including the Ad hoc Committee for the Negotiation of the UN Convention against Corruption (2002-2003), acting as Organizer and Chair of high level seminars for Judges of the International Administrative Tribunals, Vice-President of the Association of European Administrative Judges (AEAJ) in Germany (2006-2008), current member both of the AEAJ and of the special consultative body to the Association of European Administrative Judges (AEAJ), MAT Judge from 10/2024 etc.

Judge Raikos has participated in numerous conferences (more than a 100) as a speaker and senior law expert and has authored a substantial number of books (14) and studies (48) on the effectiveness of administrative justice and the independence and impartiality of the Judiciary. Among his most popular works are: "A critical approach of the role of Administrative Courts in the modern democratic State", in 1999, "The interim measures according to the Code of Administrative Procedure", in 2002, "State liability for acts of corruption of public employees (According to the Council of Europe Convention on Corruption)", in 2003, "Accelerating Administrative Court Proceedings", in 2004, "The right to judicial protection against the Public Administration", in 2005, "Public Administration and Corruption", in 2006, "State Liability in Greece for the revocation of an illegal administrative act and the principle of protection of legitimate expectations of the addressee", in 2006, "Functional and Institutional Independence of the Administrative Judge", in 2007, "Judicial Independence and Impartiality", in 2008, "Preventive administrative action in the field of public order and judicial guarantees", in 2009, "The action for damages against the State before the Administrative courts", in 2010, "The legal protection of the State employees before the Administrative Courts", in 2010, "Economic growth and judicial independence" in 2013, "The principle of impartiality in the administration of justice", in 2014, "Appellate proceedings in the United Nations Internal Justice System, in 2017, "Contemporary challenges to the global administration of Justice", in 2019, "Judicial Ethical Values of the International Judges", in 2019, "Fair trial and effective judicial protection: The problem of the "classified evidence" on the European and the International level", in 2023, "Administrative Procedural Law", in 2024.