

Síofra O'Leary, judge in respect of Ireland, elected President of the European Court of Human Rights

The European Court of Human Rights has today elected **Síofra O'Leary** (Ireland) as its new President. Síofra O'Leary is the first female President of the European Court of Human Rights.

Síofra O'Leary succeeds Robert Spano (Iceland). She will take up office on 1 November 2022.

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Judge Síofra O'Leary

Born on 20 September 1968, in Dublin, Ireland

Bachelor of Civil Law, University College Dublin, Ireland, 1986-1989

PhD, European University Institute, Florence, Italy, 1989-1993

Visiting Fellow and Research Associate, Department of Public International Law, University of Cádiz, Spain, and Institute for Public Policy Research, London, United Kingdom, 1994-1996

Assistant Director of the Centre for European Legal Studies, University of Cambridge, United Kingdom, 1995-1996

Fellow of Emmanuel College, University of Cambridge, United Kingdom, 1995-1996

Visiting Fellow, Faculty of Law, University College Dublin, Ireland, 1999-2004

Référéndaire, Chef de Cabinet and Head of Unit, Court of Justice of the European Union, Luxembourg, 1996-2015

Visiting Professor, College of Europe, Bruges, Belgium, since 2003

Member of the Editorial Board of the *Common Market Law Review*, 2012-2015

Member of the Advisory Boards of the *Common Market Law Review* and the Irish Centre for European Law

Honorary Bencher of the Honorable Society of the King's Inns, Ireland

Judge of the European Court of Human Rights since 2 July 2015

President of Section since 1 January 2020

Vice-President of the Court since 2 January 2022.

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