



## Vassilios Skouris

### President of the European Court of Justice

1948 Born, Greece

- Degree in law from the Free University, Berlin
- Constitutional and administrative law Doctorate, Hamburg University

1978 Professor of Public Law at Bielefeld University

1982 Professor of Public Law at the University of Thessaloniki

1989 Minister of Internal Affairs in Greece

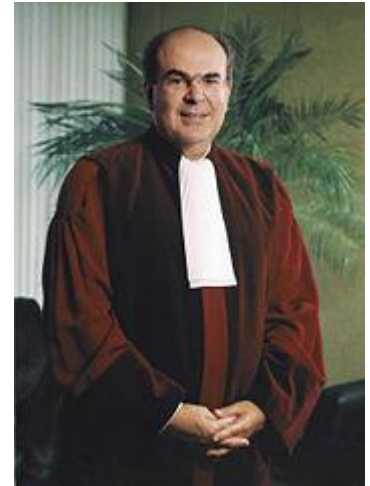
1992 President of the Greek association for European Law

1997 Director of the Centre for International and European Economic Law, Thessaloniki

1998 President of the Greek Economic and Social Council

1999 Nominated as a judge at the European Court of Justice

2003 appointed President of the Court of Justice



#### Role in the EU:

- The ECJ is charged with interpreting the EU Treaties
- The EU Court of Justice (ECJ) is made up of 27 judges (one from each member state, nominated by their home governments for a six-year term).
- The judges choose a President to serve for a renewable term of three years.
- Cases are usually heard before chambers of three to five judges.

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