

ECtHR: First Female President Elected



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On 19 September 2022, the Irish judge *Síofra O'Leary* was elected as the new President of the ECtHR, the first woman to hold this position. Judge O'Leary, who succeeds *Robert Spano* (Iceland), took up office on 1 November 2022.

O'Leary holds a PhD from the European University Institute in Florence and served as *Référéndaire*, *Chef de Cabinet* and *Head of Unit* at the Court of Justice of the European Union prior to her career at the ECtHR. She has been a judge for the ECtHR in respect of Ireland since 2 July 2015, President of Section since 1 January 2020, and Vice-President of the Court since 2 January 2022.

On 19 September 2022, the Court also elected two new Vice-Presidents: Judges *Georges Ravarani* (Luxembourg) and *Marko Bošnjak* (Slovenia). In addition, two new Section Presidents – judges *Pere Pastor Vilanova* (Andorra) and *Arnfinn Bårdsen* (Norway) were elected. All elected judges took up their duties on 1 November 2022.

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