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Prof. dr. Verica Trstenjak (national of Slovenia, based in Austria, Vienna) *is a lawyer and former Advocate General of the European Court of Justice in Luxembourg* and a professor of European Union law.

From 2004 to 2006 she was a **judge at the General Court of the European Union** in Luxembourg and **from 2006 to 2012 an Advocate General of the European Court of Justice in Luxembourg** (the highest legal position in EU) and she contributed to the creation and development of European Union Law. She was advocate general in cases concerning fundamental (economic) freedoms (e.g. free movement of goods, services, companies, capital in the EU), consumer protection cases, intellectual property cases, company law, insurance, bank sector, state aid, public procurement, fundamental rights (asylum, fundamental social rights, judicial rights, right to property), ect.

From 2019 she is member of the **Permanent Court of arbitration in The Hague** and from 2019 **also arbiter on the list VIAC (Vienna International arbitration Centre)**. She is also **conciliator at the Court of Conciliation and Arbitration within the OSCE (Organisation for Security and Co-operation in Europe)** and member of the Bureau at this Court (from 2019). From 2017 she was **Member of Management Board and from October 2017 also Member of Executive Board of the EU Agency for fundamental rights (until 2022)**. She is also a member of the advisory **Board (comparable with arbitration) of the international organization Energy community** and an external scientific member of the **Max Planck Institute Luxembourg** for International, European and Regulatory Procedural Law. Since 2020 she is a substitute member of **Venice Commission** (Council of Europe), a member of the the supervisory board of the biggest Slovenian bank NLB and a vice-president of the **ethics commission** by the Slovenian Olympic Committee. She is also an arbitrator at the biggest international arbitration **ICSID-International Centre for Settlement of Investment Disputes** and she is arbitrator and TSD Expert on **the EU Commission list for disputes under the EU's trade agreements with third parties**.

She has written expert opinions for law firms and arbitration in many cases concerning European law and legal protection in the EU. In 2020 she got an Austrian state decoration from **Austrian President van der Bellen**: Cross of Honour for Science and Art, First Class.

She is **Professor for European law** in Austria and Slovenia (at University in Ljubljana (part time) and at different courses and LLM programmes (University of Vienna, Sigmund Freud University in Vienna) and teaches European law at the summer schools (University of Salzburg, University of Innsbruck – university course in Alpbach, University of Vienna-Strobl). She has published several books and more than 300 articles (also with SSCI) and has been a lecturer at different universities (e.g. Zurich, Hamburg, Amsterdam, Luxemburg, Valetta, Sydney, Montreal, Singapur, Los Angeles, San Francisco, New York, Kyoto, Seoul, Nursultan) and at different **international and European conferences** (f.e. General reporter at International Conference of Comparative Law 2014, keynote speaker at International Conference of Consumer Law 2015, keynote at conference of European Academy of Science in Salzburg, 2023). She was often visiting researcher at Max Planck Institut Hamburg. She is member of editorial board of several important legal journals, e.g. *European Law Review* (seat in London). She is a member of two international academies of science: **Academia Europaea** (Academy of Europe), with the seat in London and **European Academy of Science and Art** with the seat in Salzburg (Austria). In Slovenia she was also State Secretary for Science and member of negotiation group for the Slovenian Membership in the European Union.

Research areas: European law (Constitutional and procedural), EU company law, European consumer law, fundamental/human rights, public procurement, state aid, EU competition law, intellectual property, economic freedoms in EU (freedom of goods, services, capital, persons, companies), Union citizenship, digital law and digital society, ect.

Languages: She works in Slovenian (native speaker), German, English, French, Croatian/Bosnian/Serbian language.

Important five publications

1. *Limitations of Fundamental Rights in EU Law: Are Human Rights Absolute?* European Review, Cambridge University Press, 2023, 1-15
2. *Fundamental rights in Europe, (Temeljne pravice v EU) GV založba, 2021 (316 pages, in Slovene language)-book*
3. *The Influence of Human Rights and Basic Rights in Private Law*, Springer 2016, together with Petra Weingerl (593 pages) – book
4. *Corona and fundamental Rights*, in Hondius, E. at all: *Coronavirus and the Law in Europe*, 3-25, Intersentia, 2021
5. *Human Rights in digital age*, in Miller, K./Wendt, K.: *The Fourth Industrial Revolution and Its Impact on Ethics*, 241-253, Springer, 2021