



President of the EFTA Court announces his resignation

Prof. Dr. Dr. h. c. Carl Baudenbacher has announced his intention to resign from the EFTA Court bench effective as of 31 March 2018. Baudenbacher has been the Judge nominated by Liechtenstein since 1995 and the Court's President since 2003. Under his leadership, the EFTA Court has developed into a strong institution with a significant influence on the case law of the Court of Justice of the European Union. Baudenbacher is also regarded as a preeminent expert in questions of Brexit and Swiss-EU policy.

During the outgoing President's term of office, the Court rendered judgments across the whole range of EEA law including antitrust law, intellectual property law, financial market law, tax law and public procurement law. He has participated in more than 260 cases before the Court and acted as Judge Rapporteur in many of the Court's most important cases. The significance of these rulings, such as *Norway Post* on the scope of the review of cartel fines; *Icesave* on the liability of governments in a systemic financial crisis; and *Fosen-Linjen* on the liability of contracting authorities in public procurement, extend beyond the EFTA pillar of the EEA.

President Baudenbacher has, in an extrajudicial capacity, contributed substantially to the development of European and international law. He was a professor at a number of universities in Germany, the United States, and Switzerland – latterly at the University of St Gallen, where he is the Director of the Competence Center for European and International Law. He has consulted widely for governments and international organisations. His expertise includes EU and EEA law, the breadth of economic law, and dispute resolution, including arbitration.