



**Ioannis SARMAS**

Born on the island of Kos, Greece, on 21 March 1957

Married (1987) with two children (born 1989 and 1990).

Awarded a Degree in Law from the University of Athens (1975-1979) (first place with a mark of 9,3/10).

Won scholarships from the French Government (1980–1984) and the Hellenic Scholarships Foundation (1980–1983, not taken up).

Awarded *Diplômes d' études approfondies* (Diplomas of Further Studies) from the University of Paris II, Sorbonne, in Criminal Law (1980-1981), Public Law (1982-1983) and Public Finance (1983-1985), and a *Doctorat d'État en droit* (State Doctorate in Law) (1981-1985) on the basis of a thesis on freedom of expression and defamation (awarded the distinction of *très honorable*).

Served as an officer in the Greek Air Force during national service (1984-1986).

Sat recruitment competitions (1986) organised by the Greek Council of State and the Greek National School of Public Administration (attained first place in both competitions).

Appointed Magistrate First Class in the Greek Council of State (1987-1993).

Appointed Magistrate Second Class at the Hellenic Court of Audit (1993). Promoted to the post of Master-Counsel, Magistrate Third Class (1998). Appointed Section President (1999-2001).

Appointed to the European Court of Auditors as a Member (2002) and term of office was renewed (2008). Appointed Dean of audit group (2007-2009). Member of the Court's Committee on Standards (committee for monitoring Court Members' external activities).

From June 2010 to March 2012, Member responsible for Audit Development and Review in the CEAD Chamber "Coordination, evaluation, assurance and development" and an alternate member of the Administrative Committee.

Since March 2012, Dean of Chamber I "Preservation and management of natural resources" and a member of the Administrative Committee.

Held the office of Legal Counsel in the Secretariat of the Greek Council of Ministers (1990-1996) and was a member of the central ministerial committee responsible for drafting legislation (1998-2001).

Taught in Greece at the National School of Public Administration, Law Methodology and Public Finance (1989-1999) and at the National School for the Judiciary and the Jurisprudence of the Court of Justice of the European Communities and of the European Court of Human Rights (1997-2001).

Published the following works: (1) *La jurisprudence constitutionnelle et administrative du Conseil d'État - Étude évolutive de grands thèmes* (two editions, 1990 and 1994); (2) *La jurisprudence constitutionnelle de la Cour des comptes* (1997); (3) *La jurisprudence de la Cour européenne des droits de l'homme - Étude analytique de grands thèmes* (1999); (4) *État et justice* (three volumes): *Liberté avec prééminence du droit: la jurisprudence de la Cour européenne des droits de l'homme* (2003), *L'État de droit, démocratique et social: la jurisprudence du Conseil d'État* (2003), *Les deniers publics sous le contrôle de la justice: la jurisprudence de la Cour des comptes* (2003); (5) *Pour un meilleur État: le gaspillage, la corruption et l'audit public moderne* (2006).

Contributed to, *inter alia*, the Stassinopoulos, Kakouris and Korsos memorial volumes, and the commemorative books of the Greek Council of State and the Hellenic Court of Audit. Actively participated in congresses, colloquia and seminars.