

### **Mr Gérard GARDELLA is a member of the Appeal Panel since 1 January 2026**

Mr Gardella is a French Lawyer with an extensive experience spanning judiciary, public administration, financial regulation, and international banking law. Graduate in Law from Université Paris Panthéon-Assas, graduate from Sciences Po Paris and the École Nationale de la Magistrature (ENM). Served as a judicial magistrate for 16 years in various senior roles, including Investigating Judge in Versailles, then Head of the Public Prosecution Department for financial Matters at the French Ministry of Justice. Also served as Deputy Legal Director of the French Securities Commission (COB, now AMF) and Secretary General of the CMT (regulatory body for Future Markets). From 1990 to 1992 acted as Head of Litigation of Société Générale Group, then from 1992 to 2014 as General Counsel of Société Générale Group. From 2014 to 2024, was Secretary General of the High Legal Committee for the Paris Financial Market (HCJP).

### **Ms Emilia Dimitrova is a member of the Appeal Panel since 1 January 2026**

Before being appointed to the Appeal Panel, Ms Dimitrova spent eight years leading the Resolution of Credit Institutions Directorate at the Bulgarian National Bank (Bulgarian resolution authority), where she played a key role in establishing the national resolution function and in the process of Bulgaria's accession to the Single Resolution Mechanism in 2020. She represented the BNB in numerous national and EU-level expert groups and held public positions including Member of the EBA Resolution Committee (2017–2025), Member of the SRB Resolution Committee, and Alternate Member of the SRB Plenary (2020–2025). Her earlier career spans more than 15 years in the banking sector, holding expert and managerial roles in major international banking groups operating in Bulgaria, with a focus on risk management and regulatory compliance. Today she works on projects in the field of regulatory compliance and teaches at Sofia University, Faculty of Economics and Business Administration (Department of Economics) where she lectures on a discipline related to the European Banking Union. Ms Dimitrova holds a master's degree in economics.

### **Ms Myrte Thijssen is a member of the Appeal Panel since 1 January 2026**

Ms Thijssen is a Senior Legal Officer at the International Institute for the Unification of Private Law (UNIDROIT) since 2021. Prior to that, she worked in the Legal Service of the Dutch Central Bank, the Legal Service of the SRB, and the European Affairs Department of the Italian national promotional institution. Ms Thijssen holds a master's degree in law from the University of Amsterdam. She has taught Corporate Law at the University of Amsterdam, Bank Crisis Management at the University of Bologna, and she is a member of the Advisory Board of the Centre for Business Law and Practice of the University of Leeds.

### **Mr Michele Siri is a member of the Appeal Panel since 1 January 2026**

Michele Siri is a full professor of corporate law and financial regulation at the University of Genoa (Italy) and the director of the Genoa Centre for Law and Finance. He is also an adjunct professor of financial institutions and markets law on the Master's degree programme in Finance at Luigi Bocconi University in Milan, as well as being an academic fellow of the European Banking Institute in Frankfurt. He previously held a Jean Monnet Chair in the Regulation of EU Financial and Insurance Markets and directed the Jean Monnet Centre of Excellence EUSFIL (European Union Sustainable Finance and Law) a research network established as part of an Erasmus project funded by the European Commission (2020–2024). He has advised on and participated in expert working groups initiated by public institutions on financial markets regulation, with a focus on European Union policy initiatives. Since 2018, professor Siri has been a member of the Joint Board of Appeal of the European Supervisory Authorities, becoming Chair in 2021. He is also an academic member of the Advisory Committee of the Italian Financial Markets Authority. His main research interests include European capital market regulation, sustainable finance, corporate governance, investor protection, and the supervision of banking, insurance and financial intermediaries.

### **Ms Małgorzata Iwanicz-Drozdowska is a member of the Appeal Panel since 1 January 2026**

Ms Iwanicz-Drozdowska is a Full Professor of Finance at SGH Warsaw School of Economics (Poland) and Chair of the Financial System Department. She has extensive professional experience in the financial sector, including senior roles in public institutions. In 2019 she served as Deputy Chair of the Polish Financial Supervision Authority and has held positions on supervisory boards of several financial institutions. In May 2024 she was appointed President of the National Association of Cooperative Banks in Poland (KZBS).

She is the author of more than 200 publications on banking and the financial services market and has taken part in numerous research projects, including studies on banking crises and bank restructuring. Her areas of specialization include the financial safety net, financial stability, management of financial institutions, and financial education.

Prof. Iwanicz-Drozdowska has received scholarships from Georgetown University, Washington, D.C. (1999), and the Deutsche Stiftung für Internationale Rechtliche Zusammenarbeit EV (1998). She has also held visiting positions at New York University (March 2013), Columbia University (March 2017), and served as a visiting professor in the Erasmus program.