

## BIOGRAPHIES



• **Etienne MARIQUE** graduated in law and fiscal sciences at the ULB (Université Libre de Bruxelles) in Brussels. He started his career in 1974 as a lawyer at the Bar of Namur and later served in Charleroi. In 1989, he was appointed as a judge in the County Court of Brussels. He then served as an examining magistrate from 1990 to 1996. In 1996, he was appointed counselor in the Brussels' Court of Appeals and in this capacity he carried out numerous tasks within the judicial system. He was President of the Court of Assizes in Brussels from 1996 to 1998. On 16 December 1999, he was appointed Chairman of the Belgian Gaming Commission, where he still works today. You will find among his latest publications: "Measures to protect gamblers," "Les jeux de hasard en Belgique", Larcier, 2009, and "Public policy on games of chance in Belgium", Jeux de hasard et d'argent, Contextes et addictions, Expertise collective, Inserm, 2008.



• **Philippe VLAEMMINCK** is the Managing Partner of Vlaemminck & Partners. He is a member of both the European & Trade Practice and the International Business Practice groups. He has considerable litigation experience in the EU and EFTA courts and was among the very first private lawyers who were allowed to appear in a WTO dispute settlement hearing. Vlaemminck is deeply involved in EU regulatory issues and trade related disputes. He represents individual corporations, major European industry associations and several EU governments before the EU Institutions, including the European Commission and the European Parliament, as well as in litigation before the European Court of Justice (including all gambling cases from Schindler until Markus Stoss & Engelmann) and the General Court. Vlaemminck was Visiting Professor in European Law at the University of Ghent.



• **Marc CALLU** was born on 20 January 1955 in Waregem, Belgium. He entered the Criminal Investigation Police Department in 1982. In 1984, he specialised in vice and gambling matters and principally in the repression of illegal games. He then was appointed advisor in the field of games of chance with the College of Public Prosecutors and the Minister of Justice. In 1996, he became responsible for the Games of Chance Bureau at the National Criminal Investigation Brigade. In 1997, he became a member of the working group set up to draft a new legislation on games of chance in Belgium. In 2000, he was detached as expert to the Gaming Commission where he still holds advisory functions and coordinates controls. In 2002, he also took up the daily management of the Gambling Commission. He was the driving force behind the amendment of the Act

of 7 May 1999 on games of chance to respond to the new technological context and is now working on its implementing decrees. He is the author of several books and articles on the Belgian legislation. He was also Vice-Chair of the Executive Board of the Gaming Regulators' European Forum from 2005 to 2009. He took part in several national and international meetings as a speaker on gambling issues.



• **Prof. Dr. Peter M. HUBER** was appointed Minister of Interior of the Free State of Thuringia, Germany, in November 2009. He took his Doctor of Laws degree (Dr. iur) at the University of Munich (LMU) in 1987 and in 1991 he received his Habilitation/Venia Legendi in Law from the University of Munich (LMU). In 1991, he was a Visiting Scholar at the University of Münster. He then successively was appointed to the post of University Professor at the Faculty of Law of the University of Augsburg as well as at the University of Jena (FSU) and Bayreuth. He is a Visiting Professor in several universities across Europe.

Since September 2002, he is the Chair for Public Law and Legal Philosophy at the University of Munich (LMU). From 1996 to 2002 he served as Judge at the Thuringian Superior Administrative Tribunal. From 2003 to 2004, he was a member of the Commission of Parliament on the Modernisation of the Federal Order and from 2004 to 2006, a member of the Executive Board of the Vereinigung der Deutschen Staatsrechtslehrer. From 1999 to 2009, he was Chairman of the German Law Faculties Association and from 2002 to 2009, a member of the Commission on Media Concentration Control where he was successively appointed Vice President, in 2007 and President, in 2009. From 2007 to 2009, he was Judge at the Constitutional Court of the Freie Hansestadt Bremen. In addition, he has engaged in various consulting activities on questions of European integration, constitutional and administrative issues for the German Parliament, European institutions and federations and administrative bodies.



• **Paul BOLT** has been in the civil service for over 33 years, in the SCS for over 19 years and a Director for 10 years. He spent the first 17 years of that career in the Home Office. Since joining the then Department of National Heritage in 1992 he has served as Head of Libraries; Head of the Fundamental Expenditure Review; Head of Broadcasting Policy; Director of Strategy and Communications; Director of the Olympic Bid Team and, now, Director of Sport and Leisure (including tourism, gambling and licensing). He has served secondments as Chief Executive of the Broadcasting Standards Commission (2001-3) and as Director of the Capability Reviews Team in the Cabinet Office (2006-7).



• **Jean-François VILOTTE** is a senior administrator of the City of Paris. He obtained a master's degree in Public Law at the Université Paris I - Panthéon Sorbonne. He was named as a junior administrator of the City of Paris - ENA, Leonardo de Vinci programme 1983 to 1985. From 1985 to 1989, he served as department head in the Architecture Directorate of the City of Paris. He then became Technical Counsellor in the Office of the Mayor of Paris responsible for urban planning and the environment for two years. In 1991, he was named Sub-Prefect,

Secretary General of the Prefecture of Mayenne, and in 1993 he was appointed Deputy Director in the Office of the Mayor of Paris. From 1995 to 2002, he served as Director General of Development of Economic Activity and Employment in the City of Paris. From 2002 to 2006, he was Director of the Office of the Minister of Sports, subsequently the Minister of Youth Affairs, Sports and Associative Life. From 2007 to 2009, he was Director General of the French Tennis Association. From April 2009 to May 2010, he headed the Regulatory Authority for On-line Gambling (ARJEL) in its formative stage. As from May 2010, he has been President of ARJEL. He holds the title of Chevalier of the Legion of Honour and has received the Gold Medal of Youth Affairs and Sports.



• **Antonio TAGLIAFERRI**, graduated in Law at the Sapienza University of Rome in 1973, then qualifying to practise law and teach legal and financial subjects. Has practised as a notary. From 1976 he worked at the general administration of the legal organisation of the Ministry of Justice.

Since 1988 he has worked at the presidency of the council of ministers in the public service department, and is concerned with public administration personnel.

Managing civil servant and then executive after public competition for posts in the Ministry of the Treasury. In the Civil Service he then worked on the whole process of reform and privatisation of public service and the processes of remobilisation of labour. Since 2000 he has been General Manager covering at the same time the duties of: Central manager for general affairs and the administration of the personnel of the Ministry of Finance, Director of the Administration Office of Department Resources for Fiscal policies, Central Manager for General Affairs and for the Personnel of the Amministrazione Autonoma dei Monopoli di Stato (AAMS) (autonomous administration of state monopolies). He is author of various articles on the legal and financial treatment of public servants with particular reference to the new institutions resulting from the privatisation of labour relations and the themes of human resource recruitment.



• **Mark GRIFFITHS** is a Chartered Psychologist and Professor of Gambling Studies at Nottingham Trent University, as well as Director of the International Gaming Research Unit. He has spent over two decades in the field and is internationally known for his research into gaming. He has published over 250 refereed research papers, three books, 65 book chapters and over 1000 other articles. He has served on numerous national and international committees and gambling charities (e.g. National

Chair of GamCare, Society for the Study of Gambling, Gamblers Anonymous General Services Board, National Council on Gambling etc.). He has won ten national and international awards for his work, including the John Rosecrance Prize (1994), CELEJ Prize (1998), Joseph Lister Prize (2004) and the US National Council on Problem Gambling Research Award (2009). He also does a lot of freelance journalism and has appeared on over 2000 radio and television programmes.



• **Martin SYCHOLD**, Esq, LL.B, B.Ec. has German nationality, was born and grew up in South Australia and lives in the French-speaking part of Switzerland. He works as Deputy Head of the Legal Division at the Swiss Institute of Comparative Law in Lausanne, where he is particularly responsible for issues arising in connection with Anglo-American, mixed or transitional legal systems and public international law. Admitted to practice as an attorney-at-law in the State of New York, he also teaches at the Burgundy Business School in Dijon, France. Martin has been

dealing with the legal aspects of gambling for more than fifteen years, coordinating studies for the Swiss Federal Government, the European Commission and the governments of the German Länder, as well as providing legal advice to commercial enterprises. As a qualified economist and as the husband of a psychologist, Martin considers that a multi-disciplinary approach to gambling regulation is essential. He is an Affiliated Educator Member of the International Masters of Gaming Law.



• **Francesco RODANO**, born in Rome, Italy in 1970, is head of remote gaming for AAMS (Italy's regulatory body). He has a Degree in Statistics and began working very early for a publishing house, where he focused on technology aspects of the publication process. He subsequently specialised in business to business marketing, holding various positions in private companies (two of them within The Economist and Allianz groups respectively), but always keeping an eye on the "eBusiness" side. During 2001, he co-directed a series of books

dedicated to the then trendy net-economy and served as CEO in a start-up software company. In 2002, he moved, as Marketing and Sales Director, to the

Auditorium Parco della Musica, which is now the largest cultural centre in Europe and hosts over 1,000 concerts and private events each year. Within the Auditorium Parco, he also managed fund raising. Finally, in June 2007, he arrived at AAMS, where, while directing the remote gaming department, he was involved in the regulation and launch of online poker and skill games. He is currently working on the new licensing regime and on the regulation of online casino games. He regularly attends the Working Party on Betting and Gambling within the European Council.



- **Marian GRUBBEN** is Head of Unit, European Commission, DG Internal Market. She is responsible for administrative cooperation and the internal market information system.



- **Barbara MASQUELIER** is Attaché at the Belgian Gaming Commission since October 2004. She is co-author of the instructor's manual which supports the educational film "BLUFF!" which aims to inform people aged 14-18 of the dangers of excessive gambling. She is responsible for the gamblers' protection policy.



- **Peter NAESSENS** is Head of Unit, Regulatory Advice, Research & Development for the Belgian Gaming Commission. He studied law at the University of Brussels, criminology at the University of Leuven and social work at Campus Kortrijk. He has extensive experience in legislative advice. Within the Gaming Commission, the focus of his activities is on the development and maintenance of the regulatory framework of gambling and he follows the European debate on regulation of the gambling market with special interest.



• **Cédric VISART de BOCARME** was born in Schaerbeek on 10 February 1953. He began his professional career as a lawyer at the Bar of Namur (taking his oath in the 1st Chamber of the Court of Appeals on 13 September 1977). He then served in the County Court of Namur. In 1983, he was named Deputy Crown Prosecutor of the County Court of Charleroi (Economic and Financial Section); in 1985, he assumed the same duties in Namur. In 1988, he was named a delegate to the Office of the Minister of Justice in charge of missions dealing with civil law and commercial law. In 1990, he was appointed Crown Prosecutor to the County Court of Namur and Deputy Chief of the Office of the Minister of Justice from 5 July 1995 to 1 March 1997 responsible for cases of criminal law, criminal procedure, police matters and international relations. He was Chief of the Office of the Minister of Justice from 1 March 1997 to 1 March 1998. He served as President of the College of General Prosecutors (2006-2007 and 2009-2010) and has been the General Prosecutor to the Court of Appeals of Liege since 25 January 2005.



• **Fred SPEIJERS** studied Law and made his career as a public prosecutor in The Netherlands. He started his service in September 1985 and now, after 25 successful years in the prosecutor's office, he is working as Advocate-Generaal for The Hague Area. Among his various assignments over the years, he took a firm line in cases of fraud. He follows with special interest illegal internet businesses and the related problems of law enforcement.



• **Gérard SCHOEN** was born on 9 September 1954. He entered public service on 12 September 1972. In 1995, he was named as provisional civil administrator and this was made permanent later the same year. He was then assigned to the General Directorate of Customs and Indirect Taxes. In 1998, he was named director of office D1 on 'Legal Research and Litigation' and in 1999 became director of office A3 on 'Budget and Accounting.' In 2002, he was assigned to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Permanent Representation of France to the European Union, as Counselor on Customs in Brussels responsible for Mobility. In August 2005, he was re-assigned to the Directorate of Customs and Indirect Taxes, and in November he was named Deputy Directory in charge of the Sub-Directorate of Legal Affairs, Control and the Fight Against Fraud.



• **Jean-Marc TRIFFAUX** is a Belgian psychiatrist who received his diploma from the University of Liege (1988), where he now teaches. He is the Directing Doctor of the University's day hospital 'La Clé,' which is specialised in addictions. He is a recognised authority in the field and his publications in the domain of psychiatry are well known both in Belgium and abroad. He is also the President of the Gaming Commission responsible for the National Lottery since 2008.



• **Christel SCHALDEMOSE** is 43 years old and has been in the European Parliament since 2006. She was elected in the region of Southern Denmark for the Danish Social Democrats. She is a member of the Committee for Internal Market and Consumer Protection, the Committee on Budgetary Control and is also a substitute member of the Committee on Agriculture and Rural Development. Besides her committee work, she serves as Vice Chairman of the Danish Social Democrats in the Parliament. In her work, she focuses mostly on European consumers - including consumer rights and consumer protection. She puts a special emphasis on children's conditions. The question of gambling has been a key point for her in all her years as a Parliamentarian.



• **Malcolm HARBOUR** was elected to the European Parliament in June 1999, and re-elected in June 2004 and 2009. He is one of 2 Conservative members representing the West Midlands Region of the UK. He has been elected as Chairman of the Internal Market and Consumer Protection Committee, where he served as Co-ordinator for the European Centre Right Group (EPP-ED) from 2004 to 2009. He is now a Member of the newly formed European Conservatives and Reformists Group. He is Conservative spokesman on Internal Market issues, and specialist spokesman on IT issues. He is Vice-Chairman of the

Parliament's Science and Technology Options Assessment Panel (STOA) and a Member of the Inter-Parliamentary Delegation to Japan, a country he visits regularly.

Malcolm Harbour takes a special interest in the EU single market, industry, science and technology policy. He is Chairman of the Forum for the Automobile and Society, the Ceramics Industry Forum, the European Manufacturing Forum and the Conservative Technology Forum. He is a Governor of the European Internet Foundation, a member of the Conservative Policy Review on Science and Innovation. He has been the lead MEP (rapporteur) for major legislation on Telecoms, the Single Market and Motor Vehicle standards.



• **Carl DEVLIES** was born on 23 January 1953 in Amsterdam, The Netherlands. He studied Law and Economics at the Catholic University of Leuven. His political career began in the 1980s as a staff member under Minister Gaston Geens. Since 18 May 2003, Carl Devlies has held a seat in the Chamber of Representatives for the CD&V. He has been Secretary of State for the Coordination of the Fight Against Fraud, Deputy Prime Minister and Secretary of State, Deputy Minister of Justice since March and June 2008 respectively. He is also First Deputy Burgomaster of Leuven.



• **Michel BARNIER** was born on 9 January 1951 in Grenoble, France. He is European Commissioner for Internal Market and Service, a position he holds since February 2009. He is also Vice President of the European People's Party and Political Advisor of the UMP (Union pour un Mouvement Populaire) since 2006. Prior to that, from June 2009 to 2010 he was Member of the European Parliament and President of the French delegation of the EPP. From June 2007 to June 2009 he served as Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries and from April 2005 to May 2005 as Minister of Foreign Affairs. From 1997 to 1999 he was Senator of Savoie. He served as Minister of the Government various time; he was Minister of European Affairs from 1995 to 1997 and Minister for the Environment from 1993 to 1995. In September 2005 he was appointed member of the Council of State and from 1999 to 2004 he was European Commissioner in charge of Regional Policy and the Reform of European Institutions. He started his political career in 1973 being elected as Regional Councillor for Savoie (Bourg-Saint-Maurice District). He graduated from Paris College of Business. He has written several books.