

## **WATHELET Melchior**

### **EDUCATION**

- Secondary school (Greek-Latin) - College St-François-Xavier - Verviers (Belgium) (1967) (gold medal)
- Licence en Droit - University of Liège (Belgium) (1972) (la plus grande distinction)
- Licence en Sciences Économiques - University of Liège (Belgium) (1974) (grande distinction)
- Master of Laws - Harvard University, USA (1976)
- Doctor Honoris causa (University of Paris-Dauphine) (2010)

### **PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES**

#### **University**

- Research Fellow (Belgian National Fund of Scientific Research) (1973-1977), assistant of Professors J. Stassart (Economics) and R. Joliet (European Law) at the University of Liège.
- Maître de Conférences (University of Liège (1977- 1985)).
- Professor at the Law Faculty of the Catholic University of Louvain (Belgium), teaching :
  - European Union Law (second year)
  - Procedural Law of the European Union (Master)
  - Tax Law of the European Union (Master)
- Lecturer at the Law Faculty of the University of Liège (Belgium) teaching :
  - European Law (second year)
  - Procedural Law of the European Union (Master)
- Professor invited by the Louisiana State University, USA (1998, 2000, 2001, 2004).  
by the University of Lyon III, France (2002, 2003, 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008)  
by the University of Wien, Austria (2004)

by the University of Hamburg (2005,2006)  
by the University of Bourgogne (2005, 2006, 2007, 2008)  
by the University of Aix-en-Provence (2008)  
by the University of Paris 2 Panthéon - Assas (2018)

- Lecturer at the University of Luxembourg (2012).
- Lecturer at the University of Paris-Dauphine (2009-2012).
- Chairman of the Council of the Law and Criminology Faculty of the Catholic University of Louvain (2007 – 2012)

### **Politics**

- Member of the Belgian House of Representatives (1977-1995).
- Member of the Walloon Government (1980-1985).
- Minister-President of the Walloon Region (1985-1988).
- Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of Justice (1988-1992).
- Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of Justice and Economic Affairs (1992-1995).
- Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of Defense (1995).
- Mayor of Verviers, Belgium (1995).
- Minister of State (2009)
- Honorary Citizen of the City of Liège (2012)
- Honorary Citizen of the City of Verviers (2016)

### **Legal**

- Judge at the Court of Justice of the European Communities (1995-2003)
- Of-counsel at the law firm CMS – Bureau Francis Lefebvre (Neuilly-sur-Seine – Paris, France) from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2005 to June 2012.
- Advocate (Bar of the Hauts de Seine from December 2007 to June 2012)
- Advocate General at the Court of Justice of the European Union from October

2012 to October 2014

- First Advocate General at the Court of Justice of the European Union from October 2014 to October 2018

### **Companies**

- Member of the Board of the Société nationale des Chemins de Fer belges – Holding (SNCB – Holding) since 1<sup>st</sup> December 2004 till June 2012 (Railway Company)

### **FUNCTIONS IN NON-PROFIT ASSOCIATIONS**

- Chairman of the organizing power of the school of specialised education (primary and secondary) Saint-Joseph in Limbourg (Belgium)
- Chairman of the Advisory Board of HEC – Ulg