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The CJEU Judges Database

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Data on CJEU judges

Description

This dataset includes data on all judges and Advocate General at the Court of Justice (1952-2021) and the General Court (1989-2021). There is one observation per judge. The dataset includes each judge's first and last name, their last name using only ASCII characters (to avoid character-encoding problems), a label for each judge (for making visualizations) that differentiates between judges with the same last name, their member state, and their gender. The dataset also indicates the positions that each judge has held at the Court and the start date and end date for each position.

Variables

<code>key_id</code>	<code>numeric</code> An ID number that uniquely identifies each observation. Indicates the default sort order for the dataset.
<code>judge_id</code>	<code>string</code> An ID number that uniquely identifies each judge in the format <code>J:####</code> . The first two digits are the member state ID, with a leading 0 if necessary. The second two digits uniquely identify the judge within the member state. The number is assigned with the judges sorted chronologically by date of appointment and then alphabetically by last name.
<code>full_name</code>	<code>string</code> The full name of the judge.
<code>first_name</code>	<code>string</code> The first name of the judge.

<code>last_name</code>	<code>string</code> The last name of the judge.
<code>last_name_latin</code>	<code>string</code> The last name of the judge using only basic Latin characters (to avoid character-encoding problems).
<code>last_name_label</code>	<code>string</code> A label (for making visualizations) that differentiates between judges with the same last name by adding the judge's first initial.
<code>last_name_latin_label</code>	<code>string</code> A label (for making visualizations) using only basic Latin characters (to avoid character-encoding problems) that differentiates between judges with the same last name by adding the judge's first initial.
<code>member_state_id</code>	<code>numeric</code> An ID number that uniquely identifies each judge's member state. The number is assigned with member states sorted by date of accession and then alphabetically by name.
<code>member_state</code>	<code>string</code> The name of the judge's member state.
<code>member_state_code</code>	<code>string</code> A two-character code for the judge's member state assigned by the Commission.
<code>birth_year</code>	<code>numeric</code> The year the judge was born.
<code>gender_id</code>	<code>string</code> An ID variable indicating the gender of the judge. Coded 1 if the judge is female and 2 if the judge is male.
<code>gender</code>	<code>string</code> The gender of the judge. Either <code>Male</code> or <code>Female</code> .
<code>female</code>	<code>string</code> A dummy variable indicating whether the judge is female. Coded 1 if the judge is female and 0 if the judge is male.
<code>judge_court_of_justice</code>	<code>dummy</code> A dummy variable indicating whether the judge served as a judge at the Court of Justice. Coded 1 if the judge was a judge at the Court of Justice and 0 otherwise.
<code>judge_general_court</code>	<code>dummy</code> A dummy variable indicating whether the judge served as a judge at the General Court. Coded 1 if the judge was a judge at the General Court and 0 otherwise.

<code>judge_civil_service_tribunal</code>	<code>dummy</code> A dummy variable indicating whether the judge served as a judge at the Civil Service Tribunal. Coded 1 if the judge was a judge at the Civil Service Tribunal and 0 otherwise.
<code>advocate_general</code>	<code>dummy</code> A dummy variable indicating whether the judge served as an Advocate General at the Court of Justice. Coded 1 if the judge was an Advocate General at the Court of Justice and 0 otherwise.
<code>current_status</code>	<code>string</code> A description that indicates the current status of the judge on the Court (e.g., current CJ judge, former GC judge).
<code>current_member</code>	<code>dummy</code> A dummy variable indicating whether the judge is currently a member of the Court.
<code>count_positions</code>	<code>numeric</code> The number of positions that the judge has held at the Court. Possible positions include judge at the Court of Justice, General Court, or Civil Service Tribunal and Advocate General at the Court of Justice.
<code>nonconsecutive_positions</code>	<code>dummy</code> A dummy variable indicating whether the judge served non-consecutive terms in the same position.
<code>start_date</code>	<code>date</code> The start date of the judge's first position at the Court.
<code>end_date</code>	<code>date</code> The end date of the judge's last position at the Court.
<code>start_date_court_of_justice</code>	<code>date</code> The start date of the judge's tenure as a judge at the Court of Justice, if applicable. Coded <code>NA</code> if not applicable.
<code>end_date_court_of_justice</code>	<code>date</code> The end date of the judge's tenure as a judge at the Court of Justice, if applicable. Coded <code>NA</code> if not applicable. If a judge served non-consecutive terms, this is the end date of the last term.
<code>start_date_general_court</code>	<code>date</code> The start date of the judge's tenure as a judge at the General Court, if applicable. Coded <code>NA</code> if not applicable.
<code>end_date_general_court</code>	<code>date</code> The end date of the judge's tenure as a judge at the General Court, if applicable. Coded <code>NA</code> if not applicable. If a judge served non-consecutive terms, this is the end date of the last term.

`start_date_civil_service_tribunal` `date` The start date of the judge's tenure as a judge at the Civil Service Tribunal, if applicable. Coded `NA` if not applicable.

`end_date_civil_service_tribunal` `date` The end date of the judge's tenure as a judge at the Civil Service Tribunal, if applicable. Coded `NA` if not applicable. If a judge served non-consecutive terms, this is the end date of the last term.

`start_date_advocate_general` `date` The start date of the judge's tenure as an Advocate General at the Court of Justice, if applicable. Coded `NA` if not applicable.

`end_date_advocate_general` `date` The end date of the judge's tenure as an Advocate General at the Court of Justice, if applicable. Coded `NA` if not applicable. If a judge served non-consecutive terms, this is the end date of the last term.

judge_backgrounds

Data on the backgrounds of CJEU judges

Description

This dataset includes data on professional backgrounds of all judges at the Court of Justice (1953-2021) and the General Court (1989-2021). The sources of the data are the judges' official biographies, which are published online by the Court. There is one observation per biographical item per judge. The dataset indicates whether each item relates to the judge's education, the judge's prior professional experience, or some other category of biographical information (such as membership in a professional society or professional accomplishments). For items related to a judge's professional experience, the dataset indicates whether the judge was a judge (at a different court), a lawyer, a civil servant, an academic, or a politician. For items related to prior experience as a judge, the dataset indicates whether the court was a lower court, a high court, the CJEU, or another international court.

Variables

key_id	numeric	An ID number that uniquely identifies each observation. Indicates the default sort order for the dataset.
judge_id	string	An ID number that uniquely identifies each judge in the format <code>J:####</code> . The first two digits are the member state ID, with a leading 0 if necessary. The second two digits uniquely identify the judge within the member state. The number is assigned with the judges sorted chronologically by date of appointment and then alphabetically by last name.

<code>item_id</code>	<code>string</code> An ID number that uniquely identifies each biography item in the format <code>J:####:##</code> . This number is the judge ID followed by the number of the item, with a leading 0 if necessary.
<code>first_name</code>	<code>string</code> The first name of the judge.
<code>last_name</code>	<code>string</code> The last name of the judge.
<code>last_name_latin</code>	<code>string</code> The last name of the judge using only basic Latin characters (to avoid character-encoding problems).
<code>last_name_label</code>	<code>string</code> A label (for making visualizations) that differentiates between judges with the same last name by adding the judge's first initial.
<code>last_name_latin_label</code>	<code>string</code> A label (for making visualizations) using only basic Latin characters (to avoid character-encoding problems) that differentiates between judges with the same last name by adding the judge's first initial.
<code>item_number</code>	<code>numeric</code> The number of the item in the judge's biography.
<code>item_text</code>	<code>string</code> The text of the bibliography item.
<code>type_education</code>	<code>dummy</code> A dummy variable indicating whether the item relates to the judge's education.
<code>type_job</code>	<code>dummy</code> A dummy variable indicating whether the item relates to the judge's prior professional experience.
<code>type_other</code>	<code>dummy</code> A dummy variable indicating whether the item relates to some other biographical information, such as membership in a professional organization or a professional accomplishment.
<code>job_judge</code>	<code>dummy</code> A dummy variable indicating whether the item says that the judge has prior experience as a lawyer. Coded <code>0</code> if <code>type_job</code> is not coded <code>1</code> .
<code>job_lawyer</code>	<code>dummy</code> A dummy variable indicating whether the item says that the judge has prior experience as a judge. Coded <code>0</code> if <code>type_job</code> is not coded <code>1</code> .

<code>job_civil_servant</code>	<code>dummy</code> A dummy variable indicating whether the item says that the judge has prior experience as a civil servant. Coded <code>0</code> if <code>type_job</code> is not coded <code>1</code> .
<code>job_academic</code>	<code>dummy</code> A dummy variable indicating whether the item says that the judge has prior experience as an academic. Coded <code>0</code> if <code>type_job</code> is not coded <code>1</code> .
<code>job_politician</code>	<code>dummy</code> A dummy variable indicating whether the item says that the judge has prior experience as a politician. Coded <code>0</code> if <code>type_job</code> is not coded <code>1</code> .
<code>court_lower</code>	<code>dummy</code> A dummy variable indicating whether the item says that the judge has prior experience as a judge at a lower court. Coded <code>0</code> if <code>job_judge</code> is not coded <code>1</code> .
<code>court_high</code>	<code>dummy</code> A dummy variable indicating whether the item says that the judge has prior experience as a judge at a high court. Coded <code>0</code> if <code>job_judge</code> is not coded <code>1</code> .
<code>court_cjeu</code>	<code>dummy</code> A dummy variable indicating whether the item says that the judge has prior experience as a judge or an Advocate General at the CJEU. Coded <code>0</code> if <code>job_judge</code> is not coded <code>1</code> .
<code>court_international</code>	<code>dummy</code> A dummy variable indicating whether the item says that the judge has prior experience as a judge at an international court (excluding the CJEU). Coded <code>0</code> if <code>job_judge</code> is not coded <code>1</code> .
<code>common_law_university</code>	<code>dummy</code> A dummy variable indicating whether the item mentions a common law university.