

# Julia Laffranque

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**Julia Laffranque** (25 July 1974, née Vahing), is an Estonian jurist, judge, legal scientist (*doctor iuris*).<sup>[1]</sup> She has been a judge of the European Court of Human Rights since 2011,<sup>[2][3]</sup> earlier a justice at the Supreme Court of Estonia<sup>[3]</sup> and professor of European law at the University of Tartu.



Julia Laffranque in 2012

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## Education

- 1997 - graduation of the Law Faculty of Tartu University (including studies at the Law Faculty of Hamburg University 1994-1995);<sup>[1]</sup>
- 1998 - Master's degree in law (*magistra legum, LL.M.*) of the Law Faculty of Münster University, Germany, *summa cum laude*;
- doctoral studies at the University of Kiel and the European University Institute in Florence;
- 2003 - Doctoral degree in jurisprudence (*doctor iuris, dr. iur.*) University of Tartu.<sup>[1]</sup>

## Career

- 1996 - 2004 - Ministry of Justice of Estonia: head of the EU law and foreign relations division, since 2002 Deputy Secretary General on Legislative Drafting;
- 2004 - 2010 - justice at the Supreme Court of Estonia (member of the administrative law chamber), 2007 - 2010 member of the constitutional review chamber of the Supreme Court;
- 2006 - 2011 docent of European Union Law at the Law Faculty of Tartu University, later professor of European law at the same faculty;
- *Dr. iur.* Laffranque has completed traineeships at the Legal Service of the European Commission, at the Ministries of Justice in Sweden and France, the Supreme Administrative Court of Germany, and the *Conseil d'Etat* of France; she has also served as an *ad hoc* judge at the European Court of Human Rights;
- since 2010 - member of the Permanent Court of Arbitration
- 2006 - 2008 - vice-chair of the Consultative Council of European Judges (*CCJE*) of the Council of Europe;<sup>[1]</sup>
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- 2004 - 2013 - president of the European Law Society of Estonia (*FIDE* Estonia) since 2013 - honorary president of the same society;



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- 2010 - 2012 - president of the International Federation for European Law (FIDE)<sup>[4]</sup>
- 2004 - 2012 - member of the board of the Estonian Academic Law Society;
- 2000 - 2004 - member of the board of the policy think-tank "Praxis."

## Books

- Euroopa Liit ja Euroopa Ühendus. Institutsioonid ja õigus (European Union and European Community. Institutions and Law. Sisekaitseakadeemia 1999)
- Euroopa Kohtu Lahendid I ja II. Kogumiku koostaja ja Euroopa Kohut tutvustava osa author (Case law of the European Court of Justice (ECJ) in Estonian I and II. Compiler of the book and author of the introductory part about the ECJ. Juura 2001 and 2003)
- Prantsuse -eesti-prantsuse õigussõnaraamat (French-Estonian-French legal dictionary (together with Rodolphe Laffranque. Juura 2002)
- Eelotsuse küsimine Euroopa Kohtult (Handbook for Estonian judges about asking preliminary references from the ECJ. Eesti Õiguskeskus 2005)
- Euroopa Liidu õigussüsteem ja Eesti õiguse koht selles (The Legal System of European Union and Estonian Law. Juura 2006).
- *Dr. iur.* Laffranque has published several articles in Estonian, English, German and French languages in Estonian and international legal journals

## Honours

- 2004 - *Chevalier de l'Ordre National du Mérite* of France.<sup>[5]</sup>
- 2005 - Order of the White Star, fourth class, Estonia.<sup>[6]</sup>
- 2009 - Justice in the World prize for the CCJE (president Julia Laffranque)
- 2013 - European of the Year, European Movement of Estonia

## Personal life

Amateur actress of the Vilde theatre in Tartu, Estonia since 2006 and of the Tagora theatre at Council of Europe in Strasbourg since 2011.

Some of her roles: Elviine Vestberg in Oskar Luts "Vaikne nurgake" directed by Raivo Adlas, 2007; Linda Vilde and Gertrud Edelstahl von Rostfrei in Veiko Märka "Tabamata ime" directed by Raivo Adlas, 2009; Mina in Maimu Berg "Euroopasse! Euroopasse!" directed by Raivo Adlas, 2010; Jelena Andrejevna in Anton Tshehhov "Onu Vanja" directed by Raivo Adlas, 2011; (J)Elena Popova in Brian Friel's (based on Anton Tshehhov) "The Bear", directed by Jodie Clifford, 2011; spy Liza in C. Chilto and J. Littlewood's, „Oh What a Lovely War“ directed by Louise Palmer, 2012; opera singer and adventuress Irene Adler in Richard Thayer's “Watson in Winter” directed by Richard Thayer and David Adamson, 2013.

She is married to French jurist Rodolphe Laffranque, has two sons and is the daughter of writer Maimu Berg and of writer/psychiatrist Vaino Vahing.

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