

# GENERAL COURT

## Criteria for the assignment of cases to Chambers

(2019/C 372/02)

At its plenum on 4 October 2019, the General Court decided to amend the decision relating to the criteria for the assignment of cases to Chambers adopted on 3 July 2019 and published in the *Official Journal of the European Union* of 22 July 2019 (OJ 2019 C 246, p. 2) by replacing paragraphs 2 and 3 with the following:

- ‘2. Civil service cases, that is cases brought pursuant to Article 270 TFEU and, where appropriate, Article 50a of the Protocol on the Statute of the Court of Justice of the European Union, shall be allocated to the four Chambers specifically designated for that purpose in the decision on the assignment of Judges to Chambers in turn, in accordance with the date on which those cases are registered at the Registry.
3. Cases concerning intellectual property rights referred to in Title IV of the Rules of Procedure shall be allocated to the six Chambers specifically designated for that purpose in the decision on the assignment of Judges to Chambers in turn, in accordance with the date on which those cases are registered at the Registry.’

It follows from those amendments that the criteria for the assignment of cases to Chambers adopted by the General Court pursuant to Article 25 of the Rules of Procedure, as they appear in the decisions adopted on 3 July 2019 and 4 October 2019, are the following:

1. Cases shall be assigned to Chambers of three Judges as soon as possible after the application has been lodged and without prejudice to any subsequent application of Article 28 of the Rules of Procedure.
2. Civil service cases, that is cases brought pursuant to Article 270 TFEU and, where appropriate, Article 50a of the Protocol on the Statute of the Court of Justice of the European Union, shall be allocated to the four Chambers specifically designated for that purpose in the decision on the assignment of Judges to Chambers in turn, in accordance with the date on which those cases are registered at the Registry.
3. Cases concerning intellectual property rights referred to in Title IV of the Rules of Procedure shall be allocated to the six Chambers specifically designated for that purpose in the decision on the assignment of Judges to Chambers in turn, in accordance with the date on which those cases are registered at the Registry.
4. Cases other than those referred to in paragraphs 2 and 3 shall be allocated to the Chambers in turn, in accordance with the date on which they are registered at the Registry, following two separate rotas:
  - for cases concerning application of the competition rules applicable to undertakings, the rules on State aid and the rules on trade protection measures,
  - for all other cases.
5. The President of the General Court may derogate from the rotas outlined in paragraphs 2, 3 and 4 in order to take account of a connection between cases or with a view to ensuring an even spread of the workload.
6. In the light of the decision of the General Court, taken at its plenum on 19 June 2019, on the conduct of the activity of the General Court from 1 to 26 September 2019 (OJ 2019 C 238, p. 2), providing that the decision of the General Court of 11 May 2016 on the criteria for the assignment of cases to Chambers (OJ 2016 C 296, p. 2) will continue to apply between 1 and 26 September 2019, the criteria for the assignment of cases to Chambers set out above shall be laid down for the period from 27 September 2019 to 31 August 2022.