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Additional Information

Rick Lawson is professor of law at Leiden University, the Netherlands. In 1999 he defended his PhD thesis, *cum laude*, on the legal position of the European Union vis-à-vis the European Convention of Human Rights. In 2001 he was appointed professor in European human rights law in Leiden; in 2008 he became head of the European Law department; from 2011-2016 he served as Dean of Leiden Law School. Since 2018 he is the director of the Advanced Master Programme in European and International Human Rights Law at Leiden Law School. Rick Lawson was a founding member of the EU Network of Independent Experts on Fundamental Rights (2002-2006), and subsequently a senior expert of the FRALEX Network of Human Rights Experts.

He served as an expert to the Dutch Senate and the Second Chamber of Parliament as well as the Parliamentary Assembly of Council of Europe on various occasions. He was a member of the Advisory Council on International Affairs (AIV), an advisory body for the Dutch

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