

Joaquín BAYO-DELGADO

Assistant Supervisor

Mr. Joaquín Bayo Delgado (Barcelona 1952) has been Assistant Supervisor since January 2004. He was appointed by a joint decision of the European Parliament and the Council of 22 December 2003 for a term of five years.

He has been active in the Spanish judiciary and in international cooperation in related areas. Before entering his office, he was Chief Judge in Barcelona.

In 1975 he obtained his Master's Degrees in Law (*premio extraordinario*) and in Classical Studies at the University of Barcelona. In 1977 he joined the Bar Association.

In 1979, he became Head of the Department of Classical Greek in a public high school in Barcelona whilst continuing his legal practice as well, until 1989.

From 1980 to 1983 he was a member of the Board of Trustees of AFS-International Scholarships (New York).

In 1989 he was appointed Judge and served as such in Valls, Arenys de Mar, Lleida, Sabadell and Barcelona.

From 1993 to 1995 he was member of the Board (*Secretariado*) of the Spanish judicial Association "Jueces para la Democracia" and, in that capacity, member of the *Bureau de Direction* of the European judicial association "Magistrats pour la Démocratie et les Libertés" (MEDEL).

In 1997 he was elected Chief Judge (*Decano*) by the 176 Judges of the Bench of Barcelona and re-elected in 2001. As Chief Judge he was responsible for judicial data bases and common infrastructures in Barcelona, and a member of the Governing Chamber of the Superior Court of Catalonia.

He was a member of the ICT Commission of the Spanish General Council of the Judicial Power. Since January 2004 he is judge (on leave for international public functions) at the Court of Appeal in Barcelona.

He was an associate teacher in the Spanish Judicial School for three years. He has been active as expert of the Council of Europe in programs relating to the judiciary for Central and Eastern European countries since 1989.

He has played an active role in advising on legislative changes in the fields of judicial organization, civil law and procedural law, as well as in lecturing and publishing on those subjects.