



EUROPEAN COURT OF HUMAN RIGHTS  
COUR EUROPÉENNE DES DROITS DE L'HOMME

## **Rudolf BERNHARDT**

### **President of the European Court of Human Rights**

#### **Personal Details**

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Sex: male

Date and place of birth: on 29 April 1925 in Kassel, Germany

Died: 1<sup>st</sup> December 2021

Nationality: German

#### **Curriculum vitae**

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- Law studies at Frankfurt University, 1948-1952
- Professional training after 1st examination (Referendar), 1952-1956
- Doctor of law (University of Frankfurt), 1955
- 2nd examination in law (Assessor), 1956
- Member of Max Planck Institute for foreign public law and international law, Heidelberg, 1954-1965
- Studies at Harvard Law School, Cambridge, Mass., USA, 1959
- Junior professor in German and foreign international law (*venia legendi*), 1962
- Professor in public law at Frankfurt University, 1965-1970
- Head of faculty of law of Frankfurt University, 1967-1968
- Director of Max Planck Institute for foreign public law and international law, Heidelberg, since 1970
- Professor at Heidelberg and Frankfurt University, since 1970
- President of the German Society for International law, 1973-1977
- Member of the advisory board to the *Auswärtiges Amt. f. Int. law*, since 1976
- Professor Dr. Bernhardt has participated in or organized meetings and conferences on questions of human rights protection, since 1970, e.g.:
  - 1976 Conference on the protection of human rights in Europe
  - 1978 Human rights conference of the Council of Europe in Athens
  - 1980 Invitation of the Interamerican Court of Human Rights on the occasion of the foundation of an interamerican institute for human rights
- Vice-president of the Court from 27 May 1992 to 23 March 1998
- President of the Court from 24 March to 31 October 1998
- Judge of the European Court of Human Rights from 25 January 1981 to 31 October 1998