

PETER MÜLLER



Federal Constitutional Court Judge (2011-2023)
Prime Minister of Saarland (1999-2011)

Peter Müller is a former Federal Constitutional Court judge and former Minister President of Saarland.

After graduating from high school, Peter Müller (*1955) studied law and political science at the University of Saarland and the University of Bonn. He then completed his legal traineeship from 1983 to 1986 and worked as a research assistant at the Chair of Constitutional and Administrative Law II at Saarland University. After passing the second state law examination, he worked as a judge from April 1986.

Peter Müller became a member of the Junge Union in 1971 and soon a member of its federal and state executive committee. He held various positions within the party before being elected parliamentary party leader of the CDU in 1994. In 1995, he became state chairman of the Saar CDU and held this office for almost 16 years. From 1998 to 2011, Müller was a member of the CDU's Federal Presidium. In 1999 he was elected Minister President of the Saarland.

After resigning from the office in 2011 of Prime Minister, Peter Müller moved to the Federal Constitutional Court in Karlsruhe as a judge. From 2011 to 2023 he was a judge in the Second Senate of the Federal Constitutional Court. His subject area was party and electoral law.

Peter Müller has received numerous awards, including the Grand Decoration of Honour in Silver on Ribbon for Services to the Republic of Austria in 2001 and an honorary doctorate from Keio University in Japan. In 2007 he received the Grand Cross of Merit with Star and Shoulder Ribbon of the Federal Republic of Germany.

Peter Müller is a rhetorically strong speaker with a great sense of humour. He inspires his audience with his approachability, pointed analysis and clear positioning. The history of democracy in Germany is just as much a part of his impressive range of topics of his mostly free-form lectures as the increasing influence of autocracies and the function of the Federal Constitutional Court as guardian of the constitution.