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Mr Alex Geert Castermans has been appointed Professor of Civil Law at the Faculty of Law since 1 September 2007. He is deputy judge in the District Court of The Hague.

Castermans (1962) studied Dutch law at Leiden University. He graduated there in 1985. After his studies, he became assistant professor of Civil Law in Leiden. In this position, he also worked on his dissertation, on which he obtained his doctorate in 1992: *De mededelingplicht in de onderhandelingsfase* (Deventer - Kluwer 1992). In November 2008, he delivered his oration entitled *The citizen in civil law or The properties of pear juice* (The Hague - Boom, 2009).

In 1992, Castermans became a lawyer with Pels Rijcken & Droogleever Fortuijn in The Hague; he joined the partnership in 1998. Castermans worked in the employment law, civil service law and cassation sections.

From 2004 to 2008, Castermans was chairman of the Equal Treatment Commission.

From 2011-2014, he was vice-dean of the faculty, as well as director of the Meijers Institute. He was academic director of the Institute of Private Law from 2015-2019.