

Curriculum Vitae

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Education and Qualifications

- 2018 Advanced Management Program in IESE, Barcelona
- 2000 Postgraduate College Diploma in European Law
King's College, University of London
- 1985 Certificate of Canadian Law Studies
York University, Osgoode Hall Law School
- 1983 Candidatus Juris
University of Iceland

Professional Experience

- 2019 - Deputy Governor, Central Bank of Iceland
Responsible for financial supervision
- 2012-2019 Director General
Financial Supervisory Authority, Iceland
- 2010-2012 Chief Legal Council
Financial Supervisory Authority, Iceland

Serving both the Director General and the Board of the FME. Responsible for the co-ordination and standard of the legal work of the authority.
- 2009-2010 Judge
The District Court of Reykjavík

Decided both civil and criminal cases.

- 2002-2009 Director
The Ministry of Communications
- Director of administration and legal matters in the Ministry, responsible for transport, telecommunications and municipal matters.*
- 2000-2002 Legal Services
Gunnars & Ben ehf.
- Private practice of law. Working mainly in the fields of financial services, competition, arbitration and public administration.*
- 1995-2000 Officer
EFTA Secretariat
- Responsible for the development of the financial services annex of the EEA Agreement. Secretary to the Working Group on Financial Services.*
- 1990-1995 Lawyer
Central Bank of Iceland, Bank Inspectorate
- Legal advisor and supervisor in banks, leasing companies and pension funds. Participated in preparing for Iceland's entry into the EEA with regard to financial services.*
- 1989-1990 Director General
The Icelandic Bar Association
- Daily operations of the Bar Association, serving the Board and committees, writing gazette and verdicts.*
- 1985-1989 Deputy Judge
The Civil Court of Reykjavík
- Responsible for writing ex parte proceedings.*

Vocational Qualifications and Additional Experience

- 2018 Student in residence in the European University Institute, Florence
- 2003-2008 Several courses in management, human resources etc.
- 1999 Private International Law in the Internal Market – ERA (Academy of European Law, Trier)
- 1996 Introduction to EU Law – Amsterdam school of International Relations

- 1991 Seminar on bank supervision – The Federal Reserve in New York
- 1988 License to practice law before the District Courts in Iceland

Current Positions and Functions

- 2020- Chairman of the Financial Supervisory Committee
- 2020- Member of the Financial Stability Committee
- 2012- Nordic Baltic Macroprudential Forum
- 2012- Financial Stability Board Regional Consultative Group - Europe
- 2012 - Non-voting member in the EIOPA Board of Supervisors
- 2012 - Non-voting member in the ESMA Board of Supervisors
- 2020 - Non-voting member in the EBA Board of Supervisors
- 2012 - Representative of FME to IAIS

Past International Positions

- 2014-2019 Vice-Chairman of the Systemic Risk Committee in Iceland
- 2014-2019 Member of the Financial Stability Council in Iceland
- 2012-2013 Observer to EBA Board of Supervisors
- 2004-2006 Chairman of EFTA working Group on Transport
- 1995-2000 Secretary to the EFTA Working Group on Financial Services
- 1991-1995 Head of Icelandic Delegation to the FATF
- 1993-1994 Part of a group appointed to evaluate the anti-money laundering law and administration in Norway
