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Studies: University of Helsinki (LLM 1965, Licentiat 1969).

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Professional career: University of Helsinki: Assistant 1966-71, Assistant professor 1971-72, 1974. Ministry of Justice: Councillor of Legislation 1973-78, Director of Legislation 1980-86, Director General, Department of Legislation 1986-91. City Court of Helsinki: Senior Judge, Chairman of Division 1979-91 (on leave from 1980). Ministry for Foreign Affairs, Department of Trade: Councillor 1991-92. Supreme Court of Justice 1991 (on leave 1.7.91 - 28.2.92). EFTA Court Judge 1994-, President from 1.1.94.

Member of the Finnish Delegation to numerous international organizations and conferences (UNCITRAL including Chairman of the WG on the New International Economic Order, chairman ship continues after the expiry of Finnish membership of UNCITRAL., UNCTAD, IMO, ICAO, UNIDROIT, Council of Europe, OECD, the Hague Conference on International Private Law), including the negotiations of the EEA Agreement (Co-chairman of the Drafting Group). Member of Committee on the amendments to the Constitution of Finland caused by the EEA-Agreement and an Accession to the European Union. Chairman of several national Finnish Boards (Consumer Complaints 1978-81, Compensation for Carriage of Goods since 1978, Compensation to Victims of Criminal

Offices 1976-78, Compensation to patients for injuries due to medical treatment 1984-86). Member of the Nordic Committee of High officials for Co-operation in the Legal field 1975-1991. Chairman of the EFTA Court Preparatory Committee. Member of the Governing Council of the International Institute for the Unification of Private Law (UNIDROIT) 1989-2000.

Books on Transport Law, the Consumer Protection Act, the Interest Act, the Sale of Goods Act, the EEA Agreement

Articles on Private and Commercial Law, Nordic Co-operation in the field of Legislation, the EEA Agreement, Community Law.

Translation into Swedish of several books and articles.