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Education

Admitted to the Bar by the Icelandic Bar Association (2014-Current).

www.lmfi.is. Permitted to argue both civil and criminal cases in all eight District Court districts of Iceland, which is the first of two judicial levels in Iceland as of 2017. Parallel to the district courts and the Supreme Court, Iceland has two special courts, i.e. the Court of Impeachment and the Labor Court. District Court Attorneys can argue cases before all Icelandic courts, aside from the Supreme Court (NB: Iceland will get a special appeals court, Landsréttur, on Jan. 1, 2018).

ML in Law from the Reykjavik University, Iceland. Graduated with First Grade (2011-2013). www.ru.is. My primary focus was on corporate law, criminal law, procedural law, the law of torts and international and domestic tax legislation. ML Thesis probed the so-called 10 Percent Rule in corporate law, which rules out that companies acquire more than 10 percent of their own shares.

MSc International Relations / History from the London School of Economics (2004-2005). www.lse.ac.uk. LSE's program requires students to be highly adaptive, reflective and encompass strong analytical and problem-solving skills. Courses completed included Strategic Decision-Making in International Relations, European Integration in the 20th Century, and The International Relations of the Middle East.

BA in Law from the Reykjavik University (2009-2011). www.ru.is. Among courses taught are European law, law of torts, tax law, family and inheritance law, procedural justice, constitutional law, criminal law and private law.

BSc Broadcast Journalism / BSc Print Journalism from Suffolk University and Emerson College in Boston, USA. Graduated Cum Laude (1999-2001). www.emerson.edu / www.suffolk.edu. The program's aim was to build successful professionals in the information and communications sectors; prepare individuals for challenges in journalism, private or public consulting and/or for further study.

Professional

Experience

Managing Director of ESJA Legal (part time: 2012-2017 / full time: 2017-current). www.esl.is. ESJA Legal is a boutique law firm offering clients a unique approach to legal and public relations' challenges, unattainable from any other Icelandic consultancy. ESJA Legal is highly selective when it comes to the projects it takes on board, seeking to participate only in assignments which are both challenging and rewarding for the firm and its clients.

Economy and Government Reporter for Bloomberg News (full time: 2009-2017). www.bloomberg.com. Bloomberg News caters to over 300,000 subscribers of the company's professional platform, which allows them to trade commodities, currencies, shares and bonds. My responsibilities have been to keep international investors aware of economic, political and corporate changes in Iceland, which might impact their future business decisions.

Honorary Consul of The Republic of El Salvador in Iceland (full time: October 2003-2009). Consular duties included strengthening diplomatic ties between El Salvador and Iceland, aiding Salvadorians in Iceland and representing the government of El Salvador to the government of Iceland.

Managing Director of Icelandic Public Relations, Reykjavik, ICELAND (full time: 2003-2009). www.ispr.is. IPR is a public relations firm offering consultation and services in marketing for private enterprises, public entities and individuals.

Account Manager for KOM Public Relations, Reykjavik, ICELAND (full time: 2002-2003). www.kom.is. As an account manager I assisted in creating strategies in public relations and developing communication guidelines for non-governmental organizations, inter-governmental organizations, small companies and large multi-national corporations. Furthermore, my duties involved planning media events and conferences, media monitoring, writing and editing news releases, statements and declarations.

General

Former chairman of the Icelandic Public Relations' Society.

Excellent English skills. Well-travelled throughout the developed and

undeveloped world. Married, two daughters. Been a resident of Iceland, the United States and England. Icelandic national (Iceland is a member of EEA which allows me to live and work in the EU without any special work permits). Hobbies include working out (using the CrossFit exercise program), travelling, diving, hiking, jogging, skiing, biking, economics, history and politics.