

Curriculum vitae

Thomas Wilhelmsson

Born: 6.9.1949.

- Candidate of Legal Science 1971, University of Helsinki
- Licentiate of Legal Science 1973, University of Helsinki
- Doctor of Legal Science 1980 (diss. 1977), University of Helsinki

Employment:

- Various positions at the University of Helsinki and the Swedish School of Economics, Helsinki, 1971-1978
- Counsellor of legislation at the Ministry of Justice 1979-1981
- Professor of civil and commercial law, University of Helsinki 1982-
- Head of Department of Private Law 1989-1998
- Vice-Rector 1998-2008

- Rector 2008-2013

- Chancellor 2013-

Foreign research periods etc.:

- University of Gothenburg, 6 months, 1973,
- University of Oslo, 2 months, 1974,
- University of Oxford, Centre for Socio Legal Studies, 3 months, 1980,
- University of Bremen, Zentrum für Europäische Rechtspolitik, 3 months, 1986.

Fields of research:

- Contract law and tort law (incl. insurance law), consumer protection, company law (esp. partnerships), EC law and legal theory. See the attached list of publications.

Research projects:

- Conducted extensive research projects i.a. on social (welfarist) contract law, products liability, consumer indebtedness, market control, unfair contract terms and EC consumer law.
- Leader of research projects financed by the Academy of Finland concerning Social contract law and European integration (1991-1993), Welfare State Expectations, Privatization and Private Law (1996-1998) and Private Law in a Multicultural and Multilingual European Society (2005-2007).

- Vice Chair of the Center of Excellence on the Foundations of European Law and Polity 2007 (-2008)

Law drafting experience:

- As counsellor of legislation at the Ministry of Justice responsible for drafting, i.e., sales legislation, consumer credit legislation, the legislation on interest, amendments of company law etc.
- Chairman of a Committee preparing a new legislation on partnerships.
- Chairman of a Committee preparing new legislation on contracts in general.
- Chairman of a Committee preparing new consumer credit legislation.
- Member of a number of law drafting committees e.g. products liability, consumer sales, index clauses in contracts, cooperative firms, consumer administration, class action etc.
- Member of the Expert Committee drafting the EC Consumer sales directive.
- Member of the European Commission on Contract Law (the Lando-Commission) 1995-.
- Member of the Acquis Group 2003-

Court Experience:

- Judge at the Market Court (deciding as the first and final instance questions concerning collective consumer protection and unfair competition) 1980-1990.
- Chairman of the board applying the regulation of index clauses at the ministry of finance 1987-1992.

- Chairman and member of several international as well as national arbitration tribunals, since 1981-

Academic assessment tasks :

- Chairing assessment board assessing Swedish legal education (9 universities) 1999-2000
- Member of assessment team assessing legal education at University of Iceland 2004
- Chairing assessment of Norwegian legal education 2007

Varia:

- Member of the Finnish Society of Sciences and Letters 1989.
- Chairman of the editorial council/editorial board of the Finnish journals Oikeus and JFT, and member of the councils of the foreign journals Tidsskrift for Rettsvitenskap (Oslo), Journal of Consumer Policy, Consumer Law Journal, Juridica International (Tartu), European Review of Private Law, Zeitschrift für Europäisches Privatrecht and European Review of Contract Law.
- Member of the Steering Committee of Eurofaculty, Riga 1993-1999.
- Member of the International Academy of Commercial and Consumer law 1994-.
- Member of the European Consumer Law Group 1994-.
- Member of the board of International Association of Consumer Law 1997-. President of the Association 2007-2009.

- Vice President of the Finnish University Association UNIFI 2010-2013.

- President of the Scandinavian University Association NUS 2012-2013.

Prizes, acknowledgements :

- Doctor iuris honoris causa, University of Uppsala, Sweden 1997
- Doctor iuris honoris causa, University of Oslo, Norway 2000
- Doctor iuris honoris causa, University of Tartu, Estonia 2002
- The Nordic Lawyers Prize (Knut och Alice Wallenbergs Stiftelses pris för rättsvetenskapliga insatser) 2011