

Summary

Mr Thomas Ahlstrand is a Swedish national. Up to September 2023 he was the Deputy Chief Prosecutor at the National Public Prosecution Department in Gothenburg where he worked as a prosecutor (in the Swedish criminal procedure equivalent to and combining the duties of a prosecutor and an investigating judge) in cases against trafficking and organised crime, mainly with international elements. He has since occasionally worked as a judge in the Court of Appeals. Trained as a lawyer with a Master of Law degree, he has been a public prosecutor for about 30 years, apart from spells as a Court of Appeals judge and solicitor in private practice. For the last 15 years, he has been specialising in cases concerning trafficking in human beings for sexual as well as other purposes. Mr Ahlstrand has lectured on the subject in different international and national conferences. He has administered and led a judicial survey of all Swedish court decisions of cases of trafficking in human beings in 2009-2012. He has published a number of opinion pieces, many on the subject of trafficking in human beings, in several major Swedish journals.

CURRICULUM VITAE

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Personal information	
Family name(s)	Ahlstrand
First name(s)	Thomas
Nationality(ies)	Swedish
Sex	Male x Female
Relevant qualifications summary ^[1]	<p>Present member of GRETA.</p> <p>Having close to twenty years specialized as a prosecutor in cases concerning THB for sexual purposes, begging, marriage, stealing and recently for labour exploitation, I have developed a strong feeling for the plights of the victims of THB, although aware of the several difficulties existing in conducting these cases.</p> <p>Having participated in several international criminal investigations and conferences concerning THB on</p>

	<p>European, regional, and bi-lateral levels, has given me an overview on different national strategies, and a familiarity with various stakeholders such as national rapporteurs, prosecutors and judges and European officials.</p> <p>As a GRETA expert member since 2021 I have participated in state evaluations in Norway, Finland, Estonia, and Andorra and is currently working on the Secretariats request on a commentary on the Article 13 of the Convention.</p>
Current main professional activity	
Start date	01.05 2024 -
Name and address of employer	Åklagarmyndigheten (General Prosecution Authority) Box 5553 114 84 Stockholm
Sector of activity	Prosecuting criminal cases
Occupation or position held	Prosecutor on temporary basis
Main activities and responsibilities ^[2]	Occasionally serving as prosecutor when there is a need
Recent professional activity	
dates	1.10.2023 – 31.12 2023
Name and address of employer	Hovrätten för västra Sverige (Gothenburg Court of Appeals) Box 40, 401 20 Göteborg, Sweden
Sector of activity	Civil and criminal cases
Occupation or position held	Judge on temporary basis

Main activities and responsibilities ^[2]	Occasionally serving as judge when there was a need
Recent main professional activity	
Start date	Public prosecutor 1986, deputy chief prosecutor 2007- 15.09.2023
Name and address of employer	Åklagarmyndigheten (General Prosecution Authority) Box 5553 114 84 Stockholm
Sector of activity	Prosecution
Occupation or position held	Dep Chief Prosecutor
Main activities and responsibilities ^[2]	<p>Prosecuting, that is, conducting, directing and deciding on criminal investigations, including deciding on coercive measures and international cooperation, and conducting proceedings in the district court and Court of Appeals, mainly cases concerning THB, drug smuggling, organised crime and war crimes</p> <p>I have never held any decision-holding post as regards defining and identifying policies neither in government policies nor NGO:s</p>
Relevant previous professional activity/activities^[3]	
Dates	1.03.2008 – 31.05.2008
Name and address of employer	Hovrätten för västra Sverige (Gothenburg Court of Appeals) Box 40, 401 20 Göteborg, Sweden
Sector of activity	Civil and criminal cases
Occupation or position held	Judge

Main activities and responsibilities	Judging
Relevant additional responsibilities^[4]	
Dates	2021-2024
Name and address of organisation/body	GRETA Council of Europe
Sector of activity	Participating in GRETA country evaluations, discussions, seminars and special assignments
Position held	GRETA member
Main activities and responsibilities	Having participated in GRETA evaluations concerning Norway, Estonia, Finland, Andorra. Will participate in evaluation of Bulgaria and Israel. With two colleagues writing a special commentary on the Article 13 of the Convention for further GRETA use
Relevant additional responsibilities	
Dates	2023 -
Name and address of organisation/body	Swedish Anti-Trafficking NGO RealStars Södra Larmgatan 6 411 16 Göteborg +46 (0)707 47 41 87 www.realstars.eu
Sector of activity	Anti-trafficking NGO focused on civil society and legal issues
Position held	
Main activities and responsibilities	Advisory capacity

Relevant additional responsibilities	
Dates	2023
Name and address of organisation/body	OSCE-CBSS (Organisation for Security and Cooperation in Europe/Council of the Baltic Sea States)
Sector of activity	CBSS-OSCE Baltic human trafficking simulation exercise: A major training venture for professionals such as police officers, prosecutors, social workers etc built up as a simulation training for one week in Police Academy Brühl, Germany November 2023
Position held	Member of the direction (<i>direx</i>) of the training, special responsibilities for the prosecutors;
Main activities and responsibilities	Co-directing the training, planning and preparations, supplying legal texts for the participants
Relevant additional responsibilities	
Dates	2012-2020
Name and address of organisation/body	National Method Support Team (THB) Jämställdhetsmyndigheten/Swedish Gender Equality Agency
Sector of activity	A national network for stakeholders working against THB crimes consisting of police, prosecutors, and social, employment and migration authorities, especially the regional coordinators against trafficking
Position held	Member
Main activities and responsibilities	Participating, making presentations, and holding seminars

Relevant additional responsibilities	
Dates	2005-2020
Name and address of organisation/body	European Judicial Network (EJN) Johann de Wittlaan 9 2517 JR Den Haag The Netherlands
Sector of activity	A European network for prosecutors and investigation judges facilitating international cooperation, EAW:s, EIO:s, MLA:s and also EJTN training
Position held	Member
Main activities and responsibilities	Participating, making presentations and holding seminars
Education/training^[5]	
Dates	1976 - 1982
Title of qualification awarded	Master of Law
Principal subjects/occupational skills covered	General law; gaining competence to work as a prosecutor and judge Also included advanced studies in Sociology of Law
Name and type of organisation	Lund University
Education/training	
Dates	2008-2014
Title of qualification awarded	Master-level studies in Psychology of Law

Principal subjects/occupational skills covered	Studies in witness and victim psychology, decision-making including bias studies
Name and type of organisation	University of Gothenburg
Education/training	
Dates	2010
Title of qualification awarded	
Principal subjects/occupational skills covered	Exchange posting at the Marseille JIRS (prosecution and investigating judges office concerning grave, difficult and international crime); Parquet de Marseille, France
Name and type of organisation	European Judicial Training Network, EJTN
Publications^[6]	
Article: ”The Public Prosecutor, its roles, duties and powers in the pre-trial stage of the criminal justice process – A comparative study of the French and Swedish legal systems”, with PhD Ms Akela Taleb in <i>Revue internationale de droit pénal</i> 3-4 2011	
Survey of sentences in Swedish Courts 2009-2012, with Ms Hanna Cardell, Master of Law, Swedish Prosecutor General ÅM-A 2013/1731	
Several op-eds and opinion pieces, alone or on cooperation with scholars, scientists or colleagues in various Swedish national and special newspapers and publications, mainly on THB, on evaluation of evidence, juvenile crimes and other questions om crime in society in general	

Computer skills					
Software packages ^[7]			Office package (word, pp, excel, outlook)		
Other IT skills and competences ^[8]					
Language skills^[9]					
Mother tongue	Swedish (also Norwegian)				
	Understanding		Speaking		Writing
Language	Listening	Reading	Spoken interaction	Spoken production	Writing skills
English	C 2 +	C 2 +	C 2 +	C 2 +	C 2 +
French	C 1	C 2	C 1	B 2	C 1
German	A 2	A 2	A 1	-	-
Danish/ Norwegian	C 2 +	C 2 +	Will speak Swedish or "Scandianvian with appropriate adjustments of vocabulary		

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