CURRICULUM VITAE

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Work experience:

1. Head of the Prosecution and Criminal Sanctions Unit, Ministry of Justice, Criminal Policy Department, 2016–. Main activities and responsibilities: legislative and strategic domestic and international work concerning criminal sanctions and their enforcement as well as the Prosecution Services and related activities, including Eurojust and the European Public Prosecutor's Office. Member of the European Committee on Crime Problems (CoE). Head of the Finnish delegation (justice matters) in CATS Committee (EU).
2. Counsellor of Legislation, Ministry of Justice, Law Drafting Department, 1998 – 2016 (Special Advisor 1996–1997). Main activities and responsibilities: Legislative work in the field of international cooperation in criminal matters, focusing on procedural law. Participation in working groups within the EU and Council of Europe (PC-OC). Chair of the Council's Working Party on Cooperation in Criminal Matters during the Finnish EU-Presidencies in 1999 and 2006.
3. District Judge, Helsinki District Court, 2004 (on leave from the Ministry of Justice).
4. Trainee, European Commission, Directorate-General XX – Financial Control, 1995–1996.
5. Research Assistant, University of Helsinki, Law Faculty, 1995.
6. Lawyer 1991–1994, Attorneys at Law Pekka Kivi, member of the Finnish Bar Association 1993 (advocate degree in 1993).
7. District Judge, Hollola District Court, 1990. Trained at the bench at the Court of Appeal of Kouvola (Hollola District Court), 1989–1990.
8. Legal Advisor, National Board of Patents and Registration of Trademarks, 1988–1989.

Education and training:

1. Master of Laws (post graduate programme on EU Law), Amsterdam School of International Relations, 1995. Thesis: The New Legal Instruments in Fight Against Community Fraud – towards Coherence or Diversity?
2. Master of Laws, University of Helsinki, Law Faculty, 1988. Thesis: International Cooperation in Enforcement of Criminal Sanctions.
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Publications:

Publications in the Finnish Legal Journal "Lakimies" in the field of EU Fraud and International Cooperation in Criminal Matters between Member States of the EU.