

UNNAR STEINN BJARNDAL

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Supreme Court attorney with 13 years of experience as a practicing attorney in Iceland. Currently Assistant Professor of Law at Bifröst University in Iceland and the Attorney General at Reykjanesbær town.

EXPERIENCE

2019 – PRESENT

ATTORNEY GENERAL, REYKJANESBÆR TOWN, ICELAND

The Attorney General is the head of the Department of Legal and Public Affairs and is responsible for the legal affairs of the entire municipality. Reykjanesbær town has a population of 19.000 and around 1.100 employees.

2007 – 2019

ATTORNEY AT LAW, PACTA, ICELAND

District Court attorney 2007 – 2016. Supreme Court attorney since 2016.
As a senior partner (2007 – 2015) of LS Legal, which was acquired by PACTA in 2015, and later head of the Reykjanes branch, I was responsible for the advice given to clients on all legal aspects. I argued over 300 cases in districts courts, the Landsréttur court of appeals and the Supreme court of Iceland. Practice areas include: Contract law, Contract negotiations, Law of obligations and Civil and Criminal procedure.

DEC. 2016 – SEPTEMBER 2017

DEAN, FACULTY OF LAW, BIFRÖST UNIVERSITY, ICELAND

Acting dean, Faculty of Law, in the temporary absence of the dean.

2016 – PRESENT

ASSISTANT PROFESSOR OF LAW, BIFRÖST UNIVERSITY, ICELAND

Courses taught include: Contract law, Law of obligations, Civil and Criminal procedure, Introduction to European law, Introduction to Business Law for business administration students.

2013 – 2016

ADJUNCT PROFESSOR, BIFRÖST UNIVERSITY, ICELAND

2009 – 2013

LECTURER, BIFRÖST UNIVERSITY, ICELAND

2005 – 2007

LAWYER, THE DISTRICT COMMISSIONER OF KEFLAVÍK

EDUCATION & QUALIFICATION

NOVEMBER 2019

MASTER OF LAWS – LLM, INNOVATION, TECHNOLOGY AND THE LAW,

THE UNIVERSITY OF EDINBURGH - EDINBURGH LAW SCHOOL

Courses incl: Dispute Resolution Methods, Communications Law and EU Data Protection Law.
Dissertation: "Hate speech legislation: Combating hate speech with a real-name policy."

AUGUST 2019

CHANGING THE GAME: NEGOTIATION AND COMPETITIVE DECISION MAKING,

HARVARD BUSINESS SCHOOL EXECUTIVE EDUCATION

"How to negotiate more effectively, realize better outcomes, apply new ideas, and close stronger deals."

FEBRUARY 2016

SUPREME COURT ATTORNEY

FEBRUARY 2013

B.SC. BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION, BIFRÖST UNIVERSITY

MAY 2007

DISTRICT COURT ATTORNEY

MAY 2007

LICENSED REAL ESTATE BROKER

JANUARY 2006

M.L. MASTER OF LAW, BIFRÖST UNIVERSITY

JUNE 2004

B.SC. CORPORATE LAW, BIFRÖST UNIVERSITY

SKILLS

- Management skills & leadership
- Communication
- Technology Skills and Legal innovation
- Diverse training in both business and law

OTHER EXPERIENCE

Member of the Senior Electoral Commission for the south constituency in Iceland since 2017. The Commission is elected by the national parliament (Althing) after each election. Chairman of Reykjanesbær Child protection committee 2012-2014. Alternate director on the Board of Directors of Sparisjóðurinn í Vestmannaeyjum Savings Bank (2012-2013) appointed by the Icelandic State Financial Investments.