



2023 Spring Meeting Speaker Biography

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I am born 1954 in Norway.

I have a master of law with honors from the University of Oslo 1981.

My first working years I held different positions in public administration, and I was a prosecutor until I became a lawyer in private practice in 1987.

I have worked out the Law firm Reiss-Andersen & Co, DLA Piper, and most recently from 2021 in Andenæs Aaløkken Veum.

I have predominantly practiced criminal law, including corporate crime, human rights issues, compliance and investigations. I assist companies as well as individual clients.

A major part of my working life has been spent in court rooms. I was appointed Supreme Court Council in 2002, and I have litigated more than 120 cases in front of the Supreme Court.

I have been engaged in the Norwegian Bar Association since I first joined the Oslo Bar as an officer in 1991. Since then, I have held various positions in different committees, inter alia President of the Norwegian Bar from 2008-2012. I was head of the Norwegian delegation to CCBE from 2010- 2018. I am active in Iba and a Vice Chair for the Bar Issues Commission.

I have been sitting on various Boards and Committees of humanitarian, commercial and legal nature, in addition cultural activities. Fun fact, I have co-authored two crime novels.

I was Vice Minister of Justice in 1997/1998. Since 2012 I have been a member of the Norwegian Nobel Committee and I have chaired the Committee since 2017. I am also Vice Chair of the Nobel Foundation.

I live and work in Oslo, a place that in spite of climate change still has cold winters. I am looking very much forward to speaking to you in sunny Florida!