

Biographical data form of candidates to the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women

Name (family name, first name): Bergby, Gunnar

Nationality: Norwegian

Date and place of birth: 28 August 1947 in Oslo, Norway

Working languages: English

Current position/function:

Director/Secretary-General of the Supreme Court of Norway since 1994.
(Full time job).

Main professional activities:

The Secretary-General is the head of the administration of the Supreme Court. The Court's staff currently numbers approximately 55 employees, 30 of whom are lawyers. The Secretary-General is responsible for the management of the Court, including the preparation of the cases brought before the Supreme Court, contact with the Media, the Lawyers and the Judiciary. The Secretary-General is working closely with the Chief Justice. Mr. Bergby will retire in 2017 having reached the age limit for this position.

Educational background:

Master of Law after studies at the Faculty of Law, University of Oslo (1968-1974).

Other main activities in the field relevant to the mandate of the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women:

Researcher at Aarhus University, Denmark (1974)

Legal adviser of the Gender Equality Council (1977-79)

Deputy Head of the Gender Equality Ombud (1979 – 1986) in charge of the judicial matters concerning the new Act on Gender Equality. In that capacity, responsible for establishing and making this Ombud, the first of its kind in the world, operational. Tasks included drafting the regulations pertaining to the Act on Gender Equality, annual reports about the activities of the Ombud, disseminating information and making the Act and the activities of the Ombud known for all target groups. Participation in Nordic cooperation activities and meetings on gender equality.

City Magistrate of Oslo (1986 - 1989).

Chief City Judge of Oslo (1989 – 1994).

Director/Secretary-General of the Supreme Court of Norway (1994-to date).

In this position, participation in international meetings related to the cooperation and exchange of views between chief justices and secretary-generals of constitutional and supreme courts, including the Conference of the European Constitutional Courts (CECC) and its Circle of Presidents.

Bilateral meetings and study tours to the supreme courts of other countries.

In all the positions he has held, has endeavored to promote equal treatment between men and women.

List of most recent publications in the field of discrimination against women and advancement of their human rights:

(None)
