Ms Kirsi Pimiä

PERSONAL INFORMATION

Name Kirsi Annika Pimiä

Position Non-Discrimination Ombudsman

EDUCATION

LL.M University of Turku 1992 (master thesis: The EU's Equal Pay Principle)

Admitted to the bench Court of Appeal of Eastern Finland 1993

Postgraduate studies in the EU law, at the University of Amsterdam 1993-94, summer course in international law at the ICJ 1991.

LANGUAGES

Finnish native Swedish good English excellent German fair

French good

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Non-Discrimination Ombudsman 2015-

- nominated by the government of Finland for a four year term (reneable)
- Member of the Human Rights Delegation
- Member of the Advisory Board for Ethnic Relations
- Member of the Finnish Immigration Service Advisory Board
- Permanent Advisor of the Advisory Board of Language Issues

Counsel, Parliament of Finland, permanent position since 2003-

- specialised in the EU law, human and fundamental rights and legal affairs
- worked in various committees

Director in the Ministry of Justice 2013 –2014

- head of the Unit for Democracy, Language Affairs and Fundamental Rights;
- Member of the board of the Ministry of Justice;
- Chair of the Government's Fundamental and Human Rights Network;
- Chair of the Government's Democracy Network;
- Legal Advisor to the Government's Development Policy Committee

Ministerial Advisor, Prime Minister's Office, EU Affairs Department, 2012-2013

- head of the Unit for General EU Affairs;

Adviser to the Minister of Justice, head of the cabinet 2007-2008

Counsellor, Permanent Representation of Finland to the European Union 2001-2003

- legal and institutional affairs (general legal issues, inter-institutional affairs, fundamental and human rights)
- justice affairs