

Curriculum Vitae

Personal details

Reinier Franciscus Bernard van Zutphen

Education and training

Secondary education

Christian Secondary School, Arnhem (1972-1978)

University education

Erasmus University Rotterdam, Erasmus Law School (1978-1985)

Judicial officer training (RAIO) (1986-1992)

Internship at the District Court and the Public Prosecutor's Office, The Hague (1986-1990)

Internship at the Court of Justice of the European Communities, Luxembourg (1990-1992)

European University Institute Florence

Academy of European Law (summer 1991)

Association for Coaching

Excellent Leadership course (2006-2007)

Career

Erasmus University Rotterdam, Faculty of Law

Student assistant – Introduction to and principles of private, constitutional and criminal law (1981-1984)

Ministry of Defence (military service, academically-trained reserve officer – ROAG)

Legal assistant – Steering Committee Military Criminal and Disciplinary Law (1985-1986)

Judicial officer training (1986-1992)

Acting registrar and deputy public prosecutor, The Hague (1986-1990)

Legal Secretary, Court of Justice of the EC, Judge Kapteyn's chambers (1990-1992)

Judge's assistant/deputy judge/judge, District Court, Almelo (1992-1995)

Judge, District Court, Amsterdam (1995-1998)

Member of the Joint Court of Justice of the Netherlands Antilles and Aruba (1998-2003);

Vice-President and Head of Division, Criminal Law District Court, Alkmaar (2003-2007)

Coordinating Vice-President and Head of Division, Administrative Law District Court, Utrecht (2007-2009)

Vice-President/Senior judge and Head of Division, Administrative High Court for Trade and Industry (2009-2012)

President, Administrative High Court for Trade and Industry (2012-2015)

National Ombudsman since 1 April 2015

Ancillary positions

Current ancillary position in my capacity as national ombudsman:

- Member of the Board of Advisors of the Netherlands Human Rights Institute (since 1 April 2015, unremunerated)

Current ancillary positions related to the position of national ombudsman:

- Regional President for the European Region, International Ombudsman Institute (IOI) (since 12 May 2024, unremunerated)
- Member of the World Board, International Ombudsman Institute (IOI) (since 4 April 2022, unremunerated)
- Chair of the Association for the Right to Petition (since 13 April 2016, unremunerated)
- Member of the Board, Kirchheiner Stichting Ombudsman en Democratie (since 1 April 2015, unremunerated)

Current ancillary positions:

- Member of the Board of Advisors, Master programme Law & Society, Van Vollenhoven Institute (since 2020, unremunerated)
- Member of the Board of Advisors, Institute GAK (since 1 July 2018, remunerated)
- Chair of the Supervisory Board, Stichting Advisering Bestuursrechtspraak (since 1 October 2017, remunerated)
- Member of the recommendation committee (previously ambassador), Foundation for Refugee Students (UAF) (since 1 November 2013, unpaid)
- Lecturer at the Study Centre for the Administration of Justice (since 1 April 2005, remunerated on a per course basis)

Previous ancillary positions:

- Chair (previously member) of the Supervisory Board, Legal Advice Centre (2014-2022, remunerated)
- Vice-Chair of the board of the Caribbean Ombudsman Association (2020-2022, unremunerated)
- Chair (previously member) of Supervisory Board and key expert, Center for International Legal Cooperation (2013-2021, Chair position unremunerated; tasks carried out for a daily rate, plus expenses)
- Chair of the board of trustees, Beroepsopleiding Advocatuur (2013-2015, remunerated)
- Member of the Supervisory Board of Reclassering Nederland (2014-2015)
- Member of the board of trustees of the Academy of European Law (ERA Trier, Germany) (2013-2015)
- Council of State in extraordinary service (2013-2015)
- Expert Council of Europe (2011-2015)
- Vice-Chair of the 2nd study commission (civil law and procedure), International Association of Judges (2010-2014)
- Lecturer in Criminal Law, Juridisch PAO, Utrecht (2004-2013)
- Member of the Consultative Council of European Judges (CCJE), Council of Europe (2008-2012)
- Member of the advisory board of the Study Centre for the Administration of Justice (2008-2012)
- Chair of the petitions committee, Legal Advice Centre (2008-2012)
- Chair of the Netherlands Association for the Judiciary (2007-2012)

- Lecturer in European law and civil and commercial law, University of the Netherlands Antilles (1999-2002)
- Founder/editor of *Nederlands Tijdschrift voor Europees Recht* (NTER) (Dutch Journal of EU Law) (1993-1998)