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Alex Brenninkmeijer

Born in Amsterdam, Netherlands, 29 June, in 1951.

Education:

PhD degree in Law at the University of Tilburg, in 1987. Doctorate thesis on access to the courts and the importance of an independent judiciary in a constitutional democracy. Master's degree in Law and Economics at the University of Groningen, in 1976.

Professional experience:

Served as National Ombudsman of the Netherlands from 2005 to 2013 and re-elected in 2011 by the Dutch Parliament for a second six-year term. As ombudsman he carried out systemic research in many areas on the functioning of the public sector in the Netherlands and through his reports contributed to the promotion of good governance.

Between 1984 and 2005 he served in different capacities as a judge in the Dutch legal system. First, until 1988 as Vice-President of the Administrative Court in Arnhem serving as a judge at first instance on civil service and social security matters. From 1988 to 1995 he was a judge at the Administrative High Court dealing with cases in the same field, serving as Vice-President of the same tribunal until 2002 and then as an alternate judge until 2005. From 1999 to 2005 he served as an alternate judge at the Tax Division of the Court of Justice in Den Bosch.

Between 1976 and 2005 he held several academic positions. Until 1980 he was a researcher and lecturer at the Radboud University and then until 1984 at the University of Tilburg. From 1992 to 1996 he was a professor of civil procedural law at the University of Amsterdam, and from 1996 to 2005 a professor of constitutional and administrative law at the University of Leiden. From 2002 onwards he also held the Albeda Chair of public sector labour relations and alternative dispute resolution.

Since 1 July 2014 Mr Brenninkmeijer is Honorary Professor of The Rule of Law's Institutional Aspects at the Faculty of Law, Economics and Governance at the University of Utrecht.

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Mr Brenninkmeijer became a Member of the European Court of Auditors on 1 January 2014.