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Alex Brenninkmeijer

Born in 1951 in Amsterdam, the Netherlands.

Education:

From 1971 to 1976, Mr Brenninkmeijer studied Dutch law at the University of Groningen, majoring in private law and public law, and obtained a minor in economics. In 1987, he was awarded a doctorate from the University of Tilburg for his thesis on access to the courts and the importance of judicial independence in states based on the rule of law.

Professional experience:

From 1976 to 1980, he lectured at Radboud University in Nijmegen and subsequently, until 1984, at the University of Tilburg. From 1992 to 1996, he was professor of civil procedural law at the University of Amsterdam. From 1996 to 2005, he was professor of constitutional and administrative law at the University of Leiden and, from 2002 onwards, also Albeda Professor of Industrial Relations in the Public Sector and Alternative Dispute Resolution (mediation). From 1998 to 2001, he was Dean of the Faculty of Law at the University of Leiden. Since 2014, he has served as Honorary Professor of Law for the Institute of Constitutional and Administrative Law and Legal Theory at Utrecht University.

From 1984 to 1988, he was Vice-President of the Administrative Court in Arnhem. From 1988 to 1995, he was a judge in the Administrative High Court (court of appeal in civil service and social security cases); subsequently, until 2002, he was Vice-President of that court. From 1999 to 2005, he was a judge in the inland revenue division of the 's-Hertogenbosch Court of Appeal.

In 2005, he was elected as a National Ombudsman of the Netherlands; in 2011, he was re-elected by the Lower House of the Dutch Parliament for a second six-year term. In his capacity as Ombudsman, he carried out systemic research in many areas into the functioning of the public sector in the Netherlands and, through his reports, made a major contribution towards promoting good administration and protecting citizen's interests.

In 2012, he was unanimously elected President of the European Board of Directors of the International Ombudsman Institute (IOI). He was also a member of the IOI World Board.

He has a thorough knowledge of European institutional and administrative law and of the rights enshrined in the Charter of Fundamental Rights of the European Union. A native Dutch-speaker, he can also communicate fluently in German, English and French.

Honours:

Commander in the Order of Orange-Nassau.

Academic publications (non-exhaustive list):

- i. Brenninkmeijer, A. (2015). 'The need for principles of good audit'. *Journal of the European Court of Auditors*, (8), 11-15.
- ii. Lenaerts, K., & Brenninkmeijer, A. (2016). 'General Principles of EU Law and Audit Practice of EU Funds'. *European Review of Public Law*, 28(3), 815-837.
- iii. Brenninkmeijer, A. (2016). 'Feedback for a better performing public sector'. *Zarządzanie Publiczne*, (1 (35)), 68-75.
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- xiv. Brenninkmeijer A., 'Het recht op toegang tot de rechter' (2019), *Ars Aequi*, 68/12, 1034- 1041.