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### **Mr Ólafur Jóhannes Einarsson new Registrar of the EFTA Court**

The EFTA Court in Luxembourg has appointed Mr Ólafur Jóhannes Einarsson as its new Registrar to take over from the present Registrar, Mr Gunnar Selvik, on 1 September 2018.

Mr Einarsson, born in Reykjavik, is currently a counsel at BBA Legal, focusing on EEA law, regulatory law and competition law. He was Director of the Internal Market Affairs Directorate of the EFTA Surveillance Authority until April 2017 and Deputy Director of its Legal & Executive Affairs Department from January to April 2011. He has published over twelve peer-reviewed articles on EEA law, competition law and public law in books and legal journals. Ólafur Jóhannes Einarsson received a Cand. Jur. degree from the University of Iceland in 1999, qualified as a District Court Attorney in Iceland in 2001 and pursued his legal studies at the University of Oxford, St. John's College graduating with a Mag. Jur. degree in European and Comparative Law in 2003 and an M.Phil. degree in 2004.

The Registrar of the EFTA Court is, under the supervision of the President, responsible for the Court's procedures, as well as the general administration of the Court, including human resources, budget planning, financial control, information technology, office facilities and procurement. The Registrar is also expected to write scholarly articles on EEA law and give lectures on EEA law. Like the Judges, the Registrar enjoys diplomatic status.