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### **Páll Hreinsson elected President of the EFTA Court**

On 14 November 2017, the Judges of the EFTA Court elected Páll Hreinsson as President of the EFTA Court for a term that commences on 1 January 2018 and ends on 31 December 2020. The President directs the judicial business and the administration of the Court, and presides at hearings and deliberations.

#### **CV of President Páll Hreinsson**

In 2011, Mr Hreinsson, an Icelandic citizen, was appointed to the EFTA bench upon a proposal by the Republic of Iceland. The EFTA Court, the ECJ's sister Court in the EEA, consists of three judges and six ad hoc judges from its member states of Iceland, Liechtenstein and Norway.

Before being appointed to the EFTA bench, Mr Hreinsson was a Justice at the Supreme Court of Iceland. In his professional career, he has held, inter alia, the following positions:

- Assistant Judge, City Court of Reykjavík, 1988-1991.
- Special Assistant, The Althing Ombudsman (The Parliamentary Ombudsman's Office), 1991-1998.
- Associate Professor, Faculty of Law, University of Iceland, 1998-1999. Professor of Law, University of Iceland, 1999-2007
- Vice-Dean, Faculty of Law, University of Iceland, 2002-2005.
- Dean, Faculty of Law, University of Iceland, 2005-2007.
- Judge, Supreme Court of Iceland, 2007-2011.
- Judge of the EFTA Court since 15 September 2011.
- President of the EFTA Court since 1 January 2018.

President Hreinsson has published 13 books and 42 articles within the various fields of law.

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