



EUROPEAN COURT OF HUMAN RIGHTS  
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## **Robert Spano** **President of the European Court of Human Rights**

Born on 27 August 1972 in Reykjavik, Iceland

- Cand. jur. degree in Law (combined BA and Masters Degrees), Faculty of Law, University of Iceland 1997
- Mag. jur. degree in European and Comparative Law, University of Oxford (University College) 2000, Clifford Chance Prize (proxime accessit), Civil Procedure Prize
- Deputy District Court Judge, 1997-1998
- Legal Adviser to the Parliamentary Ombudsman, 1998-2001
- Adjunct Professor of Law, Faculty of Law, University of Iceland, 2000-2002
- Assistant Professor of Law, Faculty of Law, University of Iceland, 2002-2004
- District Court Judge, 2004
- Deputy to the Parliamentary Ombudsman, 2001-2004
- Member of the Board, Human Rights Institute, University of Iceland, 2005-2013
- Chairman of the Standing Committee of Experts on Criminal Law, Ministry of Justice, 2003-2008 and 2011-2013
- Associate Professor of Law, Faculty of Law, University of Iceland, (tenure) 2004-2006
- Editor of the Law Review, Lawyers' Association of Iceland, 2005-2013
- Professor of Public Law, Criminal Procedure and Jurisprudence, Faculty of Law, University of Iceland, (tenure) 2006
- Chairman of a Commission of Experts appointed by the Prime Minister of Iceland to investigate human rights abuses from 1947-1992 in child care institutions run by the state and municipal governments, 2007-2012
- Chairman of a Commission of Experts elected by the Assembly of the National Church of Iceland to investigate allegations of sexual abuse by the former Bishop of Iceland, 2010-2011
- Vice-Dean of the Faculty of Law, University of Iceland, 2007-2010
- Dean of the Faculty of Law, University of Iceland, 2010-2013
- Member of the Judicial Supervisory Board, 2011-2013
- Independent Expert to the Lanzarote Committee of the Council of Europe, 2012
- Icelandic Member of the European Committee on Crime Problems (CDCP), 2012-2013
- *Ad hoc* Judge, EFTA Court, 2012-2013
- Parliamentary Ombudsman of Iceland (provisional appointment and *ad hoc*), 2009-2013
- Judge of the European Court of Human Rights since 1 November 2013
- President of Section from 1 May 2017 to 30 April 2019
- Vice-President of the Court from 5 May 2019 to 17 May 2020
- President of the Court since 18 May 2020.

