

JAN SÖDERGREN

PROFILE

An experienced European lawyer based in Stockholm, Sweden, specializing in labour law and constitutional law including freedom of speech, rights of association and property rights. Also handles civil litigation cases, the majority of which involve the application of European law. Fluent in Swedish and English.

WORK HISTORY

J. Södergren Advokatbyrå AB **2006 - present**

- Established and maintain a practice of law which specializes in the application of European Law.

Member and Partner, Bratt & Feinsilber AB **1995 - 2005**

- Helped establish this firm in 1995.
- Pleaded before the European Court of Human Rights the wrongful dismissal case of a unionized Lithuanian employee at the Swedish Embassy in Vilnius. Complicating this case was the diplomatic immunity granted to the Embassy by the Lithuanian court.
- Pleaded the international landmark case of *Evaldsson v. Sweden* (judgment handed down 13 February 2007), arguing against the Kingdom of Sweden and the legality of union “monitoring fees”. As a result, the European Court of Human Rights found in favour of the applicants, that the government had violated Article 1, Protocol 1 of the European Convention on Human Rights.
- Pleaded a property rights case before the European Court of Human Rights for a group of Sami Villagers concerning their right to winter grazing of their livestock, resulting in an order made against the government (2004).
- Assisted in arguing a lack of fair trial in two tax cases, *Janosevic v. Sweden* and *Västberga Taxi AB v. Sweden*, wherein the European Court of Human Rights found violations of this right (2003).
- Represented the Norwegian anti-sealing activist, Odd Lindberg, after he publicized allegedly cruel methods of hunting seal pups. In 1998 the Swedish Supreme Court gave its decision, printed as a significant public case. Subsequently the Court of Human Rights ordered the government to respond, after which it dismissed the case.
- Assisted in arguing a number of other important cases before the Swedish Supreme Court.

**Associate Lawyer (*biträdande jurist*)
Berg & Co Advokatbyrå KB****1993-1995**

- Assisted in civil litigation cases and conducted examinations concerning issues in constitutional and European law.

EDUCATION

Law degree, University of Stockholm

1993

- Special Focus - European Community Law and the Convention of Human Rights and fundamental Freedoms
- Member of the winning team in the Scandinavian Moot Court Competition regarding Human Rights, June 1991.

PUBLICATIONS

Eight articles of legal commentary published in the European Law Review, *Europarättslig tidsskrift*, published by the Law Faculty of Stockholm, each approximately 20 pages in length (see www.ere.se), 1999-2006.

Two articles of legal commentary published in the Swedish Law Review No. 3 *Juridisk tidsskrift*, 2005-2006.

Other articles published in specialist legal literature.

SEMINARSDebate participant regarding the appointment of judges and the Rule of Law **2006**Speaker, Institute for Taxes and the Rule of Law Seminar **2005**Speaker, European Law **2001, 2003**Swedish Jurist's Mass (*Svensk Juristmässa*)

PUBLICATIONS

Regularly published in Swedish legal journals.

Published in the following:

European Law Review (*Europarättslig tidsskrift*, ERT, published by the Law Faculty of Stockholm). The Articles, with few exceptions, embraces approximately 20 pages each (see www.ere.se).

- 1999 ERT No. 2. *Does the European Court of Human Rights' Principles Apply to the Court (gäller Europadomstolens domar Europadomstolen)*; a commentary on a high profile Swedish labour case, Gustafsson v. Sweden (judgment of 25 April 1996, Appl. No. 155737/89 concerning lawfulness of industrial actions).
- 2000 ERT No. 3. *The application of the European Convention in the Domestic System (Europadomstolens tillämpning i det inhemska systemet)*. A legal survey over the requirements and demands of the domestic courts. (Cited by the Swedish Supreme Court).
- 2000 ERT No. 3. *Selections from the Domestic Application of the European Convention since the Incorporation 1995*
- 2002 ERT No. 4. *Selections from the Domestic Application of the European Convention*
- 2003 ERT No. 4. *Selections from the Domestic Application of the European Convention*
- 2005 ERT No. 1. *Selections from the Domestic Application of the European Convention*
- 2005 ERT No. 4. *Selections from the Domestic Application of the European Convention*
- 2005 Swedish Law Review No. 3 (Juridisk Tidsskrift, JT), *The Right to Damages in Sweden directly grounded on the European Convention (Rätt till skadestånd i Sverige på direkt grundval av Europakonventionen)*.
- 2006 JT No. 3. *Companies Right to Non-pecuniary Damages (Bolags rätt till ideellt skadestånd)*
- 2006 ERT No. 4. *Selections from the Domestic Application of the European Convention*

Also published in various other smaller specialist literature.