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Fields of expertise:

Administrative and Constitutional

Introduction

Märt advises clients on various legal matters, primarily related to the public sector. His undisputedly unique experiences and widespread knowledge in public sector mechanisms, as well as in public and private sector co-operation, make him one of Estonia's most prominent experts in the field.

Märt Rask has served as a minister in four different cabinets of the Government of the Republic of Estonia, making him one of the few individuals with a uniquely comprehensive perspective on Estonia's legal system, its implementation, and the functioning mechanisms of the state and society. Having spent nine years as both a Chief Justice of the Supreme Court and its Chair of the Constitutional Review Chamber, Märt is among Estonia's most experienced legal practitioners in the fields of constitutional supervision and the protection of fundamental rights.

Märt has also served as an external legal advisor to Prime Minister Taavi Rõivas from 2015 to 2016 and has contributed to the drafting of numerous laws as a member, leader, and expert of various working groups, as well as a multiple-term Minister of Justice. In private practice, he has represented clients in complex and high-profile legal matters. He has advised on the implementation of the pharmacy reform and served as Estonia's legal expert in an international dispute with Tallinna Vesi, which was adjudicated before the World Bank's arbitration court.

For his long-term and outstanding contribution to the development of Estonian law and governance, Märt was awarded the Order of the White Star, Second Class, in 2006.

Languages:

Estonian, English, Russian

Professional background:

2013 - ...	Partner, Attorney-at-Law, Advisor, RASK Attorneys-at-Law
2015 – 2016	Non-formal Legal Councillor for Prime Minister Taavi Rõivas
2004 – 2013	Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of the Republic of Estonia
2003 – 2004	Member of the X Riigikogu, Chairman of the Legal Affairs Committee
1999 – 2003	Member of the Government, Minister of Justice
1997 – 1999	Partner and Attorney-at-Law, Law Office Teder & Rask
1995 – 1996	Member of the Government, Minister of Internal Affairs

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1993 – 1995	Partner and Attorney-at-Law, Law Office Teder & Rask
1992 – 1993	Member of the Government, Minister of Justice
1990 – 1992	ESSR Deputy Minister of Justice
1979 – 1990	Attorney-at-Law, Tallinn I Legal Advisory Board, as of 1985 head of the branch office

Education:

1978	Faculty of Law, Tartu State University, lawyer qualification (today equal to Master's degree)
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