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PROFILE

Tore Schei is a lawyer holding an LL.M from the University of Oslo (1971). His professional career consists of three main parts – advocate at the General Attorney's office, judge at the court of appeal, and Justice and Chief Justice at The Norwegian Supreme Court.

As advocate for eight years at the office of The Attorney General Tore Schei conducted civil litigation on behalf of the government, governmental agencies and state owned companies before Norwegian courts. He was admitted to the Supreme Court Bar in 1974.

For four years Tore Schei was a judge at Eidsivating (now Borgarting) Appeal Court. His experience from the court of appeal includes the role as the leading judge in criminal cases before a jury.

From March 1986 to February 2016 Tore Schei was a Justice in the Supreme Court of Norway. From August 2002 and throughout the rest of his period on the Supreme Court he has been the Chief Justice (President) of the court. The Norwegian Supreme Court has general jurisdiction – much like the UK Supreme Court – and handles cases involving all categories of law; civil, criminal, administrative and constitutional.

As a judge in courts with general jurisdiction for the most of his career Tore Schei is a legal generalist and he does not recon himself as an expert in any field of law with one exception: civil procedure. He is the author and co-author of commentaries on the civil procedure acts and he was the chairman of the Norwegian Civil Procedure Committee that in 2001 presented a draft for a new civil procedural code and a code for commercial arbitration. With the exception of some minor alterations the committee's drafts were made law by the Norwegian Parliament.

In Tore Schei' s term as Chief Justice the Supreme Court has taken extensive part in the international cooperation between Supreme Courts; on the Nordic, the European and the global level. He has in different ways tried to open up the Court for the public, and he has written many articles in the newspapers about the Supreme Court and has taken part in the public debate about the work of the court.

WORK EXPERIENCE

Chief Justice, Supreme Court of Norway

Aug 2002
– Feb 2016

Justice, Supreme Court of Norway

Mar 1986
– Jun 2002

Judge, Eidsivating Court of Appeal (now Borgarting Court of Appeal)	Dec 1981 – Feb 1986
Deputy Judge, Ytre Follo District Court	Aug 1975 – July 1976
Assistant Advocate and advocate at the Office of the Attorney General <i>interrupted by studies in England and position as deputy judge</i>	June 1972 – Nov 1981
National service duty as jurist at the Office of the Director General of Military Prosecutions	Sep 1971 – June 1972

EDUCATION

The Federal Judicial Center, USA	1999
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Studies in USA of legislation and practice concerning alternative dispute resolution and class actions as Visiting Foreign Judicial Fellow for two months 	
Studies in England	1975
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Studies in England with Scholarship from The British Council six months 	
Supreme Court Advocate	1974
University of Oslo, Norway	1971
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Degree in Law 	

LANGUAGES

- **Norwegian** – Fluent (mother tongue)
- **English** – Fluent

OTHER RELEVANT EXPERIENCE

Chairman of the Norwegian Civil Procedure Committee	1999 – Dec 2001
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Chairman of the Committee of Inquiry that was appointed by the Scandinavian governments after the shipwreck accident “Scandinavian Star”	Apr 1990 – Jan 1991
Chairman of the Stock Exchange Appeals Committee	1989 – 1999
Chairman of the commission that led to the establishment of the Norwegian Council for Professional Training of Judges. Chairman of the Council	1987 – 1990
Mediator at the State Mediator Office of Norway for five months during the collective wage negotiations	1984

PUBLICATIONS

[Type: Books / Articles etc]

- **Schei T 2013 & 2007**, *Commentaries on the Dispute Act*, co-author.
- **Schei T 1998 & 1990**, *Commentaries on the Civil Procedure Act*