



High Court Judge

Mette Lyster Knudsen

Denmark's candidate for Judge of
the International Criminal Court,
2027-2036

- Extensive judicial experience
- High degree of professionalism
- Strong consensus-building skills



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Why do I deserve your support? Because I am a 100% dedicated professional and passionate about criminal justice and fighting impunity. If elected, I will stand firm on my integrity and impartiality as a judge and focus solely on the evidence and what can be proven beyond reasonable doubt. Regardless of public expectations and politics. I also take personal pride in the teamwork that goes on behind the scenes in a well-functioning court. I am committed to upholding the high professional and ethical standards required of a judge. This is what I offer to bring to the ICC.



A founding member and staunch supporter of the ICC, Denmark proudly presents the candidacy of High Court Judge Knudsen for the 2026 ICC judicial election.

High Court Judge Knudsen draws upon a career of more than 30 years of hands-on legal experience in national courts, government, and academia, and has a strong international profile.

As a presiding judge, Judge Knudsen has successfully managed complex and sensitive cases, involving organised crime, sexual violence, and terrorism. High Court Judge Knudsen stands for professional results generated in a collegiate, consensus-seeking work culture.

Other professional career highlights:

- Chair of the Danish National Expert Committee on the Implementation of the Rome Statute crimes and the Kampala Amendment on the crime of aggression in the Danish Penal Code
- President of the Danish Association of Judges
- Active senior member of the International and the European Association of Judges
- Academic expert on the law of evidence and witness examination



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