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**Senator of the Administrative Department (1928–1930),
Senator of the Criminal Cassation Department (1931–1940),
Acting-Chair of the Criminal Cassation Department (1940)**

Education: *University of Tartu, Faculty of Law.*

Before the Senate: *Military service in the Russian army; Trainee in the judicial system; Deputy of the Prosecutor in Riga and Liepāja regional courts; Judge in Riga Regional Court and Court Chamber.*

After the Senate: *Judge in the Court Chamber during the German occupation. In exile in Germany and the United States since 1944. Legal Adviser to the International Refugee Organization.*

There are many phenomena in people's lives that do not fit into the letter of the written law, and no law, no matter how complete it may be, is able to grasp all the cases that a judge has to deal with. The judge cannot make excuses stating that the law is imperfect or ambiguous, he must answer all questions raised in the case and make a judgment providing legal satisfaction to one or the other party.

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