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Nataša Pirc Musar

Information Commissioner, Republic of Slovenia

Nataša began her career in the field of law. After graduating from the Faculty of Law in Ljubljana in 1992, she passed the bar examination in 1997. After completing her studies she was employed for six years at the Slovenian national television as a journalist and news presenter of the main news TV Dnevnik. Subsequently, she worked for five years as news presenter on "24 ur", the central information programme of the largest commercial television broadcaster in Slovenia, POP TV.

She gained additional experience in journalism at CNN, and attended the Media Department of the University of Manchester in the UK for two semesters. During her studies she did her professional practice at BBC, Granada TV, Sky News, Reuters TV and Border TV. She has also contributed newspaper articles and worked on radio.

Striving for new knowledge, Nataša moved in 2001 to the financial sector where she joined the largest Slovenian private financial corporation Aktiva Group as a Head of Corporate Communications. In April 2003 she became Director of Training and Communications Centre at the Supreme Court of the Republic of Slovenia. On July 15th, 2004, she was elected in the National Assembly to become the second Slovenian commissioner. She was nominated by the President of the Republic of Slovenia.

John Belgrave

Chief Ombudsman of New Zealand

John Belgrave was appointed New Zealand's Parliamentary Chief Ombudsman in July 2003. He has had extensive experience in central government both in New Zealand and overseas.

John has headed up four New Zealand core government departments (Customs, Ministry of Commerce, Department of Justice and the Ministry of Justice). Immediately prior to being appointed Chief Ombudsman, John was Chair of the Commerce Commission which is both the New Zealand Competition Commission and Economic Regulator.

Earlier John served overseas in London as Second Secretary, Melbourne as Consul General, and as Minister in Tokyo.

He has also been a member of the New Zealand Electoral Commission, and Chair of the Board of Victoria University's Institute of Policy Studies in Wellington. John is a Fellow of the New Zealand Institute of Directors as well as a Fellow of the New Zealand Institute of Management.