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## New Chief Legal Counsellor at the Riksbank

The Executive Board of the Riksbank today appointed Per Håkansson the new Chief Legal Cousellor, located in the bank's Secretariat of the Executive Board, with effect from 1 October 2002. The Chief Legal Counsellor reports to the Executive Board on legal issues and drafts these issues together with the Governor.

Per Håkansson has worked at the Riksbank as advisor to the Executive Board since 2001 and is at present employed in the Financial Stability Department. He has previously been assessor at the Svea Court of Appeal and worked in the financial market department at the Ministry of Finance. His most recent post prior to joining the Riksbank was at Sweden's permanent delegation at the EU.

Prior to the appointment of a new head of department for the Secretariat of the Executive Board, see also the press release issued on 4 July 2002, the Riksbank decided to also appoint a new Chief Legal Counsellor. The former holder of this post, Robert Sparve, has taken up an appointment at the International Monetary Fund (IMF) in Washington.

The Secretariat of the Executive Board provides administrative support to the Executive Board and the General Council, as well as giving legal and other advice to the management of the Riksbank and the various departments within the bank.

Any further questions can be answered by the Head of the Secretariat of the Executive Board, Björn Hasselgren, tel.: +46-8-787 04 72.

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