

# The Sven Unger Company Law Scholarship

Our former partner Sven Unger has sadly and suddenly passed away. Until his death, Sven was active at Mannheimer Swartling as Senior Adviser. Sven's particular interest was company law, and in recent years he focused on theory and practice relating to general meetings.

In memory of Sven and his contributions, both to the firm and to company law doctrine, we are offering a one year post-doctoral research scholarship in company law. The scholarship is offered by Mannheimer Swartling in cooperation with the Swedish Corporate Governance Institute (SCGI) and is open to both Swedish and international applicants.

The recipient will receive a stipend of € 48,000 or SEK 540,000 and € 5,000 or SEK 57,000 for expenses. In addition, the scholarship includes the cost for the publication of the research report by SCGI and a final seminar arranged by SCGI at which the research is presented and discussed. The scholarship covers twelve months of research and will commence on a date selected by the recipient, but no later than twelve months after the award was announced.

Applicants should submit a research proposal (maximum three pages) and a CV in English before 15 May 2023. Research projects relating to general meetings will be prioritised, but the research proposal may relate to any aspect of company law or equity market regulation. Applicants may be asked to participate in a digital interview. The award will be announced within one month after the end of the application period.

Topical themes for research include:

*The role of shareholders in corporate decision making. What is the optimal balance between the empowerment of management to make and pursue risky business decisions by diverse means and shareholder clout to demand that directors make specific business decisions?*

*Dual class voting structures. A means of entrenchment or enabling desirable diversity in corporate governance?*



The recipient will be selected by an award committee consisting of

- Supreme Court Justice *Svante O Johansson* (chair)
- Professor *Rolf Skog*, Stockholm Centre for Commercial Law
- Professor *Niklas Arvidsson*, Affärsrättsligt Centrum vid Lunds Universitet
- Advokat *Eva Hägg*, Mannheimer Swartling
- Advokat *Patrik Marcelius*, Mannheimer Swartling

The award committee will also serve as reference group for the research project.

The recipient is expected to produce a research report in English consisting of 75-150 pages, to be delivered at the end of the scholarship period. An interim report should be submitted six months after the commencement of the scholarship period.

If no research proposal of sufficient quality is received, the application period will be extended.

Applications should be submitted to Erik Lidman at [erik.lidman@juridicum.su.se](mailto:erik.lidman@juridicum.su.se). Questions relating to the scholarship may also be directed to him.

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