

The Riis case: Lawyer demands 27,9 million NOK  
Berge tried to get help from Bishop.

Crime: Herman Berge (44) tried to get the help of the Church to get his hands on Amelia Riis's settlement money.

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#### Page 28 Photo Captions

[1] - Gone berserk with estate. Finansavisen wrote on Wednesday 12/31/08 about Herman Berge's attempts to get his hands on the lion's share of Amelia Riis' record settlement with the State.

[2] – Contested investment: Finansavisen reported yesterday that Amelia Riis has a claim for 2,4 million NOK against Herman Berge, following a supposed investment into a research boat.

[3] - Lawyer Herman Berge is on a desperate hunt for creditors to stop Amelia Riis from having access to the money left her by her husband.

[4] Deleted from Wikipedia: Herman Berge (44) has used Wikipedia as a weapon to get his hands on Amelia Riis's settlement money. Wikipedia users took action and deleted the page.

#### Page 29 Photo Caption

[1] – Asked Kvarme to annul the Riis marriage. The Bishop denied Berge's request. Denied: Herman Berge asked Bishop Ole Christian Kvarme to annul the marriage between Einar and Amelia Riis. Bishop Kvarme denied the request.

Lawyer Herman Berge (44) will try anything to gain control of Amelia Riis's settlement of millions of NOK. The last attack was aimed at Bishop Ole Christian Kvarme. Berge states that the 1956 marriage between Amelia and her deceased husband Einar Riis must be annulled – 52 years after it was officiated, and almost 3 years after Einar Riis died. The 44 year old claims he has come across several irregularities in relation to the marriage. Berge's motivation appears quite clearly in the document, namely that Amelia Riis has "no rights" to the estate of Einar Riis, an estate Berge claims he is the executor of.

#### **Berserk**

Amelia Riis' situation is becoming more and more bizarre. Berge has according to Norwegian courts no right to act on behalf of her husband Einar Riis's estate. Nevertheless the 44 year old has gone berserk with such estate, without anybody stopping him.

- He has presented a personal claim for 27,9 million NOK to the estate.

- He has initiated an intense hunt for other possible creditors to the estate.
- He has started lawsuits for billions against the French state on behalf of the estate.
- He has asked authorities in Baerum to declare Amelia Riis incompetent.
- He has published a series of documents and videos on websites like Wikipedia, YouTube and his own web paper Rettsnorge, where he presents outrageous and unproven allegations.
- He has asked the Tax Crime Department to investigate a fortune supposedly hidden abroad, which Berge himself has blocked with his actions.

### **Declaration of undistributed estate**

The motive behind the majority of these attacks is to get Asker and Baerum court to recall the declaration of undivided inheritance that was issued after Einar Riis died in May 2006. This document gives Amelia Riis the right to manage the couple's assets. To Berge this document is obviously an obstacle in the hunt for the millions that Einar Riis left behind in Monaco, money that originates from Amelia Riis's record settlement with the State in 2003.

Even if the 44 year old mostly doesn't achieve his goals, his belligerent activity causes Amelia Riis to spend large amounts on lawyers.

### **Denied by Kvarme**

In his letter to Bishop Kvarme Berge claims that Amelia and Einar Riis should not have been allowed to get married in Frogner Church on August 29, 1956. The reason is according to Berge that the couple then lived in Rome. Therefore the marriage should have taken place in Rome, and not in Norway. Berge also reacts to the fact that Einar Riis's full name was not written up in the Church registers. Einar Riis' last name was Johannessen, but he dropped that name when he moved to Italy. Berge also claims that Einar and Amelia Riis were not active members of the State Church, since they lived in Italy. What Berge did not realize was that the Bishop does not have the power to annul a marriage just because a private person asks for it. The Bishop's Office in Oslo has therefore quickly denied Berge's request.

Finansavisen has knowledge of the fact that Berge's persistent and at times overbearing instructions have caused even the Church to run out of patience with the lawyer.

Finansavisen has made dozens of attempts to contact Herman Berge in Luxembourg, but the 44 year old does not wish to answer questions.

### **New Wikipedia page**

Just a few days after Wikipedia users deleted a page in English about Einar Riis, a corresponding page in Norwegian appeared. The article about the deceased Einar Riis on the English version of Wikipedia created a stir among the contributors to the web based dictionary. On December 27 the article including several documents signed Herman Berge, was removed with user approval. "The article was really deceitful" concluded one of Wikipedia's many contributors. On January 8th a new page with corresponding content appeared, this time on the Norwegian version of the web based dictionary.

The article relates amongst other unproven allegations that Amelia Riis' deceased husband died "under tragic and suspicious circumstances".

Berge's lawsuit for billions against among others Nicholas Sarkozy on behalf of Einar Riis' estate is also described. According to Norwegian courts, Berge does not have the right to act on behalf of the estate. The article has already drawn criticism from other users. "This article needs cleaning up to meet Wikipedia's quality standards" and "The conclusion reminds strongly of a personal opinion" can be read in the comments.

## **Background**

- Amelia Riis's husband Einar Riis died on May 30, 2006. The majority of the assets from the 55 million NOK settlement with the State were at that time in Monaco, where Einar Riis was resident.
- That same fall lawyer Herman Berge (44) advances a claim of 27.9 million NOK against the estate. Berge had already received more than 10 million NOK from Amelia and Einar Riis.
- Berge also claims that he is the executor of the estate. The 44 year old has thus blocked the assets in Monaco.
- Berge claims he was the architect behind the settlement of 55 million NOK with the State. Earlier Chief of the Justice Department Odd Einar Doerum, who made the decision to settle the case on behalf of the State, denies this statement.
- Amelia Riis now has two valid judgments from Norway where the so-called wills and agreements that Berge bases his claims on, are declared illegitimate.
- Berge does not give up. Last fall he sued amongst others Nicolas Sarkozy and Prince Albert II of Monaco for 1,8 billion NOK on behalf of the estate.

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