

# Why should PhD candidates in company law care about legal history?

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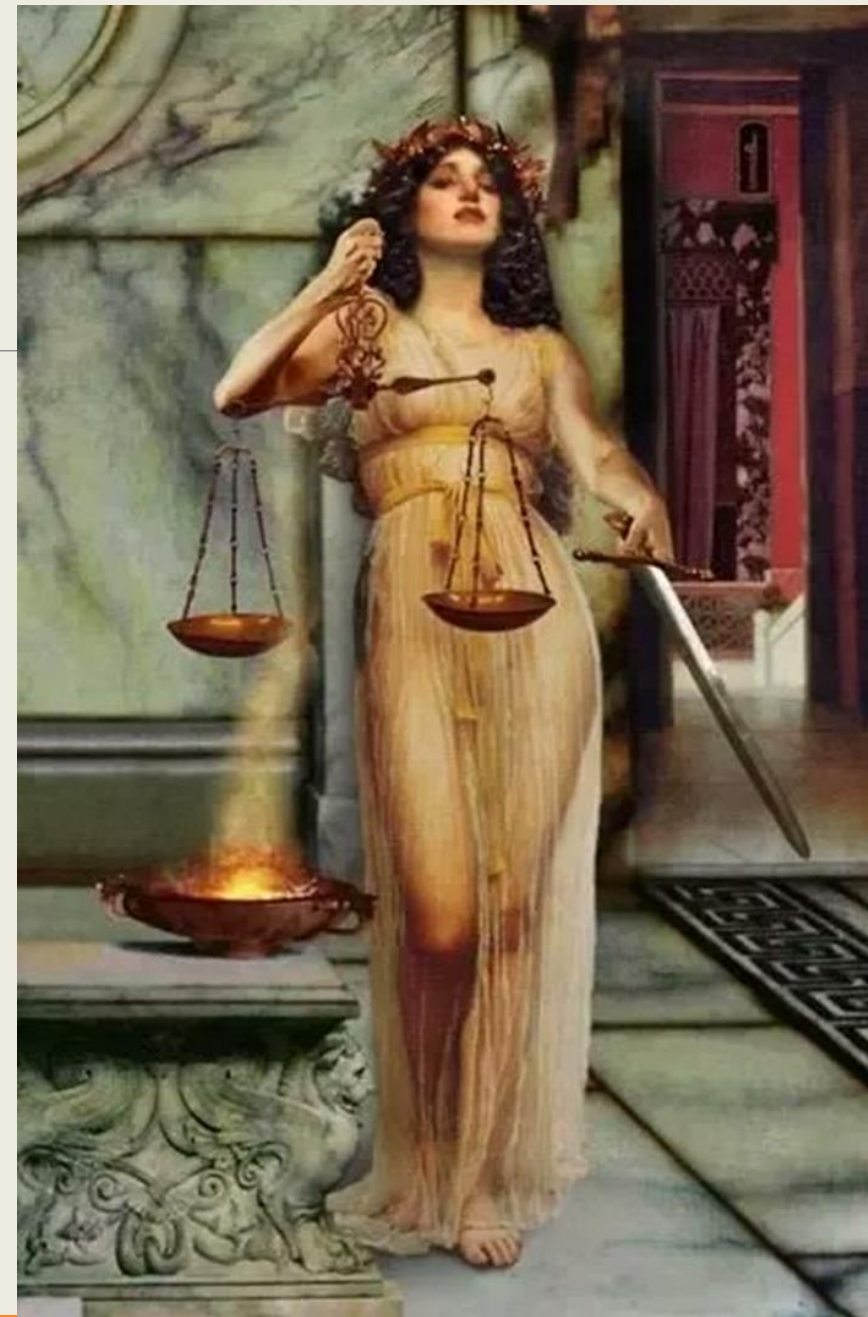
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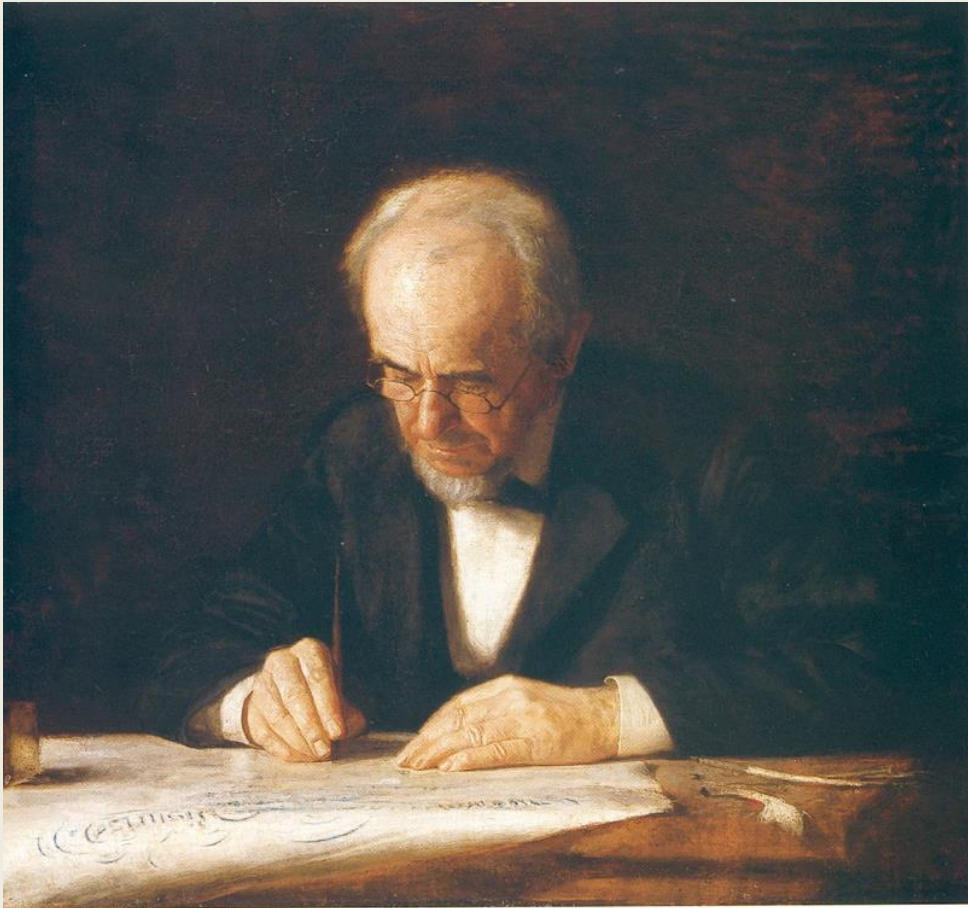
# Why Legal History?

- Explains the legal and juridical change
  - historical explanations, backgrounds
- Legal context
  - To understand today's events or incidents
  - Modern and updated version of older phenomenon
- Awareness of history
  - Historical connections
  - Recurring dilemma
  - Can even predict the future!



# Historical narrative / continuity

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- Some fundamental concepts do not change
  - Rulers and rules /regulation
  - Sense of justice (commerce)
  - Change
- Legal thinking
- Legal culture

# Nordic commercial law in history

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- Nordic legal culture
  - Civil law vs. Common law countries
- Similar social system, values in life
- Collaboration was needed in small countries
  - Nordic meetings since 1872
- Katja Tikka: Shipping Legal Norms (2020)
  - Nordic countries offered 'laboratories' to experiments
  - No age-old strong tradition
  - Flexibility
  - Legal transplants





# Circular economy before circular economy

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- Business history of waste and scarcity
- A multidisciplinary research project
- Why did some Finnish companies adopt ecologically sustainable business models in the 19th or 20th centuries?
- How did legal and regulatory frameworks evolve?
- What impact did they have on the activities of private actors, both consumers and firms?

