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Banking and finance (including shipping finance)

TIER 1

Wikborg Rein leverages its strong shipping and offshore practice to advise on financing transactions; the group acted for Skandinaviska Enskilda Banken on the financing of the merger between Det Norske Oljeselskap and BP Norge, and assisted a group of commercial lenders with the financing of two expedition cruise vessels. *'Dedicated lawyer'* Johan Rasmussen and Christoffer Bergene lead the banking and finance team and regulatory teams respectively; Alexander Owesen, Henrik Hafstad and Bernhard Haukali are also names to note.

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Bernhard Haukali
Johan Rasmussen

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Henrik Hafstad – Wikborg Rein

Capital markets

TIER 1

Dag Erik Rasmussen heads the '*leading*' department at **Wikborg Rein**, which is '*great for debt work*, particularly in the offshore, energy and shipping sectors; clients include Songa Bulk, Solstad Farstad and Questerre Energy. Rasmussen recently advised Rem Offshore on its restructuring, including a NOK170m equity placement.

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Commercial, corporate and M&A

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Sigurd Opedal, who is *'an outstanding professional and highly service-minded M&A expert'*, leads Wikborg Rein's team, which excels in M&A, particularly matters with a cross-border element. In a recent highlight, Opedal handled Norsk Hydro's NOK27bn acquisition of a 50% stake in Sapa; he also advised Altor Equity Partners on Altor Fund IV's investment into Nordic Trustee and assisted with Summa Equity Fund I's acquisition of EcoOnline. Ketil Bøe leads the corporate finance group, Jan Erik Clausen leads the firm's Bergen-based practice, and clients praise senior lawyer Espen Furuholt. Marianne Sahl Sveen joined Arntzen de Besche.

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Espen Furuholt

Construction

TIER 2

Ola Nisja leads **Wikborg Rein's** *'hands-on and knowledgeable'* group and specialises in project litigation; he acted for Peab Bolig Prosjekt in a dispute surrounding defects in a residential project. Clients also praise senior lawyers Marius Egeberg and Johannes Meyer-Myklestad. Erlend Holstrøm joined Advokatfirmaet Schjødt AS.

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Dispute resolution

TIER 1

Recent work for the *'outstanding'* department at **Wikborg Rein** includes representing the Norwegian Oil Taxation Office in a dispute relating to transfer pricing issues, and acting for Avena Shipping Company, Dalnave Navigation and Assuranceforeningen Gard in proceedings relating to a vessel grounding. Kaare Andreas Shetelig leads the group; Ola Haugen, Ola Nisja (who is *'not only an excellent lawyer but consistently provides top strategic advice'*) and Bergen-based employment expert Dag Steinfeld also receive praise.

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Ola Nisja

Electricity and renewable energy

TIER 2

“**Wikborg Rein’s** department is now led by Tormod Ludvik Nilsen following Jon Rabben’s move to Wiersholm; Nilsen handles international contract negotiations and asset sales, and regularly acts for energy developers in Asia. Hafslund, NTE Energi and Sarepta Energi are clients.”

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Employment

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Wikborg Rein's *'very knowledgeable'* team provides *'clear and pragmatic advice'* and is *'a genuine pleasure to work with'*. Practice head Jan Backer acts for public sector clients; he recently advised Akershus University Hospital on an internal investigation. Norgesgruppen, Gard and Siemens are also clients. Dag Steinfeld and Fredrik Gisholt focus on litigation, and Simen Smeby Lium is *'highly professional, with a calm and assured manner'*.

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Simen Smeby Lium

EU and competition

TIER 3

Key practitioners in **Wikborg Rein's** 'exceptional' team includes procurement and state aid team head Line Camilla Werner, senior lawyer Eivind Stage, procurement specialist Rolf Riisnæs and special counsel Alf Amund Gulsvik. Jonn Ola Sørensen is now a judge.

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Insolvency and corporate recovery

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Led by restructuring specialist Kaare Christian Tapper, **Wikborg Rein's** department advised on Farstad Shipping's restructuring and acted for the lenders on the restructuring of Olympic Ship. DNB Bank, Nordea Bank, SpareBank1 and Solstad Offshore are also clients. Leif Petter Madsen is recommended for bankruptcies, and Marius Gisvold focuses on restructurings.

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Leif Petter Madsen

Insurance

TIER 1

At 'first-class firm' **Wikborg Rein**, practice head Anders Færden is advising Norwegian Broker on liability issues following the bankruptcy of Gable, and is assisting a hull insurer with issues surrounding the confiscation of a tank vessel. XL Catlin, Norwegian Hull Club and QBE are also clients. Christoffer Bergene is recommended for regulatory matters and Gaute Gjelsten (who is 'excellent at settlement negotiations') handles marine insurance disputes.

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Anders Færden

Intellectual property

TIER 2

Recent highlights for **Wikborg Rein's** 'dedicated team of knowledgeable, professional and confident individuals' include representing Teva Europe in a patent dispute relating to Boehringer Ingelheim's drug Spiriva, and acting for Neptune Pharma in a trade mark dispute against Benchmark Animal Health. Pål Wien Espen leads the department, which also counts Rolf Riisnæs, whose 'strategic overview and attention to detail is exceptional', and litigator Gunnar Meyer as key names. Ingvild Hanssen-Bauer joined Kvale Advokatfirma DA.

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Maritime law

TIER 1

“**Wikborg Rein** is 'a top firm in the market' and has 'a proactive and structured approach'. The group is jointly led by Gaute Gjelsten and Øyvind Axe, who specialise in litigation and transactional issues respectively. Highlights included advising Solstad Offshore on its merger with Farstad Shipping and Deep Sea Supply, and representing Dolphin Drilling in an arbitration relating to the breach of a rig contract. Morten Lund Mathisen leads the department's emergency response team.

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Offshore construction and shipbuilding

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Wikborg Rein 'manages to quickly turn around top-quality advice that is always commercial and provides the exact answers needed'. Øystein Meland is 'a clear leader for shipbuilding work' and the group is recommended for its contentious expertise. Gaute Gjelsten and Øyvind Axe jointly lead the department.

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Øystein Meland

Oil and gas

TIER 2

“**Wikborg Rein's** *'excellent'* department includes *'talented professional'* Dag Mjaaland as head of the gas team, and the *'very impressive'* Aadne Haga as leader of the energy group, with other notable names including managing partner Finn Bjørnstad and litigator Ola Nisja. Clients include Cairn Energy and Naftogaz of Ukraine; Mjaaland is representing the latter in the Gazprom disputes. Jon Rabben joined Wiersholm and Oddbjørn Slinning joined SANDS.

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Real estate

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Wikborg Rein's *'undeniable transactional track record'* includes advising Storebrand Eiendom Utvikling on the sale of a stake in a property-owning company. Ingrid Høstmælingen and Gøran Mjelde Aarvik jointly lead the practice; Høstmælingen is *'exceptionally knowledgeable'* and Aarvik is *'commercially brilliant'*. Lars Ulleberg Jensen joined from Advokatfirmaet Thommessen AS.

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Ingrid Høstmælingen
Lars Ulleberg Jensen

Tax
TIER 2

“**Wikborg Rein** is recommended for handling offshore, shipping, energy and real estate tax mandates; highlights included representing the Norwegian Oil Taxation Office in a dispute against Statoil relating to transfer pricing issues, and advising Storebrand Eiendom on the tax issues surrounding a commercial property development. Anders Myklebust leads the group, Are Zachariassen focuses on tax structuring and Kaare Andreas Shetelig handles litigation.”

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Wikborg Rein's department head Pål Wien Espen focuses on the telecoms and technology sectors, Rolf Riisnæs is 'an authority in the region for ICT contracts' and Torleif Dahl handles telecoms work. Highlights included advising Schibsted on contractual issues; assisting Sykehuspartner with the outsourcing of telecoms, networks and data centres; and reviewing privacy practices for Opera Software in preparation for the implementation of the GDPR.

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OLA Ø. NISJA

WORK DEPARTMENT

Contract and Construction, Litigation and Arbitration.

POSITION

Ola Ø. Nisja is a Partner at Wikborg Rein's Oslo office and is head of the firm's Contract Law and Construction practice. He has substantial experience in litigation and dispute resolution and is admitted to the Supreme Court. Nisja is recommended and referred to within his practice areas by inter alia Chambers Global, Chambers Europe, Legal 500, International Financial Law Review (IFLR) and Finansavisen.

CAREER

2012- Partner, Wikborg Rein, Oslo. 2008-2012 Attorney, Attorney General's Office. 2012 Lecturer/Subject Coordinator, Contract Law I, Lillehammer University College. 2004- Lecturer in inter alia contract law and civil procedure, Faculty of Law, University of Oslo. 2004-2007 Associate/Senior Associate, Wikborg Rein, Oslo. 2003 Research Assistant and Teaching Assistant, Scandinavian Institute of Maritime Law, Faculty of Law, University of Oslo.

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2011 Admitted to the Supreme Court. 2011 Visiting Research Fellow, Columbia Law School. 2005 Visiting Scholar/Advanced Negotiation Workshop, Harvard Law School. 2003 Master of Commercial and Corporate Law (LLM), King's College, London. 2003 Cand.jur., University of Oslo.

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KETIL E BØE

WORK DEPARTMENT

M&A, Fisheries and Aquaculture

POSITION

Ketil E. Bøe is a Partner at Wikborg Rein's Oslo office and is part of the firm's M&A practice. Bøe has 20 years of experience as advisor to investors, securities firms, banks and companies with establishments, share listings and issues, mergers, acquisitions, divestments and restructurings both in Norway and abroad. In addition he advises a number of profiled Norwegian businesses with investments, project work and general commercial law advice. He also actively advises on debt capital market matters, particularly corporate bond issues and Norwegian and international borrowing programmes for Norwegian and foreign issuers. Bøe is recognized by Chambers and Partners as "Leaders in their field" in the categories Capital Markets and Corporate M&A.

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EDUCATION

1987 Cand.jur., University of Oslo.



JAN L BACKER

WORK DEPARTMENT

Employment Law, Litigation and Arbitration

POSITION

Jan L. Backer is a partner at Wikborg Rein's Oslo office. He is heading our employment practice. Backer has an extensive experience in advising companies and industry clients on a broad range of issues. He has considerable experience in international transactions. Backer has worked on employment law issues for more than 20 years. His general knowledge of and long-term relationship with management in business and industry makes him a valuable advisor with respect to contractual issues, termination and other questions relating to the management. He is frequently used for discussing and preparing pension arrangements as well as advising on conflicts pertaining to pension issues. Backer has been much involved in reorganizations and downscaling. He is a member of the Norwegian Bar Association's Panel for employment law. Backer is recommended by Chambers and Partners as "Leaders in their field" in the category Employment.

CAREER

1991- Partner, Wikborg Rein, Oslo. 1988-1990 Associate, Wikborg Rein, Oslo. 1986-1987 Deputy judge, Drammen byrett. 1984-1986 Executive officer, Tax Department, The Norwegian Ministry of Finance.

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Backer speaks English, Spanish and the Scandinavian languages.

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FINN BJØRNSTAD

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Shipping Offshore, Financing, Company Law

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Finn Bjørnstad is the Managing Partner in Wikborg Rein and is part of the firm's Shipping Offshore practice.

Most of his clients are Norwegian and foreign banks and shipowners, and his main areas of practice are: issues relating to newbuildings/conversion projects for ships, financing and purchase/sale/affreightment of ships and offshore vessels, project finance for different assets in Norway and abroad, as well as towards the private equity market – both for investors and brokers – in connection with establishing projects in Norway and abroad. Bjørnstad holds several board positions.

Bjørnstad is recommended by Chambers and Partners as "Leaders in their field" in the categories Energy, Oil & Gas and Shipping Finance.

CAREER

2015- Partner (Managing Partner 2015-), Wikborg Rein, Oslo, 2011-2015 Partner, Wikborg Rein, London, 2005-2011 Partner, Wikborg Rein, Oslo, 2003-2005 Partner, Wikborg Rein, Singapore, 1993-2003 Partner, Wikborg Rein, Oslo, 1990-1993 Partner, Wikborg Rein, London, 1989 Associate, Wikborg Rein, Kobe, Japan, 1985-1989 Associate, Wikborg Rein, Bergen/Oslo

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Information, Communication and Technology (ICT) Law

POSITION

Line Coll is a Partner at Wikborg Rein's Oslo office and head of the firm's Information, Communication and Technology (ICT) Law practice.

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Information, Communication and Technology (ICT) Law, M&A

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Torleif Dahl is a Specialist Counsel at Wikborg Rein's Oslo office and is part of the firm's IP and Technology practice. He has, for a number of years, advised international, Nordic and Norwegian TMT companies on mergers, acquisitions, sale and restructuring. Since 1994, Dahl has been head of Wikborg Rein's IT, Media and Telecommunications Group. He has led and conducted contractual negotiations in the IT-sector and advised on issues relating to mobile telephone licences. He is also on the board of several companies within the TMT-sectors. Dahl is considered "Highly recommended" by 'PLC Which Lawyer? Yearbook' within IT and e-commerce. He is also listed by 'International Who's Who of Regulatory Communications Lawyers' and by Practical Law Company as "highly recommended", both within Telecommunications and IT and e-commerce.

CAREER

Has, since 1993, advised Telia Sonera AB (formerly known as Telia AB (publ)) in connection with its business activities in Norway. Advising Yahoo! (from 2001). Nokia Solutions and Networks and DigiPlex (from 2001), Advising the Norwegian Armed Forces in connection with the satellite project P8711. Advising Eltel Group Oy with the establishment of Eltel Sønnico AS with Umoe AS from February 2014, Acted as counsel to TDC A/S in connection with the acquisition of Get AS in October 2014

MEMBER

Norwegian Bar Association.

EDUCATION

1991 Master of Laws (LLM), Columbia University, New York, 1986 Cand. jur., University of Oslo.



TROND EILERTSEN

WORK DEPARTMENT

Shipping offshore

POSITION

Trond Eilertsen is a Partner at Wikborg Rein's Oslo office and is and head of the firm's Energy Shipping and Offshore practice. His main areas of practice are matters relating to shipping and maritime law, contract law, insurance law and financing. He has extensive litigation experience before the Norwegian courts and in arbitration proceedings, and has been used as an arbitrator in Norway as well as abroad. Eilertsen has been an examiner and supervisor at the Faculty of Law in Oslo, Institute of Maritime Law. He has been Wikborg Rein's Chairman of the Board from 2007-2014 and he also managed the firm's office in Kobe, Japan, for three years. Eilertsen has had various directorship positions across the maritime industry, including marine insurance, shipping and offshore operations, marine service companies and investment funds. Eilertsen is admitted to the Norwegian Supreme Court and is recommended by Chambers and Partners as "Leaders in their field" in the categories Shipping: Corporate/Commercial, Litigation.

CAREER

1990- Partner, Wikborg Rein, Oslo 2007-2014 Chairman of the Board of Wikborg Rein
1987-1989 Head of Wikborg Rein's office in Kobe, Japan 1984-1987 Associate, Wikborg Rein, Oslo 1983-1984 Deputy Judge, Lofoten sorenskriverembete 1980-1983 Assistant Lecturer, Department of Public and International Law, University of Bergen

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CAREER

2005- Partner, Wikborg Rein. 2000-2005 Partner, Vogt & Wiig. 1993-2000 Partner, Evensen & Co. 1991-1993 Associate, Evensen & Co. 1989-1990 Deputy Judge, Gjøvik District Court. 1988-1991 Associate, Thommessen Krefting Greve, Oslo and London.

MEMBER

Norwegian Bar Association.

EDUCATION

2000 Admitted to the Supreme Court. 1992 Practising Certificate. 1987 Cand. jur., University of Oslo.



MARIUS GISVOLD

WORK DEPARTMENT

Corporate Law, M&A.

POSITION

Marius Morsund Gisvold is a Partner at Wikborg Rein's Oslo office and is part of the firm's M&A practice. Gisvold is an "all-rounder", who started out writing an award-winning book on contracts in the petroleum business. He then mainly worked within the areas of maritime law and maritime insurance. He handled several large cases relating to the loss of ships in the 80's and early 90's. In 1990 Gisvold had a significant role in establishing the Norwegian derivative market, and then mainly worked with stock exchange and securities law, especially with issues relating to mergers and acquisitions. Gisvold has, for many years, been an external examiner of the subjects of law of mortgage and pledges, property law and law of bankruptcy, at the legal faculty in Oslo. He has also worked a lot with re-financing, restructuring, debt negotiations and bankruptcies, specialising in the handling of crises. Gisvold also has extensive experience in negotiating large and complex agreements in the international arena, and speaks several languages fluently. Gisvold has been stationed at Wikborg Rein's former Rotterdam office (1986-1987), and at the London office, which he established (1987-1990). Board member of Wikborg Rein (1990-1995) as well as managing partner (1995-1997). Gisvold is recommended by Chambers and Partners as "Leaders in their field" in the category Corporate M&A, and is ranked in several other corresponding publications within Corporate M&A, restructuring and "Corporate Governance".

CAREER

1999-2000 Temporary Presiding Judge, Borgarting lagdømme. 1990- Partner, Wikborg Rein, Oslo. 1990 Temporary Presiding Judge, Hålogaland lagdømme. 1987-1990 Resident Lawyer, Wikborg Rein, London. 1986-1987 Resident Lawyer, Scandinavian Law Office, Rotterdam. 1985- External Examiner, Faculty of Law, University of Oslo. 1983-1986 Associate, Wikborg Rein, Oslo. 1980-1983 Assistant Lecturer and Temporary Assistant Professor, Scandinavian Institute of Maritime Law, University of Oslo.

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CAREER

2005- Partner, Wikborg Rein, Oslo. 2003-2004 Senior Associate, Wikborg Rein, Oslo. 2000-2002 Norwegian Consul-General, Kobe/Osaka, Japan. 2000-2002 Japan Representative, Wikborg Rein, Kobe, Japan. 1998-1999 Associate, Wikborg Rein, Oslo. 1995-1997 Lecturer, lectures on sale of goods law, contract law and administrative law, University of Oslo. 1994-1995 Assistant Lecturer, Institute of Civil Law, University of Oslo.

MEMBER

Norwegian Bar Association.

EDUCATION

2000 Practising Certificate. 1997 Cand. jur., University of Oslo.



INGRID K. HØSTMÆLINGEN

WORK DEPARTMENT

Commercial Property

POSITION

Ingrid K. Høstmælingen is a Partner at Wikborg Rein's Oslo office and head of the firm's Commercial Property practice. She assists both operational and institutional players, and has in the recent years also provided assistance to international investors in the Norwegian property market. Høstmælingen is frequently used as a lecturer, including for Norwegian Real Estate Agents/Forum for Commercial Brokers, the Norwegian Bar Association etc. Høstmælingen was in 2016 and 2017 top ranked as "Up and coming" real estate lawyer in the Norwegian Financial Daily's annual lawyers survey.

CAREER

2016- Partner, Wikborg Rein, Oslo, 2015 Partner and head of the Real Estate practice, Steenstrup Stordrange, 2014 Senior Lawyer, BAHR, 2010-2014 Senior Associate, BAHR, 2005-2010 Associate, Wikborg Rein, Oslo and London

EDUCATION

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POSITION

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CAREER

2013- Partner, Wikborg Rein, Oslo. 2011-2012 Senior Lawyer, Wikborg Rein, Oslo. 2009 Senior Associate, Wikborg Rein, Oslo. 2004-2008 Associate, Wikborg Rein, Oslo. 2004 Trainee, Wikborg Rein, Oslo. 2003 Trainee, Rana municipal court. 1999 Peacekeeping service, the Balkans. 1996-1997 Executive officer, Royal Norwegian Consulate General, Murmansk, Russia.

EDUCATION

2009 Practising Certificate. 2004 Cand.jur., University of Bergen. 1998 Single-term course, Serbo-Croatian, University of Oslo. 1996 Intermediate subject, Russian, University of Bergen. 1995 Norwegian armed forces Russian language course, equivalent to (one year) university basic subject.

OLA HAUGEN

WORK DEPARTMENT

Litigation and Arbitration, Contract and Construction

POSITION

Ola Haugen is a Partner at Wikborg Rein's Oslo office and is head of the firm's Litigation and Arbitration practice. Haugen's main areas of practice include issues relating to litigation and dispute resolution, as well as contractual law, real estate and administrative law. Haugen is admitted to the Norwegian Supreme Court and is recommended by Chambers and Partners as "Leaders in their field" in the category Dispute Resolution.

CAREER

2001- Partner, Wikborg Rein, Oslo. 1993-2001 Associate and Senior Associate, the Attorney General, Oslo. 1991-1992 Assistant Lecturer, Department of Private Law, University of Oslo.

MEMBER

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Banking and Finance, Shipping Offshore.

POSITION

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CAREER

1992 – Partner, Wikborg Rein, Oslo. 1989-1993 Resident Lawyer, Wikborg Rein, London. 1986-1991 Associate, Wikborg Rein, Bergen og Oslo. 1984-1985 Assistant Lecturer, Department of Public and International Law, University of Bergen.

MEMBER

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EDUCATION

1986 Cand. jur., University of Bergen. 1981 Subsidiary subject; Comparative Politics, University of Bergen.



ARNE DIDRIK KJØRNÆS

WORK DEPARTMENT

Company Law, M&A

POSITION

Arne Didrik Kjørnæs is a Partner at Wikborg Rein's Oslo office and is part of the firm's Corporate Law practice.

For a number of years, Kjørnæs has advised Norwegian and non-Norwegian finance institutions, securities trading firms, banks and other companies on stock exchange introductions, share issues, mergers, acquisitions and sale in Norway as well as abroad. He has led a project with the objective to implement structural changes in the Norwegian finance sector, including the merger proposals with insurance companies and banks, and has been project manager for several M&A transactions in Norway and abroad.

Kjørnæs has been a member of a number of committees on corporate, accounting, stock exchange and securities law and was retained by the Ministry of Justice in connection with the travaux préparatoires of the Companies Acts, and by the Ministry of Finance concerning amendments of insider trading rules.

Kjørnæs is admitted to the Supreme Court and is recommended by Chambers and Partners as "Leaders in their field" in the categories Capital Markets / Corporate/M&A.

CAREER

1988 – Partner, Wikborg Rein, Oslo. 1984-87 Japan Representative, Wikborg Reins kontor i Kobe, Japan. 1982-84 Associate, Wikborg Rein, Oslo. 1981-82 Deputy District Judge, Ringerike Sorenskriverembete. 1980-81 Assistant Professor, Institute of Private Law, University of Oslo. 1978-79 Research Assistant, Institute of Private Law, University of Oslo.

MEMBER

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Employment Law, Litigation and Arbitration

POSITION

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Lium focuses on a wide range of matters related to employment law, contracts and pension. His work generally involves providing assistance to Norwegian and international clients within various industries in the private and public sector, research work and dispute resolution through negotiations and litigation before the courts. He also contributes to employment law and pensions publications, and holds seminars for clients and students at the University of Oslo.

Lium is recognised for his work as an employment law lawyer in amongst others Chambers, Legal 500 and the annual lawyer rating in the Norwegian business newspaper Finansavisen.

CAREER

2017- Partner, Wikborg Rein, Oslo, 2013-2016 Senior Lawyer, Wikborg Rein, Oslo, 2010-2012 Senior Associate, Wikborg Rein, Oslo, 2007-2009 Associate, Wikborg Rein, Oslo, 2006 Trainee at various law firms, Oslo, 2004-2005 General Manager, the "Frokostkjelleren" Foundation, 2003-2005 Case handler, Juss-Buss, the Social and Employment Law Group

EDUCATION

2009 Practising Certificate, 2006 Master of Laws, University of Oslo – Specialising in employment law (Master's thesis: "Pensions and transfer of undertakings")



TORMOD LUDVIK NILSEN

WORK DEPARTMENT

Petroleum and Energy

POSITION

Tormod L. Nilsen is a Partner at Wikborg Rein's Oslo office and is part of the firm's Petroleum and Energy practice. He headed the firm's Shanghai office from 2013 to 2016. Nilsen's main focus is Norwegian and foreign companies operating in the energy sector. He advises on both transactions and dispute resolution.

Nilsen is currently one of Norway's leading experts for companies with business operations and exposure to China. He has been main legal advisor on a number of projects for Norwegian companies in China within different industries (in particular energy, shipping and supply). He also has extensive experience with Chinese dispute resolution and international enforcement.

Nilsen has particular expertise with acquisition and sale of businesses and companies (M&A) – often with international parties involved. He has recently been lead legal adviser on several Chinese acquisitions of both public and private companies in Norway. He has an extensive network in China and was until recently Chairman of the Norwegian Business Association in Shanghai (elected by and among the largest Norwegian companies in China).

Nilsen regularly speaks at conferences and universities in Norway and abroad and is also on the panel of advisors and examiners at the Law Faculty of University of Bergen.

CAREER

2017- Partner, Wikborg Rein, Oslo, 2016 Partner, Wikborg Rein, Shanghai, 2013-2016 Chief Representative, Wikborg Rein, Shanghai (Partner from 1.1.2015), 2012-2013 Senior Associate / Senior Lawyer, Wikborg Rein, Shanghai, 2009-2011 Associate / Senior Associate, Wikborg Rein, Oslo, 2008-2009 Senior Advisor, The Executive Secretariat, The Royal Norwegian Ministry of Defense, 2005-2008 Legal Advisor, The Royal Norwegian Ministry of Defense

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LEIF PETTER MADSEN

WORK DEPARTMENT

Commercial Property, Company Law, Restructuring and Insolvency

POSITION

Leif Petter Madsen is a Partner at Wikborg Rein's Oslo office and he is head of the firm's Restructuring and Insolvency practice. His areas of practice includes insolvency law, restructuring, transactions within urban business premises, company law, litigation and dispute resolution. Leif Petter Madsen has been appointed trustee in several major bankruptcies in Norway during the past 20 years. He administered the bankruptcy proceedings and dissolving of Norway's largest and most famous department store Steen & Strøm AS in Oslo. In 1997, he was appointed trustee in the bankruptcy of NOKA Securities AS, the first major stock broker to go bankrupt in recent years. Furthermore, in 2003, Madsen was appointed trustee in the Finance Credit system, in connection with the largest finance scandal in Norway. From 2011 until 2016 he administered the bankruptcy of Faktor Eiendom ASA with its 50 subsidiaries as well as the bankruptcy estates in connection with Aksjespareklubben TA-Invest. In 2015 Madsen was appointed trustee in Sydvaranger Gruve AS. In 2016 and 2017 he was been involved in the restructuring of supply and oil services as well as appointed trustee of the waste management company Veireno AS.

Besides his appointment as trustee, Madsen concentrates his insolvency practice in the field of debt reorganisation and out-of-court composition proceedings.

Madsen is admitted to the Supreme Court.

CAREER

1991 – Partner, Wikborg Rein, Oslo. 1988-1991 Legal practice in shared offices with Rime, Ro, Sommernes, Oslo. 1986-1987 Deputy Judge, Larvik Sorenskriverembete. 1984-1986 Associate, Rime, Ro, Sommernes, Oslo.

MEMBER

Norwegian Bar Association.

EDUCATION

2008 Admitted to the Norwegian Supreme Court. 1984 Cand. jur., University of Oslo.



MADS MAGNUSSEN

WORK DEPARTMENT

Competition, Litigation and Arbitration

POSITION

Magnussen advises Norwegian and foreign companies within areas of business law, in their contact with public authorities and in negotiations and dispute resolution. He also has legal assignments for and advises public authorities and entities. Magnussen has been a judge for six years, during which he mediated and presided in more than 200 civil cases within a broad spectre of legal areas, and has an expertise within civil litigation.

Magnussen's main area of expertise is competition law and he is also team leader for our legal practice group for Competition and Procurement law. Magnussen has previously worked as Legal Director of the Norwegian Competition Authority, and over the last years been appointed Acting Director General of the Competition Authority in ongoing infringement cases. Magnussen is experienced in handling large and complex competition cases and has advised in many cases before Norwegian and international competition authorities within different business areas. He also has experience from investigations and compliance work, advising in the establishment various forms of cooperation between companies, conducting legal review of companies' agreements and business conduct, and handling competition notifications of mergers and acquisitions.

CAREER

2018- Partner, Wikborg Rein, Oslo, 2012-2017 Judge, Asker and Bærum District Court, 2007-2011 Partner and Head of the Trade, Industry and Public Sector Group, Wikborg Rein, Oslo, 2003-2006 Legal Director, Norwegian Competition Authority, 2000-2002 Référéndaire, EFTA Court, Luxembourg, 1995-1999 Associate, later Senior Associate, Selmer DA, Oslo

EDUCATION

1996-1997 LLM London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE), 1995 Cand. jur., Universitetet i Oslo

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WORK DEPARTMENT

Shipping Offshore.

POSITION

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Lund Mathisen has nearly 30 years of experience in his field and has in this period handled some of the largest and most complex casualties world wide.

CAREER

2008- Partner, Wikborg Rein, Oslo. 1997-2008 Partner, Wikborg Rein, London. 1997 Partner, Wikborg Rein, Kobe, Japan. 1995-1997 Norwegian Consul-General, Kobe/Osaka, Japan. 1992-1996 Japan Representative, Wikborg Rein, Kobe, Japan. 1988-1992 Associate, Wikborg Rein, Oslo. 1987-1988 Deputy Judge, Ålesund. 1987 Police Public Prosecutor, Moss Police Headquarters, Moss.

MEMBER

Norwegian Bar Association.

EDUCATION

1991 Coastal Skipper Certificate. 1986 Cand. jur., University of Oslo.



GUNNAR MEYER

WORK DEPARTMENT

Information, Communication and Technology (ICT) Law, Litigation and Arbitration, Intellectual Property

POSITION

Gunnar Meyer is a Partner at Wikborg Rein's Oslo office and is part of the firm's IP and Technology. Meyer primarily works with intellectual property matters, especially within the areas of patent and trade mark law. He also has wide experience in issues regarding contract, construction, competition, company, energy and public law. He has extensively pleaded cases before the courts at all levels, including the Supreme Court. Meyer is recommended by Chambers and Partners as "Leaders in their field" in the category Intellectual Property. Meyer is admitted to the Norwegian Supreme Court.

CAREER

2000- Partner, Wikborg, Rein, Oslo. 1993-2000 Partner, Lund, Gundersen & Co. (later Gundersen & Co.), Oslo. 1991-1993 Senior Associate, Haavind & Haga, Oslo. 1987-1991 Senior Associate, the Attorney General, Oslo. 1986-1987 Associate, Hauge & Stang Lund, Oslo. 1984-1985 Deputy Judge, Nordre Sunnmøre District Court. 1983-1984 Executive Officer, Legal Department, the Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs. 1979-1980 Assistant Lecturer, Scandinavian Institute of Maritime Law, University of Oslo.

MEMBER

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EDUCATION

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CAREER

1999 – Partner, Wikborg Rein, Oslo. 1997-1999 Associate, Wikborg Rein, Oslo. 1983-1997 The Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs, most recently as Deputy Director General, Legal Department. 1980-1982 Assistant Lecturer, Department of Public and International Law, University of Oslo.

MEMBER

Norwegian Bar Association.

EDUCATION

1982 Cand. jur., University of Oslo. 1979 Bachelor of Arts (Intermediate subject: Russian), University of Oslo.



SUSANNE MUNCH THORE

WORK DEPARTMENT

Company Law. Capital Markets.

POSITION

Susanne Munch Thore is the Managing Partner of Wikborg Rein and based in the firm's Oslo office. She is part of the firm's Corporate Law practice. Munch Thore has assisted both foreign and Norwegian entities in connection with mergers and acquisitions (M&A), capital market transactions including stock exchange listings, as well as transactions pertaining to company law and securities law. Munch Thore assists Private Equity and Venture Capital firms, with portfolio-, public-to-private-, and exit transactions. Before Munch Thore joined Wikborg Rein, she worked as a lawyer at the Oslo Stock Exchange (1992-1993). Clients include private equity companies, stock-listed companies, Norwegian and foreign investment banks, and non-listed entities. Munch Thore has headed the Norwegian Bar Association's permanent advising group in corporate law from 2002 to 2006. Munch Thore was in 2009 recommended by Chambers and Partners and Legal 500 as "Leaders in their field" in the category Corporate M&A and Capital Markets.

CAREER

1993- Partner, Wikborg Rein, Oslo (Managing Partner 2011-). 1992-1993 Lawyer, Oslo Stock Exchange. 1988 Visiting Lawyer, Jones Day Reavies & Pogue, New York. 1987-1991 Associate, Wikborg Rein, Oslo. 1983-1984 Assistant Lecturer, Scandinavian Institute of Maritime Law, University of Oslo.

MEMBER

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EDUCATION

1989 Master of Laws (L.L.M.), International law, Georgetown University. 1987 Cand. jur., University of Oslo. 1985 Diploma of International Affairs, John Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies, Bologna.

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ANDERS MYKLEBUST

WORK DEPARTMENT

M&A, Tax

POSITION

Anders Myklebust is a Partner at Wikborg Rein's Oslo office and is part of the firm's Tax practice.

Myklebust mainly works with issues related to tax laws and company laws. He has previously been employed in the Central Tax Office for large-sized companies (Sentralskattekontoret for storbedrifter) and has published a book and several articles in connection with tax law.

The work related to tax comprises all areas within tax, charges and duties, but primarily related to corporate taxation. This includes giving advice in tax issues related to transactions, structuring the transactions, transfer pricing etc, as well as day to day tax advice to companies. The work also includes assistance to companies in their contact with the tax authorities, appeals and court cases. In addition to corporate taxation Myklebust has also wide experience related to the special tax regimes for shipping company (tonnage tax), as well as experience from the tax regimes related to hydroelectric power plants and petroleum activities. He also works with ordinary personal taxation, including taxation of earn out related to employed shareholders' sale of companies.

Within the area of charges and duties Myklebust has worked with both VAT, inheritance tax and special duties. He has also experience from court cases related to these issues. In addition to tax issues, Myklebust has also experience from ordinary corporate work by assisting the involved parties in connection with sale and purchase of companies. This includes all aspects from negotiation of sale and purchase agreements, shareholders agreements, due diligence processes and closing of transactions. He has also extensive experience from sale and purchase of real estate companies. This work has often a connection to the work related to tax and VAT issues in the transactions.

Myklebust is recommended by Chambers and Partners as "Leaders in their field" in the category Tax.

CAREER

2008 – Partner, Wikborg Rein, Oslo. 2005-2007 Senior Associate, Wikborg Rein, Oslo. 2002-2005 Associate, Wikborg Rein, Oslo. 1998-2001 Legal Adviser, Central Tax Office for large-sized companies (Sentralskattekontoret for storbedrifter), Moss.

MEMBER

Norwegian bar Association.

EDUCATION

2005 Practising Certificate. 1998 Law Degree, University of Oslo.



SIGURD OPEDAL

WORK DEPARTMENT

Company Law, M&A, Capital Markets

POSITION

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CAREER

2007- Partner, Wikborg Rein. 2004-2006 Senior Associate, Wikborg Rein, Oslo. 2002-2004 Associate, Wikborg Rein, Oslo. 2001 Deputy Judge, Horten. 1999-2001 Associate, Wikborg Rein, Oslo.

MEMBER

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EDUCATION

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Financing, M&A

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CAREER

2009- Partner, Wikborg Rein, Oslo. 2006-2008 Senior Associate, Wikborg Rein, Oslo. 2001-2005 Associate, Wikborg Rein, Oslo. 2000 Trainee, Wikborg Rein, Oslo.

MEMBER

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EDUCATION

2003 Practising license. 2001 Cand. jur., University of Oslo.



DAG ERIK RASMUSSEN

WORK DEPARTMENT

M&A, Capital Markets

POSITION

Dag Erik Rasmussen is a Partner at Wikborg Rein's Oslo office and is head of the firm's Capital Markets practice. Rasmussen primarily works with transactions relating to listed companies and advises companies, investment banks and investors. He also lectures on company- stock exchange- and securities law. Rasmussen has experience as a board member in listed companies and investment companies. He represents the Norwegian Society of Financial Analysts on the Norwegian Corporate Governance Board.

CAREER

2012- Partner, Wikborg Rein, Oslo. 2000-2012 Partner, Selmer DA. 1998-2000 Head of Legal Department, Oslo Børs. 1995-1998 Lawyer, Oslo Børs. 1993-1994 Lawyer, Lillehammer Olympic Organisation Committee. 1993-1994 Associate, Wiersholm, Mellbye & Bech Advokatfirma AS. 1992-1993 Associate, Hauge, Stang & Lund. 1990-1993 Deputy Judge, Nedre Romerike District Court. 1989-1990 Chief Superintendent, Larvik Police District.

EDUCATION

1989 Cand.jur., University of Oslo. 1981 Political Science, Molde University College.

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WORK DEPARTMENT

Company Law, Financing

POSITION

Johan Rasmussen is a Partner at Wikborg Rein's Oslo office and is part of the firm's Banking and Finance practice. Rasmussen mainly works with issues relating to financing, security, documentation and restructuring. He has also conducted several cases within these areas before the Norwegian courts. Before joining Wikborg Rein he worked in the Oslo municipality with legal issues relating to real estate. Furthermore, he worked in Christiania Bank og Kreditkasse ASA. Rasmussen is recommended by Chambers and Partners as "Leaders in their field" in the category Banking Finance.

CAREER

2002 – Partner, Wikborg Rein, Oslo. 1999-2002 Senior Associate, Wikborg Rein, Oslo. 1997-1998 Associate, Wikborg Rein, Oslo. 1992-1997 Associate and Lawyer, Legal Department, Christiania Bank og Kreditkasse ASA, Oslo. 1990-1992 Adviser, Section for Housing and Real Estate Development, City of Oslo.

MEMBER

Norwegian Bar Association.

EDUCATION

1990 Cand. jur., University of Oslo.



ROLF RIISNÆS

WORK DEPARTMENT

Information, Communication and Technology (ICT) Law, Intellectual Property, Data Protection, Procurement

POSITION

Rolf Riisnæs dr. juris, is a Partner at Wikborg Rein's Oslo office, head of the firm's IP and Technology practice. Riisnæs' areas of expertise are within technology and IT-procurements, including contracts and negotiations, data protection, eBusiness/eGovernment, information security, including electronic signature, digital certificates and certification services (PKI). He also works with copyright issues, in particular license agreements.

Riisnæs mostly assists clients with large, complex procurements, including strategic legal counsel on procurement law, contract law, negotiations and contract management, as well as within specialties such as data protection (privacy) and information security.

Riisnæs has, in recent years, counseled clients in several major strategic procurements, among others, the Agency for Public Management and eGovernment (Difi), the National Police Directorate, Norges Bank (the central bank of Norway), Helse Sør-Øst RHF (the South-Eastern Norway Regional Health Authority) and Orkla. He is now assisting i.a., Sykehuspartner in outsourcing important parts of the IT-infrastructure for Helse Sør-Øst RHF and affiliated companies. He has a wide experience in coordinating and leading Wikborg Rein's procurement team on specific complex projects.

Riisnæs has expert knowledge of the application of all standard agreements for the State regarding IT-procurements (SSA) and the adaptation of such standard agreements for specific procurements. He counseled the Agency for Public Management and eGovernment (Difi) in their total overhaul of SSAs in 2014-2015. He also counseled Difi in a complete update and quality assurance of SSAs in 2008-2009 as well as in the completion and quality assurance of the Agile Software Development Agreement (SSA-S) in 2013/2014.

Riisnæs continually assists several of Wikborg Rein's clients regarding privacy and information security. He has also reviewed privacy and information security issues in connection with the handling of personal information within the health sector and in public portals such as Altinn (Government Internet portal for public reporting) and ID-porten (Government eID-portal).

Riisnæs was appointed Dr. juris in 2006 for his thesis regarding digital certificates and certification services (PKI). He has been involved in several projects regarding PKI, electronic signatures, eGovernment and the development of legal framework for the e-commerce sector. He played a central role in the development of regulations regarding electronic communication with and within the government

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(the eGovernment Regulations) as well as a new user guide for it. In 2012 Riisnæs was assigned by the Ministry of Local Government and Modernisation to review proposals for changes in the Public Administration Act and the eGovernment Regulations regarding i.a. consent requirements and adaptations for realization of the Government's strategy for digital communication with citizens.

Riisnæs is credited by Legal 500 and Expert Guides in the categories Intellectual property and TMT as well as by Chambers and Who's Who Legal in the area of Information technology.

CAREER

2010- Partner, Wikborg Rein, Oslo. 2007-2009 Senior Associate, Wikborg Rein, Oslo. 2006 Associate, Wikborg Rein, Oslo. 2000-2005 Researcher/Scholarship-holder for doctorate (part time). 1994-1999 Researcher, Norwegian Research Centre for Computers and Law (NRCLL), Faculty of Law, University of Oslo (part time). 1994-1999 Associate, Wikborg Rein, Oslo (part time). 1990-1993 Research Assistant, Norwegian Research Centre for Computers and Law (NRCLL), Faculty of Law, University of Oslo (part time). 1985-1987 Financial Secretary, Norsk AS Philips.

MEMBER

Norwegian Bar Association.

EDUCATION

2007 Practising Certificate. 2006 Dr. juris, University of Oslo. 1993 Cand.jur., University of Oslo.



PER ANDERS SÆHLE

WORK DEPARTMENT

M&A, Capital Markets

POSITION

Per Anders Sæhle is a Partner at Wikborg Rein's Oslo office and is part of the firm's Capital Markets practice. Sæhle works with corporate finance and securities and has extensive experience with mergers and acquisitions, business restructurings, share offerings, de-mergers, exchange quotations, delistings etc. Sæhle has particular expertise in Norwegian securities law, including Securities Trading Act.

CAREER

2003- Partner, Wikborg Rein, Oslo. 2002 Senior Associate, Wikborg Rein, Oslo. 2000-2001 Lawyer, Juridisk avdeling, Oslo Børs. 1999 Senior Associate, Wikborg Rein, Oslo. 1996-1998 Associate, Wikborg Rein, Oslo.

MEMBER

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EDUCATION

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KAARE ANDREAS SHETELIG

WORK DEPARTMENT

Litigation and Arbitration, Tax

POSITION

Kaare Andreas Shetelig is a Partner at Wikborg Rein's Oslo office and is head of the firm's Industry, Dispute Resolution & Public Sector group.

His main areas of practice include issues relating to arbitration as well as litigation and dispute resolution, including cases related to tax law, professional liability, company law, energy law and contract law as well as pension law and public administration law.

He has extensively pleaded cases before Norwegian courts at all levels, including a number of cases before the Norwegian Supreme Court, as well as ad hoc arbitration under the Norwegian Arbitration Act. In addition, he has experience as arbitrator in Norwegian arbitration cases.

Shetelig has also extensive experience with international arbitration, including cases under the ICC Rules of Arbitration and the SCC Rules. He has successfully advised and/or represented a number of buyers of natural gas in price review disputes under Long Term Gas Sales Agreements as well as parties under Share Purchase Agreements and Shareholder Agreements.

Shetelig is ranked as an "leaders in their field" individual in the category Dispute Resolution in Chambers Global and Chambers Europe 2016.

CAREER

2010- Partner, Wikborg Rein, Oslo. 2004- Lecturer (hourly-work) in i.a. administrative law, tax law and civil proceedings, Faculty of law, University of Oslo. 2003-2010 Attorney at Law, Office of the Attorney General (Civil Affairs), Oslo.

EDUCATION

2008 Master of Laws (LLM) in Corporate Governance and Practice, Stanford University, California. 2007 Admitted to the Norwegian Supreme Court. 2004 Bachelor of Business and Administration, Norwegian School of Management (BI), Oslo. 2003 Cand.jur., University of Oslo. 1996 Officers Candidate School, The Navy.



HERMAN STEEN

WORK DEPARTMENT

Litigation and Arbitration, Shipping Offshore

POSITION

Herman Steen is a Partner at Wikborg Rein's Oslo office and is part of the firm's Shipping Offshore practice as well as the Maritime and Offshore Emergency Response Team. He is also one of the editors of the firm's Shipping Offshore Update.

Steen is mainly working with international maritime law and marine insurance law. He has particular experience with maritime casualties, assisting Norwegian and international clients, including P&I clubs, hull insurers and shipowners in connection with investigation of incidents, salvage, wreck removal, pollution, collision, grounding, cargo claims etc. He has extensive experience with cover disputes under P&I and hull insurances. He is also working with decommissioning of oil platforms and other offshore installations.

He has wide litigation experience, both as a lawyer and as a judge. He has acted as a mediator on numerous occasions. He is also an experienced negotiator, both in relation to deals and disputes.

Steen has been working out of the firm's offices in Oslo, London and Kobe, Japan. He has previously been deputy judge in Oslo District Court and Drammen District Court, and also junior researcher with the Scandinavian Institute of Maritime Law, where he wrote a thesis on voyage charter parties which has been published in the Scandinavian Institute of Maritime Law's law journal. He has a masters degree in maritime law from King's College London. He has attended Harvard Law School's Program of Instruction for Lawyers (Negotiation).

Steen has for many years been teaching and marking student exams at the Scandinavian Institute of Maritime Law, and is regularly publishing maritime law and marine insurance law articles in Norwegian and international periodicals.

CAREER

2018- Partner, Wikborg Rein, Oslo, 2017 Specialist Counsel, Wikborg Rein, Oslo, 2011-2017 Senioradvokat, Wikborg Rein, Oslo, 2010 Senior Associate, Wikborg Rein, Oslo, 2010 Deputy Judge, Oslo District Court, 2009-2010 Deputy Judge, Drammen District Court, 2008-2009 Senior Associate, Wikborg Rein, Oslo, 2008 Visiting Lawyer, Ince & Co., London, 2008 Senior Associate, Wikborg Rein, London, 2006-2007 Associate, Wikborg Rein, London/Kobe, 2006 Practising Certificate, 2004-2006 Associate, Wikborg Rein, Oslo, 2003- Lecturer and Examiner at The Faculty of Law, University of Oslo (including Scandinavian Institute of Maritime Law), 2003-2004 Junior Researcher, Scandinavian Institute of Maritime Law, University of Oslo, 2000-2002 Trainee at various law firms etc.

EDUCATION

2006 Practising Certificate, 2004 Cand. jur., University of Oslo, 2004 Program of Instruction for Lawyers (Negotiation), Harvard Law School, Harvard University, 2003 Master of Maritime Law (LLM), King's College London, University of London



GEIR SVIGGUM

WORK DEPARTMENT

Litigation and Arbitration, Corporate Compliance and Crisis Management, Trade Law

POSITION

Geir Sviggum is Managing Partner International with overall responsibility for Wikborg Rein's international operations. He headed the firm's Shanghai office from 2008 to 2013. Sviggum's main focus is on the most internationalized Norwegian industries – Energy, Offshore & Shipping. He advises large and medium sized Norwegian, Chinese and international enterprises within these sectors. He speGeir Sviggum is a Partner at Wikborg Rein's Oslo office and is part of the firm's Corporate Compliance and Crisis Management practice. He is also a member of the firm's board of directors. Geir headed the firm's Shanghai office from 2008 to 2013 and was Managing Partner International with overall responsibility for Wikborg Rein's internal practice from 2012 to 2016.

Geir Sviggum's specialities are threefold:

- Compliance with a particular focus on anti-bribery and crisis management, hereunder criminal law consequences and civil disputes triggered by potential misconduct. Geir's experience spans from a role as public defender in Norwegian courts to crisis management on behalf of listed Norwegian companies following suspected misconduct, preventive advisory work for Norwegian companies and public authorities in their anti-bribery work and lecturing on anti-bribery legislation at universities in several countries;
- Dispute resolution focusing on larger disputes of international nature. Geir has significant experience from Norwegian courts as well as arbitration- and court processes in several countries;
- Advisory work to medium-sized and large Norwegian industry- and technology enterprises in their international exposure, hereunder regulatory issues, sales contracts, distribution contracts, production contracts, agent contracts and risk preventive measures. Geir further has significant experience as legal advisor to Norwegian authorities with regard to Norway's various international exposure.

During Geir's time in China he was highlighted in local and regional rankings as among China's "15 Rising Stars" in the legal profession for "impressive achievements" and among the 100 most influential lawyers in Asia.

Geir Sviggum is frequently used as speaker at universities, conferences and in other fora. cializes in dispute resolution and has handled international arbitrations and other complex disputes in Asia and several European countries. He further specializes in construction- and fabrication contracts on- and offshore and has been lead counsel for construction projects in Scandinavia, Eastern Europe and Asia. In 2013 Sviggum

GEIR SVIGGUM

was – as the only Western lawyer – ranked by Thomson Reuters among China’s “Rising Stars” within the legal profession for his “stunning achievement”. He is also ranked by Thomson Reuters among the 100 most influential lawyers in Asia. He is recommended by Chambers & Partners and Legal 500, Asia Pacific, where he is praised for providing “first-rate advice, commercial understanding and the ability to negotiate”. Sviggum is frequently used as speaker at universities, conferences and in other fora.

CAREER

2016- Partner, Wikborg Rein, Oslo, 2014- Managing Partner International, Wikborg Rein, Oslo. 2012-2013 Managing Partner International, Wikborg Rein, Shanghai. 2010- Partner, Wikborg Rein, Shanghai. 2008 Resident Lawyer, Wikborg Rein, Shanghai. 2007-2008 Senior Associate, Wikborg Rein, Bergen. 2003-2006 Associate, Wikborg Rein, Bergen. 1997-1998 Officer and Second in Command, Infantry Platoon/Platoon Leader, HM Royal Guards. 1996-1997 Reserve Officer and Second in Command, Infantry Platoon, HM Royal Guards.

EDUCATION

2005 Practising Certificate. 2003 Cand.jur., University of Bergen. 2002 Optional subject, International civil law, Bond University, Australia. 1996 Officer’s Training School for the Infantry Regiment of Trøndelag County.

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WORK DEPARTMENT

Capital Markets, Financing

POSITION

Stian Tande Mortensen is a Partner with Wikborg Rein's Capital Markets team, specialising in debt capital market transactions and in particular Norwegian high yield bond issues. He has significant experience from advising both issuers and managers on large and complex debt capital markets transactions, as well as advising issuers in relation to ongoing compliance under bond agreements and stock exchange regulations and dealings with bondholders and the bond trustee. Mortensen advises in relation to listing of bonds on Oslo Børs and on the Nordic Alternative Bond Market (ABM), securities laws and listing regulations. Mortensen has previously worked as in-house legal counsel at DNB Bank ASA, as advisor to DNB Markets and the Debt Capital Markets division.

CAREER

2018- Partner, Wikborg Rein, Oslo, 2017 Senior Lawyer, Wikborg Rein, Oslo, 2016-2017 Attorney, DNB Bank ASA, Oslo, 2015-2016 Senior Lawyer, Wikborg Rein, Oslo, 2013-2014 Senior Associate, Wikborg Rein, Oslo, 2011-2013 Lawyer, DNB Bank ASA, Oslo, 2008-2011 Associate, Wikborg Rein, Oslo, 2007 Trainee at various law firms

EDUCATION

2011 Practising Certificate, 2007-2008 Diploma in International Finance Law, University of London, 2008 Master of Laws, University of Bergen



KAARE CHRISTIAN TAPPER

WORK DEPARTMENT

M&A, Restructuring and Insolvency

POSITION

Kaare Christian Tapper is a Partner at Wikborg Rein's Oslo office and is head of the firm's Corporate Finance and Tax group. Tapper has considerable experience with mergers, acquisitions and other equity transactions, as well as financial and structural reorganization of businesses. In addition to his legal degree, Tapper holds a MSc in Management degree from HEC Paris. Tapper was in 2015 identified as one of Europe's most outstanding 'up and coming' lawyers by Chambers and Partners.

CAREER

2014- Partner, Wikborg Rein, Oslo 2012-2013 Senior Lawyer, Wikborg Rein, Oslo 2009-2011 Senior Associate, Wikborg Rein, Oslo 2008-2009 Associate, Wikborg Rein, Oslo 2008 Secondment 6 months, Associate, Allen & Overy LLP, London 2007 Associate, Wikborg Rein, London 2006-2007 Associate, Wikborg Rein, Oslo 2001-2005 Trainee at various law firms 2003-2004 Research Assistant, Institute of Private Law, University of Oslo

EDUCATION

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WORK DEPARTMENT

Commercial Property

POSITION

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Ulleberg Jensen previously worked as a Senior Lawyer in Advokatfirmaet Thommessen, and he is co-author of the Report on Cross Border Insolvency delivered to the Ministry of Justice. He has also been a lecturer in property law at the University of Oslo, and holds lectures for the real estate industry on a regular basis.

CAREER

2017- Partner, Wikborg Rein, Oslo, 2009-2016 Lawyer in Advokatfirmaet Thommessen AS, 2012-2014 Lecturer in property law, the University of Oslo, 2009-2010 Secretary for the Report on Cross Border Insolvency, the Ministry of Justice, 2008-2009 Research Assistant at the Department of Private Law, the University of Oslo

EDUCATION

2011 Practising certificate, 2009 Master of Laws, the University of Oslo



OLE HENRIK WILLE

WORK DEPARTMENT

Company Law, M&A

POSITION

Ole Henrik Wille is a Partner at Wikborg Rein's Oslo office and is part of the firm's Corporate group. His main areas of practice relate to mergers and acquisitions, other equity transactions, company and securities law as well as shareholder disputes. Wille has been responsible case handler on a number of major transactions the last years. He has also litigated several cases within Norwegian Company Law. Through his presence in London, Wille will particular be involved in cross-border transactions as well as developing WR's network with corporate clients in the UK. Wille is recommended lawyer in Legal 500.

CAREER

2017- Partner, Wikborg Rein, Oslo, 2016-2017 Partner, Wikborg Rein, London, 2015 Senior Lawyer, Wikborg Rein, London, 2014-2015 Senior Lawyer, Wikborg Rein, Oslo, 2011-2013 Senior Associate, Wikborg Rein, Oslo, 2008-2010 Associate, Wikborg Rein, Oslo/Shanghai, 2005-2007 Trainee at various law firms

EDUCATION

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ARE ZACHARIASSEN

WORK DEPARTMENT

Shipping offshore, Tax

POSITION

Are Zachariassen is a Partner at Wikborg Rein's Oslo office and is part of the firm's Tax practice.

Before he joined Wikborg Rein, he worked in the Directorate of Taxes, and in other legal practices. His main areas of practice are issues relating to tax law, company law and stock exchange/securities legislation. Zachariassen has international experience from Wikborg Rein's Singapore office, and holds a particular responsibility for international tax law.

CAREER

2011 – Partner, Wikborg Rein, Oslo. 2008 Partner, Wikborg Rein, Singapore. 2004-2007 Partner, Wikborg Rein, Oslo. 2000-2004 Senior Associate, Wikborg Rein, Oslo. 1999-2000 Lawyer, Thommessen Krefting Greve Lunde, Oslo. 1998-1999 Senior Associate, PricewaterhouseCoopers DA, Oslo. 1996-1998 Higher Executive Officer, Tax Department, the Norwegian Directorate of Taxes, Oslo. 1995-1996 Assistant Lecturer, Department of Public and International Law, University of Oslo. 1993-1994 Assistant Lecturer, Department of Public and International Law, University of Oslo.

MEMBER

Norwegian Bar Association.

EDUCATION

1995 Cand. jur., University of Oslo.



LARS-ERIK ØSTERBØ

WORK DEPARTMENT

Financing

POSITION

Lars-Erik Østerbø is a Partner at Wikborg Rein's Bergen office and he is part of the firm's financing practice. His main area of expertise is ship finance, and he has broad experience within shipbuilding, chartering, loan documentation and export credit finance. In 2014 he co-authored the book "International Bankruptcy", where he wrote the chapter about international bank insolvency, and in recent years he has been actively involved as lenders' counsel in several challenging insolvency, refinancing and restructuring matters. Østerbø's main legal expertise is within contract law, security law, guarantee law and insolvency law.

CAREER

2018- Partner, Wikborg Rein, Bergen, 2016-2017 Senior Lawyer, Wikborg Rein, Bergen, 2015-2016 Senior Associate, Wikborg Rein, Bergen, 2014 Secondment, Norton Rose Fulbright LLP, London, 2012-2014 Lawyer, DNB Bank ASA, Bergen, 2009-2012 Associate, Wikborg Rein, Bergen, 2009 Trainee, various law firms, 2008 Assistant Lecturer, University of Bergen, 2007-2008 Group Leader, University of Bergen

EDUCATION

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ØYVIND AXE

WORK DEPARTMENT

Shipping Offshore.

POSITION

Øyvind Axe is a Partner since 2010, based in Wikborg Rein's Bergen office, and is the deputy head of the firm's worldwide Shipping and Offshore group. Axe's main areas of practice relate to transactions within the shipping and offshore field. He advises clients in connection with construction contracts, asset sale/purchase and equity transactions, financing matters and restructurings. He regularly speaks at seminars and conferences. Axe has worked as a deputy judge and acts in arbitrations in shipbuilding disputes. Axe is recognised in Chambers and Legal 500 within Shipping and Maritime Law.

CAREER

2010 Partner, Wikborg Rein, Bergen. 2006-2009 Senior Associate, Wikborg Rein, Bergen. 2004-2005 Deputy judge, The City Court of Stavanger. 2001-2003 Associate, Wikborg Rein, Bergen. 1999 Trainee, Wikborg Rein, Bergen.

MEMBER

Norwegian Bar Association.

EDUCATION

2003 Practising certificate. 2000 Cand. jur., University of Bergen.



HAAKON BLAAUW

WORK DEPARTMENT

M&A, Company Law

POSITION

Haakon Blaauw is a Partner at Wikborg Rein's Bergen office and is mainly assisting larger financial institutions including investments and commercial real estate; the public sector with major procurements concerning the defence sector (including the next generation of combat aircraft: F-35 and the JSM missiles); and petroleum related industry including suppliers to offshore operators. The transactions often include cross border activities. He has participated in considerable restructurings within Norwegian commercial life, and has broad experience in litigation before Norwegian courts of law, and in international arbitration. Blaauw is recommended by Chambers and Partners as "Leaders in their field" in the category Dispute resolution. Blaauw initiated and took part of establishing Wikborg Rein's Bergen office in 1978. He was admitted to the Norwegian Supreme Court in 1992 and holds an LL.M. degree from Columbia Law School.

CAREER

1981- Partner, Wikborg Rein, Bergen. 1978-1981 Attorney at Law, Wikborg Rein, Bergen. 1975-1978 Attorney at Law, Wikborg Rein, Oslo .

MEMBER

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EDUCATION

1992 Admitted to the Norwegian Supreme Court. 1976-1977 Master of Laws, School of Law, Columbia University. 1975 Cand. jur., University of Bergen. 1972-1974 Assistant Lecturer, Department of Private Law, University of Bergen

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GRUNDE BRULAND

WORK DEPARTMENT

Fisheries and Aquaculture, Company Law

POSITION

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CAREER

2006 – Partner, Wikborg Rein, Bergen 2001-2006 Senior Associate, Wikborg Rein, Bergen 1997-2001 Associate, Wikborg Rein, Bergen 2000 External Examiner, Company Law, University of Bergen 1997 Instructor, University of Bergen 1996 Trainee, Legal Department Den norske Bank, Bergen

MEMBER

Norwegian Bar Association.

EDUCATION

1997 Cand.jur., University of Bergen.



JAN ERIK CLAUSEN

WORK DEPARTMENT

Company Law, Capital Markets

POSITION

Jan Erik Clausen is a Partner at Wikborg Rein's Bergen office. Clausen's main areas of practice are within company law and stock exchange and securities law. He advises Norwegian and international companies on mergers, acquisitions and other equity transactions. He also has broad experience within the private equity market. Clausen assisted in establishing Wikborg Rein's office in Singapore.

CAREER

2003- Partner, Wikborg Rein, Bergen 2002-2003 Partner, Wikborg Rein, Singapore 2001 Senior Associate, Wikborg Rein, Singapore 1999-2000 Senior Associate, Wikborg Rein, Bergen 1995-1998 Associate, Wikborg Rein, Bergen 1995 Trainee, Clifford Chance, Amsterdam, Holland.

MEMBER

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EDUCATION

1995 Cand. jur., University of Bergen, 1990 Business Economist, Bergen Technological College.

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WORK DEPARTMENT

M&A

POSITION

Linn Hertwig Eidsheim is a Partner at Wikborg Rein's Bergen office and is part of the firm's M&A practice. Her main areas of practice are transactions and financing, nationally and internationally, especially within the purchase and sale of ships and ship financing, as well as construction contracts. She also specializes in company law and contract law. From 2004-2005 she focused on issues relating to shipping, financing and company related transactions at Wikborg Rein's London office

CAREER

2009 – Partner, Wikborg Rein, Bergen 2006-2008 Senior Associate, Wikborg Rein, Bergen 2005 Senior Associate, Wikborg Rein, London 2004 Associate, Wikborg Rein, London 2001-2004 Associate, Wikborg Rein, Bergen 2000 Trainee, Wikborg Rein, Bergen

MEMBER

Norwegian Bar Association.

EDUCATION

2001 Law Degree, University of Bergen 2000 Special subject, European Union and European Economical Area Law, University of Bergen 1999 Special subject, Hamline University, Minnesota, USA



PETER FRØLICH

WORK DEPARTMENT

Financing, Restructuring and Insolvency

POSITION

Peter Frølich is a Partner at Wikborg Rein's Bergen office and is head of the firm's Banking Finance group. Frølich specialises in bank and financing law, guarantee law, collateral law, company law, insolvency law, project financing, company acquisitions as well as mergers and demergers. He assists both foreign and Norwegian clients.

CAREER

1992 – Partner, Wikborg Rein, Bergen. 1986 Internship, Watson Farley & Williams. 1984-92 Legal Department, Den norske Bank (Head of Legal Department 1987-1992), Bergen. 1984 External Examiner, Faculty of Law, University of Bergen. 1980-82 Assistant Lecturer, Department of Private Law, University of Bergen.

MEMBER

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EDUCATION

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ØYSTEIN MELAND

WORK DEPARTMENT

Shipping Offshore. Competition

POSITION

Øystein Meland is a Partner at Wikborg Rein's Bergen office and is managing of the firm's Shipping Offshore Group. Meland has worked with shipping matters for more than 20 years for Norwegian and foreign clients, and have over the last years been extensively involved in competition law related to maritime transport. He was lead counsel and successfully argued an international shipping cartel case before the EC, where the case was closed in May 2008 without any sanctions. Meland is admitted to the Norwegian Supreme Court as well as member of Wikborg Rein's Maritime law group and Competition law group. He is the manager of Bergen Shipowners Association, member of BIMCO documentary Committee and the Legal Committee of the Norwegian Shipowners' Association. Meland drafted and negotiated the Norwegian Standard Shipbuilding Contract ("Ship 2000"), and is author of an extensive commentary on Shipbuilding Contracts based on the Norwegian Standard. Meland is extensively used as speaker/lecturer at international conferences, and was appointed Honorary Consul to the Kingdom of Spain in 1998.

CAREER

1985 – Partner, Wikborg Rein, Bergen. 1981-1985 Lawyer, Wikborg Rein, Bergen. 1979-1980 Associate judge Midhordland County Court. 1977-1979 Associate, Greve, Greve, Greve & Lorentzen, Bergen.

MEMBER

Norwegian Bar Association.

EDUCATION

2006 International Certified Arbitrator. 2002 Admitted to the Norwegian Supreme Court. 2001 Certified Mediator. 1977 Cand. jur., University of Bergen. 1975-1977 Assistant Lecturer, Department of Public and International Law, University of Bergen.



GØRAN MJELDE AARVIK

WORK DEPARTMENT

Commercial Property, Company Law

POSITION

Gøran Mjelde Aarvik is a Partner in the firm's Commercial Property practice. Aarvik works at Wikborg Rein's offices in Bergen and Oslo.

Aarvik primarily works with real estate, in particular real estate transactions, lease agreements and structuring of real estate companies. Aarvik has also experience with company law and contract law, including acquisitions, private placements, mergers, de-mergers and restructuring of companies. Aarvik has been involved in several of the largest real estate transactions in the Norwegian market since 2009 in addition to advising Norwegian and international clients in the Norwegian equity and bond market.

Aarvik was a recommended lawyer within real estate in Legal 500 in 2016.

Aarvik has previous experience from Norges Bank Investment Management where he worked as Legal Adviser with primary focus on real estate investments and strategic investments.

CAREER

2014- Partner, Wikborg Rein, Oslo 2010-2013 Senior Lawyer, Wikborg Rein, Bergen 2009 Senior Associate, Wikborg Rein, Bergen 2008-2009 Legal Adviser, Norges Bank Investment Management 2007 Senior Associate, Wikborg Rein, Bergen 2007 Resident Lawyer, Wikborg Rein, London 2005-2006 Legal Consultant, Wikborg Rein, London 2002-2005 Associate, Wikborg Rein, Bergen

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STEIN PETTERSEN

WORK DEPARTMENT

Contract and Construction, Financing

POSITION

Stein Pettersen is the Chairman of the Board of Wikborg Rein and part of the Corporate group. He is admitted to the Norwegian Supreme Court.

Pettersen is working with financing, shipping, company law issues, restructuring and contract law – mainly within the shipbuilding industry. He has held a number of directorships in listed and unlisted companies such as banking, shipping, industry, trade and private equity, and assists on going national and international clients.

CAREER

1990 – Partner, Wikborg Rein, Bergen. 1984-1990 Partner, Steinfeld, Pettersen & Friis, Bergen. 1980-1984 Legal Department, Bergen Bank, Bergen. 1979-1980 Hordaland County Tax Office.

MEMBER

Norwegian Bar Association.

EDUCATION

1993 Admitted to the Norwegian Supreme Court. 1979 Cand. jur., University of Bergen.



GEIR OVE RØBERG

WORK DEPARTMENT

Financing, Shipping Offshore

POSITION

He has international experience from Wikborg Rein's London and Kobe offices. For several years Geir Ove Røberg is a Partner at Wikborg Rein's Bergen office and is part of the firm's Shipping Offshore practice. He is assisting international, Nordic and Norwegian ship owners and banks with transactions within financing, sale and purchase of entities and assets. He has been leading several international contractual negotiations, and has assisted in large projects related to shipping/financing.

CAREER

1994 – Partner, Wikborg Rein, Bergen (Managing Partner, 2007-2009). 1992-1994 Partner, Wikborg Rein, London. 1989-1992 Associate, Wikborg Rein, Kobe, Japan. 1986-1989 Associate, Wikborg Rein, Bergen. 1984-1985 Assistant Lecturer, University of Bergen.

MEMBER

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EDUCATION

1986 Cand. jur., University of Bergen. 1985 Specialisation in English/American Law, University of Oslo.

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BJØRN FRODE SKAAR

WORK DEPARTMENT

Trade, Industry and Public Sector, Real Estate.

POSITION

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CAREER

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1996 Cand. jur., University of Bergen. 1988-90 The Army's Officers Training School (telecommunication).



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CAREER

1993 – Partner, Wikborg Rein, Bergen. 1990-1993 Associate, Wikborg Rein, Bergen. 1988-1990 Associate, Steinfeld, Pettersen & Friis, Bergen. 1987-1988 Deputy Judge, Nordhordaland Sorenskriverkontor. 1985-1987 Police Intendant II/Police Intendant I, Bergen Police Headquarters, Bergen.

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CAREER

2010 – Partner, Wikborg Rein, Bergen. 2012 – Professor II, Faculty of law, University of Bergen. 2011 – Professor II, Norwegian School of Economics and Business Administration (NHH). 2007-2011 Professor, Faculty of law, University of Bergen. 2004-2007 Associate University Professor, Faculty of Law, University of Bergen. 2000-2004 Research Fellow, Faculty of law, University of Bergen. 1995-2000 Appellate Court Judge, Gulating Court of Appeal (acting 1995-1996). 1993-1995 Lawyer/ Associate, Office of the Attorney General. 1991-1993 Senior Executive Officer, Legislation department, Norwegian Ministry of Justice and the Police. 1990 Editor, "Jussens Venner" (Norwegian University Law Review). 1988-1989 Research Assistant, Department of Private Law, University of Oslo.

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