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The clients' guide to law firms

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Banking and finance (including shipping finance)

Tier 1

Hans Haugstad leads the debt financing team at **Advokatfirmaet Thommessen AS** and **Tore Mydske** heads up the financial regulatory group, both of which benefit from the firm's financial restructuring and insolvency department, led by newly promoted partner **Kristoffer Hegdahl**. Haugstad and **Ellen Teresa Heyerdahl** recently advised Seadrill on its debt structuring, Mydske assisted Nordic Credit Rating with its establishment as a credit rating agency under the supervision of the European Securities Markets Agency, **Einar Grette** and **Halvor Mansåker** handled a number of high-yield bond issuances for various financial advisers and issuers, and Bergen-based **Jan J Greve** advised Flex LNG on a term loan facility. Other clients include DNB Bank, Nordea Bank, Svenska Handelsbanken and Pareto Securities. Shipping and maritime industry expert **Bjørn Sande Urtegaard** made partner in 2018.

Leading individuals

Hans Haugstad

Next generation lawyers

Ellen Teresa Heyedahl

Capital markets

Tier 1

“**Advokatfirmaet Thommessen AS** provides ‘*excellent support*’ to its clients and has ‘*a solid mix of commercial understanding and legal knowledge combined with an efficient and proactive approach*’ thanks to ‘*a solution-oriented and client-centric team*’ jointly led by **Ervin Auren** and **Solveig Fagerheim Bugge**. Clients also praise the highly regarded **Anders Arnkværn**, who ‘*stands out for his outstanding knowledge and understanding of his clients*’; newly promoted partner **Christian Hals** and ECM lawyer **Hans Cappelen Arnesen**. Arnesen recently advised Elkem on its IPO on the Oslo Stock Exchange, Arnkværn and Bugge assisted Shelf Drilling with its IPO, and **Einar Grette** acted for DNB Bank, DNB Markets and Nordic Trustee on Chembulk Holdings’ €250m bond issuance.

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Leading individuals

Einar Grette
Anders Arnkværn

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Commercial, corporate and M&A

Tier 1

As a key name in the market for cross-border transactions, **Advokatfirmaet Thommessen AS** acts for a high-profile client roster including DNB, Altor Equity Partners and Storebrand. In a recent highlight, the well-regarded **Anders Arnkværn** advised SafeRoad Holding and Nordic Capital on FSN Capital's NOK2bn acquisition of SafeRoad; other mandates include **Hans Cappelen Arnesen** assisting Hellman & Friedman with its recommended cash offer for payment service provider Nets, **Christian Grüner Sagstad** handling Triton Partners' acquisition of a majority stake in Glamox, and **Ervin Auren** advising Alimentation Couche-Tard on the divestment of its marine fuel business through the sale of Statoil Fuel and Retail Marine to St1 Norge. **Baard Bale**, **Stig Berge** and **Solveig Fagerheim Bugge** are also key names to note. **Christian Hals** and **Rune Ulriksen Steinsland** made partner in 2018.

Leading individuals

Hans Cappelen Arnesen

Anders Arnkværn

Next generation lawyers

Solveig Fagerheim Bugge

Construction

Tier 2

As a key name in the market for construction projects in the energy sector, **Advokatfirmaet Thommessen AS**' recent work includes advising NorthConnect on the construction of a high-voltage direct-current interconnector between Norway and the UK, assisting Zephyr with the development of a wind farm project in Guleslettene, and acting for Lyse Produksjon on the construction of a hydro power plant. Other clients include Yara International, Midtfjellet Vindpark and Agder Energi Vannkraft. **Jacob F Bull** heads the group. Asle Bjelland is now a judge.

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Dispute resolution

Tier 2

Recent highlights for the '*highly professional and reliable*' practice at **Advokatfirmaet Thommessen AS** include **Camilla Vislie** acting for Tono in a dispute with a TV distributor relating to multi-territorial licensing issues, and practice co-head **Henning Harborg** defending TGS Nopec Geophysical Company in a tax fraud case. Other noteworthy individuals include **Eirik W Raanes**, who handles IP and construction disputes; **Trond Hatland** in Bergen, whose expertise encompasses fishery, insurance, corporate and employment disputes; and tax specialist **Hanne Skaarberg Holen**. Former team head Asle Bjelland is now a judge. Managing associate **Kristine Hyldmo Bjørnvik** joined from **Advokatfirmaet Haavind AS** in 2019.

EU and competition

Tier 1

“**Advokatfirmaet Thommessen AS** fields *‘a very strong legal team, which excels in understanding clients’ business goals and legal goals’* and has *‘solid knowledge of the industry’s dynamics and challenges’*. The department handles the full scope of competition issues including merger control work, competition litigation, investigations and cartel cases, state aid issues and public procurement matters. The practice recently acted for Høegh Autoliners Shipping in investigations into the car carrier industry by several international competition authorities, represented Telenor in the EFTA Surveillance Authority’s (ESA) investigation into alleged breaches of EEA competition rules, and handled the competition and antitrust aspects of Kongsberg Gruppen’s acquisition of Rolls Royce Marine. **Siri Teigum** and **Eivind J Vesterkjær** jointly lead the practice; Teigum is *‘probably the best EU and competition lawyer in Norway’* and *‘her name and recognition give credibility to a position’*, and Vesterkjær is *‘to the point and always willing to give clear answers’*. Clients also praise managing associate **Svein Terje Tveit**, who is *‘technically strong but also pragmatic and creative if needed’*.”

Leading individuals

Siri Teigum

Next generation lawyers

Svein Terje Tveit

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Electricity and renewable energy

Tier 1

“**Advokatfirmaet Thommessen AS** ‘highly competent, effective and strategic’ team ‘always adds value and delivers on time’ on mandates including transactions, disputes, concession work, licensing issues and environmental law with notable experience in corporate restructurings, project developments and investments in renewable energy assets. Department head **Jens Naas-Bibow** acted for NorthConnect on the establishment of a high-voltage direct-current interconnector between Norway and the UK, **Bendik Christoffersen** advised Zephyr on the development, sale and project financing of Guleslettene wind farm; **Jacob F Bull** led advice to Lyse Produksjon on the procurement and construction of a new hydro power plant, and **Gunnar Martinsen** assisted Energi Norge with the implementation of the EU Water Framework Directive. Managing associate **Thomas Borch-Nielsen** is also a name to note.

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Leading individuals

Gunnar Martinsen

Jens Naas-Bibow

Next generation lawyers

Thomas Borch-Nielsen

Employment

Tier 2

“**Advokatfirmaet Thommessen AS**’ ‘knowledgeable’ practice is led by **Stein Kimsås-Otterbech** and **Trond Hatland** is the key contact in the Bergen office; Kimsås-Otterbech is recognised for his expertise in senior management issues and cases involving reputational risk and Hatland focuses on contentious work, particularly in the shipping and oil and gas sectors. Recent highlights include advising Bama Gruppen on working time issues, transfers of undertakings, collective bargaining agreements and employee terminations; assisting Boliden Odda with gender equality issues and employee termination-related litigation, and acting for Tidal in a dispute brought by an employee following their redundancy.

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Next generation lawyers

Stein Kimsås-Otterbech

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Fishing and aquaculture

Tier 1

Fielding a team of *'hands-on partners and juniors that work incredibly hard'*, **Advokatfirmaet Thommessen AS** is *'a perfect partner for complex operations'* and has the ability to *'learn quickly, work swiftly and expediently, and remain solution oriented throughout'*. **Mons Alfred Paulsen** leads the *'highly trustworthy'* group, which has notable expertise in regulatory issues. Recent highlights include representing Isqueen in an appeal case against the Ministry of Trade, Industry and Fisheries relating to the allocation of green salmon farming licenses, advising Hav Line Gruppen (a joint venture between Sekkingstad and Haugland Gruppen) on its establishment, financing issues and a vessel construction, and assisting Salmenes Camanchaca with its IPO and dual listing on the Oslo and Santiago Stock Exchanges. Other clients include Pelagia, Sølvrans and Biomar. **Lars Eirik Gåseide Røsås, Rune Ulriksen Steinsland** and managing associate **Kenneth Steffensen** are also names to note.

Leading individuals

Mons Alfred Paulsen

Insolvency and corporate recovery

Tier 2

“**Advokatfirmaet Thommessen AS** ‘strong team of restructuring lawyers is experienced in the shipping and offshore sectors’ and ‘has the experience, tools, manpower and know-how to handle matters competently and efficiently’. Group head **Kristoffer Hegdahl** has ‘good insight into the offshore industry and performs well’; he recently acted for seven banks including DNB and Nordea Bank on the restructuring of Solship Invest 3. Financing expert **Einar Grette**, bond restructuring specialist **Halvor Mansåker** and associate partner **Reidar Myhre** are also names to note. Jo Rodin retired.

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Insurance

Tier 1

“**Advokatfirmaet Thommessen AS**’ *thorough and skilled*’ team is led by **Andreas Meidell**, who is arguably *‘one of the best lawyers in Norway for insurance matters’* and has *‘an impressive ability to keep up with the details’*. The department handles the full spectrum of corporate insurance work with notable strength in marine insurance; it recently acted for Norwegian Hull Club in a claim following a collision in the Gulf of Mexico and represented SwissMarine and Gard in a recourse direct action against Skuld. Other noteworthy individuals include **Henrik Hagberg**, **Trond Hatland**, **Stephen Knudtzon** and managing associate **Hugo Munthe-Kaas**.”

Leading individuals

Andreas Meidell

Next generation lawyers

Hugo Munthe-Kaas

Intellectual property

Tier 1

“**Advokatfirmaet Thommessen AS** ‘superior’ practice ‘really enters into a case and becomes a natural part of a bigger team’ in IP litigation. In a recent highlight, department head **Camilla Vislie** represented Tono in the Supreme Court in a dispute against a TV distributor relating to music clearance and remuneration to music rights holders connected to the audiovisual distribution of multiple broadcast channels and multi-territorial licensing; Vislie also represented Nexans Norway in a patent infringement and validity case, and acted for Eli Lilly and Company in a preliminary injunction filed against generics companies preventing the launch of a product that infringes on a patent. **Eirik W Raanes** is also a key contact; he defended Zimmer Biomet Norway in claims relating to unfair competition issues and the misappropriation of trade secrets.

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Leading individuals

Camilla Vislie

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Maritime law

Tier 1

With 'good business understanding and in-depth knowledge of the industry', **Advokatfirmaet Thommessen AS** 'consistently delivers high-quality work' and clients single out group head **Mads Haavardsholm**, who is 'always reachable and is a professional team player'. The department recently acted for Norwegian Hull Club in litigation relating to a cover claim following a collision in the Gulf of Mexico, and assisted Cargow Investments with the sale and leaseback of four new vessels. Other key names include the highly regarded **Stephen Knudtzon**, insurance specialist **Andreas Meidell** and **Henrik Hagberg**.

Leading individuals

Stephen Knudtzon

Next generation lawyers

Mads Haavardsholm

Offshore construction and shipbuilding

Tier 1

“ The ‘*experienced, responsive and solution-oriented*’ team at **Advokatfirmaet Thommessen AS** has ‘*deep-rooted experience in the industry thanks to a group of very dedicated partners who have excellent legal and commercial skills*’. Key practitioners include **Mads Haavardsholm**, **Jacob F Bull**, who is ‘*a top pick for the most difficult legal issues*’, and the ‘*extremely gifted and very thorough*’ **Pål Lieungh**. Haavardsholm recently advised Nymo on the fabrication and construction of 18 subsea structures relating to the Eni Offshore Cape Three Points field off the coast of Ghana, and Bull assisted Dong E&P (now part of Ineos) with the execution of the Hejre field development in the North Sea. Asle Bjelland is now a judge. Managing associate **Kristine Hyldmo Bjørnvik** joined from **Advokatfirmaet Haavind AS** in 2019. ”

Leading individuals

Pål Lieungh

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Oil and gas

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At **Advokatfirmaet Thommessen AS**, newly promoted partner **Christian Hals** leads the oil and gas team and **Pål Lieungh** heads the oil services group; Hals recently advised Ineos on its acquisition of Dong E&P and Lieungh assisted Island Offshore Shipbuilding with the restructuring of its debt relating to a 30-vessel operation. Other mandates include acting for PGNiG on its acquisition of licence interests in the Fogelberg field and handling Seadrill's restructuring. BP International, Equinor, Kongsberg Gruppen, Faroe Petroleum and Transocean are also clients. **Jacob F Bull** focuses on construction projects, **Mads Haavardsholm** advises clients in the oil services sector and **Ståle R Kristiansen** handles tax work. **Rune Ulriksen Steinsland** made partner in 2018 and managing associate **Kristine Hyldmo Bjørnvik** joined from **Advokatfirmaet Haavind AS** in 2019. Rune Solberg retired and Asle Bjelland is now a judge.

Next generation lawyers

Christian Hals

Real estate

Tier 1

“**Advokatfirmaet Thommessen AS** has *'strong legal and commercial skills'* and *'ensures all workstreams are subject to a high degree of project management and all lawyers involved know the deal inside out'*. Clients also single out **Even Bratsberg** as *'fantastic'*, with *'one of the best track records in the legal market'* thanks to *'a well-developed commercial awareness that bring out the best in his clients and his team'*. **Christian Müller** leads the team and **Christopher Borch** and **Vidar Havsgård** are also key names to note. Müller recently advised Oslo Areal on its purchase of Grenseveien 78, and Borch assisted Storebrand Livsforsikring with the NOK2.2bn sale of its headquarters in Bærum.

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Leading individuals

Christopher Borch

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TMT Tier 1

Advokatfirmaet Thommessen AS 'well-aligned and coordinated' practice 'combines legal insight with project expertise' to 'consistently look for solutions instead of identifying theoretical problems'. Department head **Christopher Sparre-Enger Clausen** is singled out as 'highly experienced and able to cut through irrelevant information and see the core issues'; he advised Telenor on its global GDPR programme and acted for Vipps on its merger with BankAxept and BankID. The group was also bolstered by the recruitment of **Espen Werring** from **Advokatfirmaet Haavind AS** in 2018; he is highly regarded for his technology expertise and regularly handles digitalisation strategies. Associate partner and IT expert **Haakon Opperud** and litigator **Eirik W Raanes** are also names to note.

Leading individuals

Espen Werring

Next generation lawyers

Christopher Sparre-Enger Clausen

Tax Tier 1

“**Advokatfirmaet Thommessen AS** has *'the skills and competences to move issues forward quickly'* with expertise in corporate tax, VAT, international tax, litigation and notable strength in the energy, petroleum and shipping sectors. Practice head **Finn Backer-Grøndahl** primarily handles tax disputes; he recently represented PRA Group in a dispute with the Norwegian Tax Authority relating to penalty tax. **Ståle R Kristiansen** and **Hanne Skaarberg Holen** are also recommended for contentious work, **Marius Holm Rynning** focuses on corporate tax mandates, **Espen Ommedal** handles international tax issues and **Bjørn Christian Lilletvedt Tovsen** leads the indirect tax practice.

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Leading individuals

Finn Backer-Grøndahl

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HANS CAPPELEN ARNESEN

WORK DEPARTMENT

Capital Markets; M&A and Corporate Law; Private Equity

POSITION

Mr Hans Cappelen Arnesen ("Hasse") works primarily with matters concerning M&A, offerings and IPO's, and acts for a various corporate clients, private equity firms and leading investment banks. He is consistently ranked as a leading lawyer in Norway within M&A and equity capital markets by international rating agencies.

CAREER

1996 Partner, Oslo office, Thommessen; 1995-1996 Lawyer, London office, Thommessen; 1990-1995 Associate, Oslo office, Thommessen

LANGUAGES

English

MEMBER

Norwegian Bar Association

EDUCATION

1990 Candidate in Jurisprudence, University of Oslo; 1984-1985 Postgraduate Diploma, Oslo School of Economy



ANDERS ARNKVÆRN

WORK DEPARTMENT

Capital Markets; Private Equity; M&A and Corporate law

POSITION

Partner. Mr Anders Arnkværn has long experience within the areas of M&A and Capital Markets and advises on both large-scaled and small transactions. He is continuously ranked by recognised rating agencies among the leading Norwegian lawyers within both M&A and Capital Markets. Mr Arnkværn heads Thommessen's practice area for Private Equity.

CAREER

2002-current Partner, Oslo office, Thommessen; 2000-2002 Senior Associate, Oslo office, Thommessen; 1999 Member of the CEO Task Force, London office, Kværner; 1996-1998 Company Secretary and in-house lawyer, Kværner ASA and Kvaerner PLC in London; 1994-1996 Associate, Kværner ASA, Oslo; 1992-1993 Research Assistant, Department of Private Law, University of Oslo

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ERVIN AUREN

WORK DEPARTMENT

M&A and Corporate Law; Capital Markets; Real Estate

POSITION

Partner. Mr Ervin Auren works primarily with mergers, acquisitions and capital market transactions, including IPOs, and he assists Norwegian and international clients. Ervin has long experience within M&A and capital markets transactions. He has been lead counsel on several large and complex national and international transactions, and has a special focus on the real estate and renewable energy markets. He is continuously ranked as a leading Norwegian lawyer within M&A by international rating agencies. Mr Auren is the head of Thommessen's transaction department.

CAREER

2005-Partner, Oslo office, Thommessen; 2002-2004 Lawyer, Oslo office, Thommessen

LANGUAGES

English

MEMBER

Norwegian Bar Association

EDUCATION

1996 Candidate in Jurisprudence, University of Oslo



FINN BACKER-GRØNDAHL

WORK DEPARTMENT

Tax and Duties; Dispute Resolution

POSITION

Partner. Mr Finn Backer-Grøndahl works with both national and international tax law matters. He works, inter alia, on tax issues related to national and international transactions and restructurings. Mr Backer-Grøndahl heads the firm's practice area Tax and Duties.

CAREER

2009-current Partner, Oslo office, Thommessen; 2006-2008 Senior Associate, Oslo office, Thommessen; 2004 Admitted to the bar; 2003-2004 Holt District Court, Deputy Judge; 2000-2006 Associate, Oslo office, Thommessen

LANGUAGES

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EDUCATION

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BAARD BALE

WORK DEPARTMENT

M&A and Corporate law; Private Equity; Capital Markets

POSITION

Partner. Mr Baard Bale focuses on, and has significant experience with, equity transactions and advises corporate clients, private equity sponsors and leading investment banks in a wide range of M&A transactions and IPOs. He is ranked as one of the leading M&A lawyers in Norway.

CAREER

2006-current Partner, Thommessen, Oslo; 2002-2006 Lawyer, Oslo office, Thommessen; 1998-2000 Member of the CEO Task Force, The Kværner Group, London; 1996-1998 Legal Director, Kværner Process Division, London; 1993-1996 Company Secretary and in-house lawyer, Kværner ASA, Oslo; 1992-1993 Lawyer, Kværner ASA, Oslo; 1990-1992 Associate, BA-HR lawfirm, Oslo; 1989-1990 Research Assistant, Scandinavian Institute of Maritime Law, University of Oslo

LANGUAGES

English

MEMBER

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EDUCATION

1990 Candidate in Jurisprudence, University of Oslo



STIG BERGE

WORK DEPARTMENT

M&A and Corporate Law; Capital Markets; Dispute Resolution

POSITION

Partner. Mr Stig Berge is one of Norway's leading lawyers within corporate law. He has long experience with complex M&A transactions as well as smaller transactions. He also litigates cases within corporate law and professional liability.

CAREER

2011 Admitted to the Supreme Court of Norway; 2009- Partner, Oslo office, Thommessen; 2004-2008 Associate Partner, Oslo office, Thommessen; 2000-2004 Senior Associate, Oslo office, Thommessen; 1999 Practising Certificate; 1998-2000 Associate, Oslo office, Thommessen; 1997-1998 Deputy Judge, Nedre Romerike tingrett, Court of justice; 1994-1996 Member, The Accounting Committee; 1991-1996 Legal Adviser, Legislation Department, Norwegian Ministry of Justice; 1990-1991 Researcher, The Fridtjof Nansens Institute ; 1987-1988 Research Assistant, Scandinavian Institute of Maritime Law, Petroleum Law Dept, University of Oslo

LANGUAGES

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CHRISTOPHER BORCH

WORK DEPARTMENT

Real Estate; Dispute Resolution

POSITION

Partner. Mr Chris Borch mainly works with purchase and sale, development, leasing, and syndication of commercial property. He also has extensive experience in litigating real estate cases before arbitration tribunals and before the regular courts. International rating agencies rank Mr Borch as an expert in commercial real estate transactions.

CAREER

2007-Partner, Oslo office, Thommessen; 2005-2006 Senior Associate, Oslo office, Thommessen; 2002-2005 Senior Associate, Oslo office, Wikborg Rein; 2000-2002 Associate, Oslo office, Wikborg Rein; 1999-2000 Deputy Judge, Drammen, County Court; 1999 Admitted to the bar; 1997-1999 Associate, Oslo, Council Solicitor; 1997 Visiting lawyer, Hong Kong office, Sinclair Roche & Temperley

LANGUAGES

English

MEMBER

Norwegian Bar Association

EDUCATION

1996 Candidate in Jurisprudence, University of Oslo



EVEN BRATSBERG

WORK DEPARTMENT

Real Estate; M&A and Corporate law; Debt Financing; Capital Markets

POSITION

Partner. Mr Even Bratsberg has twenty years of experience as lawyer in Thommessen and corporate finance director in SEB Enskilda and Pangea Property Partners. Clients praise his legal knowledge and commercial awareness.

CAREER

2014-current Partner, Oslo office, Thommessen; 2009-2014 Partner and Director, Corporate Finance, Pangea Property Partners; 2007-2009 Director, Corporate Finance, Real Estate, SEB Enskilda; 2003-2007 Partner, Oslo office, Thommessen; 2000-2002 Resident Partner, London office, Thommessen; 1997-2000 Lawyer, Oslo office, Thommessen; 1995-1997 Associate, Oslo office, Thommessen

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SOLVEIG FAGERHEIM BUGGE

WORK DEPARTMENT

M&A and Corporate law; Capital Markets; Private Equity

POSITION

Partner. Mrs Solveig Fagerheim Bugge has extensive experience with M&A and capital market transactions. She also advises clients on Norwegian corporate and securities law and regulations.

CAREER

2017: Partner, Oslo office, Thommessen; 2012–2016: Thommessen, Oslo office, Managing Associate; 2008–2012: Thommessen, Oslo office, Senior Associate; 2007: Admitted to the bar; 2005–2006: Deputy Judge, Hedmarken District Court; 2003–2007: Associate, Oslo office, Thommessen

LANGUAGES

Scandinavian languages; English

MEMBER

The Norwegian Bar Association

EDUCATION

2002–2002: Law studies, University of Melbourne; 2002: Candidate in Jurisprudence, University of Oslo



JACOB F BULL

WORK DEPARTMENT

Oil and Gas; Oil Service; Construction; Renewable Energy

POSITION

Mr Bull's work mainly relates to offshore and onshore construction projects within oil & gas, renewables, process and aluminium industry. Jacob has extensive experience from development projects also outside Norway, and his name is often highlighted by international rating agencies.

CAREER

2010-Partner, Oslo office, Thommessen; 2006-2010 Lawyer, Oslo office, Thommessen; 2004 Admitted to the bar; 2001-2006 Lawyer, Legal department, Norsk Hydro ASA; 2000-2001 Secretary, The government appointed commission of inquiry into the rail accidents on Rørosbanen 4 Jan 2000 and at Lillestrøm 5 April 2000; 1999-2001 Associate, Advokatfirmaet Arntzen, Underland & Co ANS/Advokatfirmaet Arntzen de Besche AS

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BENDIK CHRISTOFFERSEN

WORK DEPARTMENT

Renewable Energy; Tax and Duties; M&A and Corporate law

POSITION

Mr Christoffersen works with matters concerning renewable energy and focuses on concession law, corporate organisation, M&A, tax and hydro power taxation. He also provides general business law advice to the renewables sector, which he knows really well through his work with all phases of the development of renewable energy projects. Mr Christoffersen is frequently recognised by international rating agencies.

CAREER

2011- Partner, Thommessen; 2011 Admitted to the Supreme Court of Norway; 2004-2010 Senior Associate, Thommessen; 2001 Admitted to the bar; 1999-2003 Associate, Thommessen

LANGUAGES

English

MEMBER

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EDUCATION

1994-1999 Candidate in Jurisprudence, University of Oslo



EINAR GRETTE

WORK DEPARTMENT

Capital Markets; Debt Financing; Insolvency and Restructuring

POSITION

Mr Einar Grette's practice focuses on financing and restructuring in the bank- and bond markets, including national and international loan agreements, syndicated facilities and bond issuances. He acts for banks, trustees, bondholders, investment banks and borrowers/issuers of financial products. Mr Grette is ranked among Norway's leading lawyers within banking and finance and capital markets by international rating agencies.

CAREER

2014 Partner, Oslo office, Thommessen; 2004 Partner, Selmer, 1999-2004 Lawyer, Selmer; 1997 Admitted to the bar; 1995-1999 Associate/lawyer, Christiania Bank og Kreditkasse

LANGUAGES

English

MEMBER

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EDUCATION

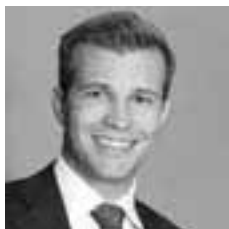
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MADS HAAVARDSHOLM

WORK DEPARTMENT

Shipping; Oil Service; Oil and Gas

POSITION

Mr Haavardsholm works primarily with contract negotiations and transactions towards clients in the shipping, oil service and oil & gas sectors. He regularly advises companies with charterparty negotiations and disputes, sale and purchase of drilling rigs and vessels, field developments and construction projects, newbuilding and IMR contracts, as well as all types of service and supplier contracts.

CAREER

2015 Partner, Oslo office, Thommessen; 2012 Senior Lawyer, Oslo office, Thommessen; 2010-2012 Senior Associate, Oslo office, Thommessen; 2009-2009 Associate, London office, Thommessen; 2009-2009 Deputy Judge, Sandefjord City Court; 2009-2009 Secondment, London office, Holman Fenwick Willan LLP; 2008 Admitted to the bar; 2006-2009 Associate, Oslo office, Thommessen

LANGUAGES

English; Swedish; Danish

MEMBER

Norwegian Bar Association

EDUCATION

2006 Candidate in Jurisprudence, University of Oslo



HENRIK HAGBERG

WORK DEPARTMENT

Shipping; Oil Service; Insurance

POSITION

Partner. Mr Henrik Hagberg has broad experience from working with both contentious and non-contentious matters within the entire shipping and offshore industry, inter alia in connection with shipbuilding and offshore construction, sale & purchase and financing of vessels and rigs, including project finance, emergency response and casualty investigation and marine and energy insurance related matters, including insurance cover disputes. Mr Hagberg also has experience from the Norwegian oil and gas industry, in particular with respect to the Norwegian gas export industry.

CAREER

2016–: Partner, Oslo office, Thommessen; 2011–2016: Partner, Oslo office, Wikborg Rein; 2009–2011: Partner, London office, Wikborg Rein; 2008–2009: Partner, Oslo office, Wikborg Rein; 2006–2008: Senior Associate, Oslo office, Wikborg Rein; 2002–2005: Wikborg Rein; 2002: Admitted to the bar; 2000–2002: Associate, Oslo office, Wikborg Rein; 1998–1999: Research Assistant, Scandinavian Institute of Maritime Law, University of Oslo

LANGUAGES

The Scandinavian languages; English

MEMBER

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EDUCATION

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CHRISTIAN HALS

WORK DEPARTMENT

M&A and Corporate law; Capital Markets; Oil and Gas

POSITION

Partner. Christian works primarily with M&A and securities law within the oil and gas segment. He has broad experience with M&A and equity capital market transactions, and has inter alia assisted several issuers in connection with listings on the Oslo Stock Exchange.

CAREER

2018-current Partner, Oslo office, Thommessen; 2015-2017 Managing associate, Oslo office, Thommessen; 2013-2015 Senior associate, Oslo office, Thommessen; 2013 Admitted to the bar; 2009-2012 Associate, Oslo office, Thommessen.

LANGUAGES

Norwegian
English

MEMBER

Norwegian Bar Association

EDUCATION

2009-2009 LLM, Bond University, Australia; 2005-2009 Master of Laws, University of Oslo



HENNING HARBORG

WORK DEPARTMENT

Dispute Resolution; Employment; Compliance & Investigations

POSITION

Mr Harborg assists clients from a wide range of business areas with dispute resolution and litigation in matters concerning contract law, administrative law, property law and bankruptcy law.

CAREER

2012-Partner, Oslo office, Thommessen; 2007-2012 Partner, Lillestrøm, Advokatfirmaet Mageli ANS; 2004-2007 Justissekretær, Luxembourg, EFTA-domstolen; 2002 Admitted to the Supreme Court of Norway; 2000-2001 Sekretær, Stortingets granskningskommisjon for Gardermoen; 1998-1999 Associate Expert, Genève, United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights; 1997-2004 Lawyer, Office of the Attorney General; 1992-1993 Research Assistant, Institutt for privatrett, University of Oslo

LANGUAGES

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MEMBER

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HANS HAUGSTAD

WORK DEPARTMENT

Debt Financing

POSITION

Mr Hans Haugstad predominantly works with financing transactions and assists both banks/financial institutions, investors and borrowers/issuers. He has been a member of the Norwegian Bar Association's law committee for banking and finance, and he regularly lectures on this topic. He is ranked among Norway's leading banking and finance lawyers by international rating agencies. He heads the firm's practice area of Debt Financing.

CAREER

2003-Partner, Thommessen; 2000-2003 Senior Associate, Oslo office, Thommessen; 1998-2000 Attorney / Group Company Secretary, London office; 1997-1998 Lawyer, Legal Department, Kværner; 1995-1996 Trainee / Foreign Lawyer, Holland & Knight, New York, U.S.A.; 1994-1997 Associate, Oslo office, Thommessen

LANGUAGES

English

MEMBER

Norwegian Bar Association

EDUCATION

1994 Candidate in Jurisprudence, University of Oslo



VIDAR HAVSGÅRD

WORK DEPARTMENT

Real Estate; Construction; Renewable Energy

POSITION

Mr Havsgård started his career in 1994. He mainly deals with matters concerning commercial real estate and construction. He assists clients in all aspects of real estate. He advises builders and contractors on various types of contract conditions and also assists players in the energy industry.

CAREER

2002 Partner, Bergen office, Thommessen; 2000-2002 Lawyer, Bergen office, Thommessen; 1994-2000; Associate, Bergen office, Thommessen; 1986-1993 Claim Consultant, Gjensidige Forsikring

LANGUAGES

English

MEMBER

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EDUCATION

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KRISTOFFER HEGDAHL

WORK DEPARTMENT

Debt Financing; Insolvency and Restructuring; Financial Regulation

POSITION

Partner. Kristoffer has extensive experience from domestic and cross-border financing transactions, acting for banks and corporates. He also holds experience from bond issues, securitization projects, as well from securities lending and repo/derivative transactions. Kristoffer also works on debt restructuring projects and corporate insolvency. In addition, he teaches in several of these subjects at the University of Oslo.

CAREER

2018-current Partner, Oslo office, Thommessen; 2016-2018 Managing Associate, Oslo office, Thommessen; 2013-2015 Senior Associate, Oslo office, Thommessen; 2012 Admitted to the bar; 2010-2013 Associate, London and Oslo Office, Thommessen; 2010-current Lecturer, Faculty of Law, University of Oslo; 2009-2010 Thommessen Scholarship, Oslo office, Scholarship Thommessen.

LANGUAGES

Norwegian

English

MEMBER

Norwegian Bar Association



ELLEN TERESA HEYERDAHL

WORK DEPARTMENT

Debt financing; Capital Markets; Insolvency and Restructuring

POSITION

Partner. Mrs Ellen Teresa Heyerdahl has extensive experience with financing. She assists borrowers, lenders and arrangers with bilateral and syndicated facilities, bond loans and debt programs. Her main focus is on financing of vessels, aircrafts and offshore installations, as well as project and acquisition financing.

CAREER

2015 Partner, Oslo office, Thommessen; 2013-2015 Managing Associate, Oslo office, Thommessen; 2013 Admitted to the bar; 2011-2013 Lawyer, Oslo office, Thommessen; 2005-2011 Associate, Wiersholm.

LANGUAGES

English

MEMBER

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HANNE SKAARBERG HOLEN

WORK DEPARTMENT

Tax and Duties

POSITION

Partner. Mrs Hanne Skaarberg Holen has extensive experience with handling large-scale and complex cases, focusing on tax law and company law. She has litigated tax cases regarding taxation of dividends, reorganisations, exit tax, inheritance, transfer pricing, tax treaty law and EEC law before county courts, appeal courts and the Supreme court as well as the EFTA court. From her background as an auditor, lawyer and partner in PwC, she acquired comprehensive knowledge regarding the organization of functions, income, expenses, authority and responsibility within large corporate structures. She uses this in her work regarding tax and liability issues. Over time, Hanne has worked extensively with the finance industry, but also within oil service and E&P. In addition to her work as a lawyer, she has held various management positions, including chairman of a publicly quoted company, technical partner and member of the leadership team at law firm PwC and as Managing Partner of Arntzen de Besche.

CAREER

2015 Partner, Oslo office, Thommessen; 2014-2015 Managing Partner, Arntzen de Besche; 2012-2015 Partner, Arntzen de Besche; 2005-2012 Partner, Law firm PricewaterhouseCoopers AS; 2005-1998 Associate/lawyer/senior lawyer, Law firm PricewaterhouseCoopers AS; 2005 Admitted to the Supreme Court of Norway; 1986-1998 Auditor assistant/senior/manager, Price Waterhouse A.S.

LANGUAGES

English, French

MEMBER

Norwegian Bar Association

EDUCATION

1994-1998 Candidate in Jurisprudence, University of Oslo; 1983-1986 Licence en Sciences Économiques, Université de Lausanne; 1981-1983 International Baccalaureate, St Clare's Hall, Oxford



STEIN KIMSÅS-OTTERBECH

WORK DEPARTMENT

Employment; Compliance & Investigations

POSITION

Mr Stein Kimsås-Otterbech has extensive experience with matters concerning employment law and as a litigator. He assists Norwegian and international clients on all aspects of employment law with a particular focus on dispute resolution, restructuring and downsizing, hiring and dismissal of employees, and issues related to pensions. Mr Kimsås-Otterbech heads the firm's Employment Law department.

CAREER

2014 Partner, Oslo office, Thommessen; 2013-2014 Partner, Oslo office, Hombles Olsby; 2012-2013 Managing Associate, Oslo office, Thommessen; 2009-2012 Lawyer, Oslo office, Thommessen; 2007 Admitted to the bar; 2006-2008 Associate, Oslo office, Thommessen; 2004-2006 Registrar I, Oslo City Court; 2003-2004 Deputy Judge, Heggen and Frøland City Court; 2002-2003 Deputy Judge, District Court, Sandefjord

LANGUAGES

English

MEMBER

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EDUCATION

2006 European Young Lawyer Scheme, British Council, University of Edinburgh; 2002 Candidate in Jurisprudence, University of Oslo

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STEPHEN KNUDTZON

WORK DEPARTMENT

Shipping; Oil Service; Construction

POSITION

Mr Knudtzon's practice includes legal advice with emphasis on maritime and oil service related matters, including contractual law, insurance law, negotiations and litigation. He also acts as an arbitrator and mediator in disputes resolution. He is a member of the legal committee of the Norwegian Shipowners' Association and is also Chairman of Buksér & Berging AS and the Chairman of the Supervisory Committee of Gard and SG Finans AS. Knudtzon is also the Chairman of the Board of Directors of The Arbitration and Dispute Resolution Institute of the Oslo Chamber of Commerce.

CAREER

1993- Partner, Oslo office, Thommessen; 1991 Admitted to the Supreme Court of Norway; 1986-1993 Partner, Lund & Co ANS; 1984-1985 Fred. Olsen & Co, Lawyer; 1981-1982 Deputy Judge, Indre Follo tingrett; 1979 Admitted to the bar; 1976-1986 Lawyer, Nordisk Skibsrederforening; 1974 Research Assistant, Scandinavian Institute of Maritime Law, University of Oslo

LANGUAGES

English; French; Dutch

MEMBER

Norwegian Bar Association

EDUCATION

1978- Traineeship, Advokatkontor i London, New York og San Francisco; 1976- Candidate in Jurisprudence, University of Oslo; 1973 Government authorised translator between Norwegian and Dutch, both in The Netherlands and Norway



STÅLE R KRISTIANSEN

WORK DEPARTMENT

Tax and Duties; M&A and Corporate Law; Dispute Resolution

POSITION

Mr Kristiansen advises several major Norwegian and foreign companies in connection with transactions, restructurings and general issues concerning tax, corporate and accounting law. He also assists clients in tax disputes, both at the administrative level and in Norwegian courts.

CAREER

2014 Admitted to the Supreme Court of Norway; 2007- Partner, Thommessen; 2004-2006 Senior Associate, Thommessen; 2001 Admitted to the bar; 2000-2003 Associate, Thommessen; 1998-2000 Associate, PricewaterhouseCoopers DA Law Firm

LANGUAGES

English

MEMBER

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EDUCATION

1997-Candidate in Jurisprudence, University of Oslo; 1996-1997 Studies in European and International law and International private law, University of Edinburgh; 1996-English studies, University of Oslo

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PÅL LIEUNGH

WORK DEPARTMENT

Oil Service; Oil and Gas; Dispute Resolution

POSITION

Mr Lieungh has many years of experience as legal advisor within the offshore, oil & gas and industrial sectors. He also has extensive international experience as an advisor to Norwegian companies dealing with international projects. Mr Lieungh heads the firm's Oil Service practice area.

CAREER

2002 Partner, Thommessen; 1999-2001 Senior Associate, Thommessen; 1997-1999 Head of Kværner's legal offices for North- and South America, General legal advice in the region and head of legal team negotiating the USD 429 mill governmental grant for taking over the shipyard in Philadelphia; 1996-1997 In house counsel, Kværner's legal offices Southeast Asia, Kværner ASA's Hong Kong office; 1994-1996 Lawyer, responsible for offshore construction and oil & gas, Inhouse counsel Kværner ASA Oslo office ; 1993-1994 Deputy Judge, Asker and Bærum District Court; 1989-1994 Attorney at law and litigator, The lawfirm Hauge & Stang Lund; 1989 Penal Code Commission, Secretary

LANGUAGES

English

MEMBER

Norwegian Bar Association

EDUCATION

1991-Law studies, England; 1988-Candidate in Jurisprudence, University of Oslo



BJØRN CHRISTIAN LILLETVEDT TØVSEN

WORK DEPARTMENT

Tax and Duties

POSITION

2018-current Partner, Oslo office, Thommessen; 2015-2017 Managing Associate, Oslo office, Thommessen; 2012-2014 Senior Associate, Oslo office, Thommessen; 2011 Admitted to the bar; 2007-2012 Associate, Oslo office, Thommessen; 2005-2007 Higher Executive Officer, Legal Unit, Oslo County Tax Office

CAREER

Partner. Bjørn Christian has broad experience advising clients and dispute resolution in connection with extensive and complex tax, duties and VAT related matters. He is especially experienced within the real estate and financial sectors, but also works with cross-border trade and transactions. Bjørn Christian is head of the firm's practice related to VAT, customs and excise duties.

LANGUAGES

Norwegian
English

MEMBER

Norwegian Bar Association
International Fiscal Association (IFA)

EDUCATION

2011-2012 Master of Laws (LL.M.) in International Taxation, New York University (NYU) School of Law; 2002-2007 Master of Laws, University of Oslo.

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HALVOR MANSÅKER

WORK DEPARTMENT

Debt Financing; Capital Markets; Insolvency and Restructuring; M&A and Corporate Law

POSITION

Mr Mansåker works primarily with debt capital market transactions, assisting both managers and issuers. In addition, he works with bank financing, restructurings and M&A.

CAREER

2008-Partner, Oslo office, Thommessen; 2004-2006 Resident Partner, London office, Thommessen; 2002-2004 Lawyer, Oslo office, Thommessen; 1999-2002 Lawyer, Legal Department, Advokatene i Telenor; 1999 Practising Certificate; 1997-1999 Associate, Legal Department, Advokatene i Telenor

LANGUAGES

English

MEMBER

Norwegian Bar Association

EDUCATION

1996 Candidate in Jurisprudence, University of Oslo



GUNNAR MARTINSEN

WORK DEPARTMENT

Renewable Energy

POSITION

A significant part of Mr Martinsen's work is related to the conditions of the power industry and energy law related litigation. He is ranked as a leading lawyer within his field in national and international rankings. He advises Norwegian and foreign power companies matters concerning energy, water resources and licensing. Mr Martinsen has assisted a number of power companies in connection with acquisitions, disposals, placements, mergers and various restructurings.

CAREER

2008 Admitted to the Supreme Court of Norway; 2000- Partner, Oslo office, Thommessen; 1998-1999 Senior Associate, Oslo office, Thommessen; 1996-1997 Associate, Oslo office, Thommessen; 1995-1996 Associate, Oslo, Advokatfirmaet Ræder, Wisløff & Aasland; 1993-1995 Legal advisor, Oslo, Norwegian Water Resources and Energy Directorate

LANGUAGES

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ANDREAS MEIDELL

WORK DEPARTMENT

Insurance; Shipping; Dispute Resolution

POSITION

Mr Meidell works mainly on commercial insurance claims and coverage issues, such as marine/energy insurance, property and liability insurance, cargo insurance, as well as reinsurance. He is also a frequent litigator and appointed arbitrator in Norwegian and international arbitrations. He is also a member of The Norwegian Maritime Law Association (CMI). Mr Meidell heads Thommessen's practice area of Insurance.

CAREER

2010-Partner, Oslo office, Thommessen; 2005-2010 Lawyer, Oslo office, Thommessen; 2005 Admitted to the bar; 2003-2005 Associate, (part-time), Advokatfirma Kluge; 2002-2004 Associate Professor, Doctor of Laws, Faculty of Law, University of Bergen; 1998-2002 Research Fellow, Faculty of Law, University of Bergen; 1996-1998 Associate, Bergen office, Wikborg Rein

LANGUAGES

English; French

MEMBER

Norwegian Bar Association

EDUCATION

2003-Doctor of Laws, University of Bergen; 1996-Candidate in Jurisprudence, University of Bergen; 1994-Law studies, Faculté du Droit, Aix-en-Provence, France



CHRISTIAN MÜLLER

WORK DEPARTMENT

Real Estate

POSITION

Mr Müller has been involved in a large number of the most complex real estate transactions in Norway. He also frequently negotiates major commercial lease agreements. He is recognised as one of the leading lawyers within his area of expertise by Norwegian and international rating agencies. Müller heads the firm's practice area Commercial Property.

CAREER

2001-Partner, Oslo office, Thommessen; 1998-2001 Lawyer, Oslo office, Thommessen; 1994-1998 Associate, Oslo office, Thommessen; 1992-1994 Deputy Judge, Kragerø; 1991-1992 Legal advisor, Norwegian Ministry of Justice

LANGUAGES

English

MEMBER

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EDUCATION

1999 Studies, England; 1991 Candidate in Jurisprudence, University of Oslo; 1990 Studies, USA

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TORE MYDSKE

WORK DEPARTMENT

Financing Regulation; Capital Markets; Compliance & Investigations

POSITION

Mr Mydske advises financial companies with what is considered as regulated activity and the consequences of operating within this field in Norway. He is known to be one of Norway's leading experts within this area, and the clients include banks, insurance companies, investment firms and mutual fund firms. He heads Thommessen practice area dealing with matters concerning financial regulation.

CAREER

2012- Partner, Oslo office, Thommessen; 2009-2012 Lawyer, Oslo office, Thommessen; 2009 Admitted to the bar; 2008-2009 Associate, Oslo office, Thommessen; 2004-2006 Counsellor for Financial and Economic Affairs, The Norwegian Embassy, Washington DC; 2001-2007 Deputy Director General, Financial Markets Department, Norwegian Ministry of Finance; 2000-2001 Assistant Director General, Financial Markets Department, Norwegian Ministry of Finance; 1999-2000 Higher Executive Officer, Financial Markets Department, Norwegian Ministry of Finance; 1997 EU commission, Trainee; 1996-1999 Executive officer, Financial Markets Department, Norwegian Ministry of Finance

LANGUAGES

English; French

MEMBER

Norwegian Bar Association

EDUCATION

1999-2000 Master of Laws, LL.M King's College London; 1995- Candidate in Jurisprudence, University of Oslo



REIDAR MYHRE

WORK DEPARTMENT

Environment; Real Estate; Insolvency and Restructuring

POSITION

Associate Partner. In recent years, Mr Myhre has been involved in several major transactions related to sale and purchase of commercial properties and industrial businesses. He regularly holds lectures on property law and insolvency law through courses arranged by the Norwegian Bar Association. He heads Thommessen's practice area of Environment, and is also a member of the practice areas Commercial Property and Insolvency and Restructuring.

CAREER

2004- Associate Partner, Oslo office, Thommessen; 2002-2004; Senior Associate, Oslo office, Thommessen; 2002 Practising Certificate; 2000-2002 Associate, Oslo office, Thommessen; 1997-1999 Deputy Judge, Sandnes City Court; 1995-1997 Legal Adviser, Legislation Department, Norwegian Ministry of Justice; 1992-1995 Higher Executive Officer, Legislation Department, Norwegian Ministry of Justice; 1989-1990 Research Assistant, Department of Private Law, University of Oslo

LANGUAGES

English

MEMBER

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EDUCATION

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JENS NAAS-BIBOW

WORK DEPARTMENT

Renewable Energy; Environment; Dispute Resolution

POSITION

Mr Naas-Bibow deals with matters concerning energy law, environmental law and litigation. He has particular experience with energy licences, European and Norwegian regulation of the energy sector, economic regulation impacting energy distribution and transmission, district heating, rights of way for infrastructure, expropriation, appraisal cases and energy law related litigation. Naas-Bibow is ranked as a leading lawyer within his field in national and international rankings. He heads the firm's practice area of Renewable Energy.

CAREER

2011 Admitted to the Supreme Court of Norway; 2007-Partner, Oslo office, Thommessen; 2004-2006; Senior Associate, Oslo office, Thommessen; 2002 Admitted to the bar; 2000-2003 Associate, Oslo office, Thommessen; 1998-1999 Research Assistant, Scandinavian Institute of Maritime Law, Petroleum Law Dept, University of Oslo

LANGUAGES

English; German; Swedish; Danish

MEMBER

Norwegian Bar Association

EDUCATION

2000-Candidate in Jurisprudence, University of Oslo; 1997-German for lawyers, University of Oslo



HAAKON OPPERUD

WORK DEPARTMENT

IT and Data Protection/Privacy

POSITION

Associate Partner. Mr Opperud works primarily with matters concerning the IT industry, with focus on IT, technology and telecommunications. He has been involved in most of the major domestic IT and technology projects in Norway the last fifteen years. Opperud has significant negotiating experience, also as chief negotiator, both in Norway and abroad. He regularly holds courses and lectures within his field.

CAREER

2004- Associated Partner, Oslo office, Thommessen; 2002-2004 Lawyer, London office, Computer Associates; 2000-2004 Lawyer, Oslo office, Thommessen; 1997 Admitted to the bar; 1994-1999 Lowzow & Co (Haavind), Lawyer; 1992-1994 Research Assistant, Department of Private Law, University of Oslo

LANGUAGES

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MEMBER

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EDUCATION

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EIRIK W RAANES

WORK DEPARTMENT

Intellectual Property; Construction; Dispute Resolution

POSITION

Mr Raanes works primarily with dispute resolution within contract law, construction law, intellectual property law, insurance law and matters concerning corporate law. He acts regularly on behalf of large Norwegian enterprises in litigation procedures before the ordinary courts and in arbitration. Raanes has been heading Thommessen's Bergen office since 2011.

CAREER

2007 Admitted to the Supreme Court of Norway; 2003-Senior Associate, Thommessen; 1998-2000 Associate, Thommessen

LANGUAGES

English

MEMBER

Norwegian Bar Association

EDUCATION

2001-2002 Master of US Law (Intellectual Property Emphasis), Santa Clara University, California, USA; 1998 Candidate in Jurisprudence, University of Bergen



MARIUS HOLM RYNNING

WORK DEPARTMENT

Tax and Duties; M&A and Corporate law

POSITION

Partner. Mr Marius Holm Rynning primarily works with tax law and corporate law. He focuses on Norwegian and international tax law issues in connection with transactions, private equity, restructurings and financing. Marius also assists on incentive programs for private equity owned companies, general tax advice and tax disputes.

CAREER

2017-: Partner, Oslo office, Thommessen; 2014–2016: Managing Associate, Oslo office, Thommessen; 2012–2014: Senior Associate, Oslo office, Thommessen; 2011: Admitted to the bar; 2010–2011: Deputy Judge; 2008–2012: Associate, Oslo office, Thommessen

LANGUAGES

Scandinavian languages; English

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CHRISTIAN GRÜNER SAGSTAD

WORK DEPARTMENT

M&A and Corporate Law; Capital Markets; Private Equity

POSITION

Partner. Mr Christian Grüner Sagstad has long experience within M&A and equity capital markets transactions, and acts for numerous private equity firms, investment banks, stock exchange listed companies and private companies.

CAREER

2016-current Partner, Oslo office, Thommessen; 2014-2015 Managing Associate, Oslo office, Thommessen; 2012-2013 Senior Associate, Oslo office, Thommessen; 2012 Admitted to the bar; 2010-2011 Associate, Oslo office, Thommessen; 2010-2010 Associate, London office, Thommessen; 2007-2009 Associate, Oslo office, Thommessen

LANGUAGES

English

MEMBER

Norwegian Bar Association

EDUCATION

2002 Master of Laws, University of Oslo.



CHRISTOPHER SPARRE-ENGER CLAUSEN

WORK DEPARTMENT

IT and Data Protection/Privacy; M&A and Corporate law

POSITION

Partner. Christopher heads Thommessen's Technology and Data Protection practice group and specialises within M&A, technology and data protection law. He has extensive experience from both domestic and international M&A and IT-projects, and regularly provide clients with legal and strategic advise within a broad range of areas relating to digitalisation and technology, such as data protection, cybersecurity, outsourcing, licensing, cloud computing, software development, as well as IP and regulatory matters pertaining to IT and telecommunications.

CAREER

2018-current Partner, Oslo office, Thommessen; 2014-2018 Managing Associate, Oslo office, Thommessen; 2011-2014 Senior Associate, OSlo office, Thommessen; 2009 Admitted to the bar; 2007-2010 Associate, Oslo office, Thommessen; 2005-2007 Associate, Vogt&Wiig Law firm.

LANGUAGES

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French
Swedish
Danish

MEMBER

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EDUCATION

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EIVIND SÆVERAAS

WORK DEPARTMENT

EU/EEA and Competition Law; Dispute Resolution; Compliance & Investigations

POSITION

Associate Partner. Mr Sæveraas is primarily recognised for his work on several high-profile merger cases, as well as other competition law matters, including cartel cases and litigation. He assists clients in a wide range of industries, including construction, energy, telecommunication, publishing, media, insurance and transportation. He is co-editor and co-writer of the commentary to the Norwegian Competition Act published in 2009.

CAREER

2008- Associate Partner, Oslo office, Thommessen; 2002-2007 Senior Associate, Oslo office, Thommessen; 2002 Admitted to the bar; 1998-2002 Associate, Oslo office, Thommessen; 1995-1998 General Counsel, Norwegian Competition Authority; 1993-1994 Research Assistant, Department of European Law, University of Oslo

LANGUAGES

English

MEMBER

Norwegian Bar Association

EDUCATION

1989-1994 Candidate in Jurisprudence, University of Oslo



SIRI TEIGUM

WORK DEPARTMENT

EU/EAA and Competition Law

POSITION

Mrs Teigum acts as an advisor and litigator in procurement matters, and is top ranked within these areas. She also has won major cases before Norwegian courts as well as the EFTA and CJEU courts, and also acts as an arbitrator. She is member of the Complaints Board for Public Procurement (KOFA). Teigum heads Thommessen practice area of EU/EEA and Competition Law.

CAREER

1996- Partner, Oslo office, Thommessen; 1992-1996 Associate, Thommessen, Oslo; 1989-1991 Advisor/secretary during EEA negotiations, Legal Department, EFTA; 1988-1989 Higher Executive Officer, Legislation Department, Norwegian Ministry of Justice; 1985-1987 Research Assistant/Research Fellowship, Faculty of Law, University of Oslo

LANGUAGES

English; French

MEMBER

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EDUCATION

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SVERRE TYRHAUG

WORK DEPARTMENT

Capital Markets; M&A and Corporate law; Private Equity

POSITION

Managing Partner. Mr Sverre Tyrhaug has advised on a number of share issues, IPOs and other capital markets transactions. Prior to being appointed as Managing Partner, he was the head of Thommessen's capital markets group. He is recognised as a leading capital markets lawyer in reputable international rankings. He also has significant experience within M&A, with a particular focus on public M&A. Mr Tyrhaug has been Managing Partner of Thommessen since 2013.

CAREER

2014-2015 Certified Legal Project Manager®; 2013- Managing Partner, Thommessen; 2006- Partner, Oslo office, Thommessen; 2005-2005 Senior Associate, Oslo office, Thommessen; 2003-2004 Head, London office, Thommessen; 2001-2002 Lawyer, London office, Thommessen; 2000-2001 Smarterwork Ltd, Legal Counsel; 1998-2000 Lawyer, Brussels office, Thommessen; 1997-1998 Associate, Oslo office, Thommessen

LANGUAGES

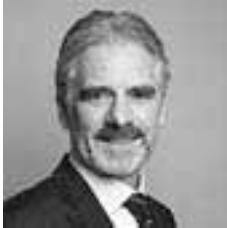
English; French

MEMBER

Norwegian Bar Association

EDUCATION

2002-2003 Corporate Finance Programme, London Business School; 1998-1998 Post-graduate degree EC law, University of Oslo; 1991-1997 Candidate in Jurisprudence, University of Oslo



SVEIN AAGE VALEN

WORK DEPARTMENT

Dispute Resolution; Construction; Compliance & Investigations

POSITION

Mr Valen has litigated numerous cases before both the public courts and arbitration tribunals. He has been engaged in many extensive and high profiled criminal cases within areas concerning white collar crime, tax fraud, environmental crime and corporate penalty cases related to the Working Environment Act. He has broad experience counselling both large, private clients and public entities.

CAREER

2003 Admitted to the Supreme Court of Norway; 1997-Partner, Bergen office, Thommessen; 1992-1997 Associate, Bergen office, Thommessen; 1990 Admitted to the bar; 1989-1992 Lawyer, Bergen, Den norske Bank ASA, legal department; 1988-1989 Chief Superintendent, Økonomiavsnittet, Bergen politikammer

LANGUAGES

English

MEMBER

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EDUCATION

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EIVIND J VESTERKJÆR

WORK DEPARTMENT

EU/EEA and Competition Law; Compliance & Investigations

POSITION

Mr Vesterkjær's practice focuses on matters relating to competition law, public procurement and general legal advice to clients in a variety of sectors and industries, including life sciences, shipping and retail. He also does merger control work in connection with mergers, acquisitions and other concentrations. Mr Vesterkjær has for a number of years been ranked among Norway's leading lawyers within his fields of expertise.

CAREER

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