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Inge works with mergers and acquisitions, energy law, tax law and company law. His advisory services focus on the energy sector (hydroelectric power, wind power and small-scale power) and renewable energy in particular. In addition, he also assists in purchase and sale of energy companies, in negotiation and preparation of contracts, and in regulatory matters and restructuring processes. Inge has in-depth knowledge of and experience with the energy sector and has played an important role in most of the major energy transactions in Norway in recent years. Chambers and Partners, Legal 500 and the Norwegian Financial Daily have ranked Inge as one of Norway's most prominent experts on energy law and renewable energy law.

Inge Ekker Bartnes utilises his extensive experience and expertise to provide real “value-added” insight at key points of the transaction, the type of support you want (and need) from a top-quality partner in this sector. Exceptional at “cutting through the noise” on transactions and facilitates key decision-making. Again, he is a pleasure to work with.

Legal 500, 2024

Industry expertise

Industry

Areas of practice

Regulatory

Renewable Energy

Offshore Wind

M&A and Corporate Law

Environmental Law

Oil and Gas

Tax

Selected projects

Acquisition of hydroelectric power plants

Advising SL Capital Partners LLP / Standard Life Investments through its Norwegian subsidiaries Nordic Power AS and Nordic Hydro Holding AS in connection with the acquisition of two companies owning small-scale hydropower plants and subsequent mergers of companies in the Nordic Power group. Wiersholm has previously assisted the client in connection with acquisitions of other hydropower plants by the Nordic Power group. The acquisition of Hesjeberg AS was signed in July 2017 and Mygland Kraft AS in August 2017. Wiersholm advised on due diligence, corporate, regulatory and contractual matters. This matter is important because new investments in Norwegian hydropower prove the success of previous investments and lead to the growth of the Nordic Power group. Furthermore, the acquisition of Mygland Kraft AS implies that the composition of the group is also more balanced, as the companies in its portfolio are exposed to different price areas for hydroelectric power and operate in different climate/weather conditions. Wiersholm is currently assisting the client in connection with another potential hydropower project.

Market entry

Assisted an international wind power developer and investor on its first entry into the Norwegian wind power market, and as a runner-up for the acquisition of a Norwegian greenfield wind farm project. Our advice included assistance in understanding the Norwegian regulatory sphere and the recent developments affecting future wind farm investments in Norway. In addition, we assisted our client in the bid process for acquisition of a greenfield wind farm project, including a legal due diligence review of the wind farm project. While our client is highly experienced in the wind farm development, our assistance was key in order for our client to perform a precise assessment and valuation of the regulatory risks in the current Norwegian wind power market.

Work experience

Partner, Wiersholm, 2005

Lawyer, Wiersholm, 1998

Associate/Senior Associate, Another law firm, 1996

Deputy Judge, Salten District Court, 1995

Associate/Senior Associate, Another law firm, 1993

Education

Cand. Jur., University of Oslo, 1993

Awards

Band 1, Chambers Europe, Energy: Renewables, 2024

Topp 10, Advokatundersøkelsen, Finansavisen, Renewables and environmental, 2023

Highly regarded, IFLR1000, M&A, 2023

Band 2, Chambers Europe, Energy: Renewables, 2023

Band 2, Chambers Europe 2022, Energy: Electricity , 2022

Band 2, Chambers Europe 2020, Energy: Electricity - Norway, 2020