



# John Steffen Gulbrandsen

## Partner | Lawyer admitted to the Supreme Court

John S. Gulbrandsen has worked with business law for more than 30 years, especially in the areas of intellectual property law, employment law and dispute resolution.

John is a highly recognised and skilled lawyer within his specialist areas, where over the years he has achieved a number of awards for professional skill and competence.

John has assisted a number of large clients, especially in the publishing and media industry, with a wide range of legal issues, disputes and, not least, strategic advice. He masters, and works with, all areas of intellectual property law, but particularly copyright, trademark law, design law and marketing law. He also has broad expertise and experience in employment law areas. The combination of the subject areas means an overall sought-after expertise on employment agreements in companies with a need for good agreement clauses on the transfer of rights and the safeguarding of rights.

He has broad competence and experience with dispute resolution and solid procedural experience from all courts. He has had the right to appear before the Supreme Court since 1997.

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### Expertise areas

Intellectual property law

Employment law

Dispute resolution and litigation

### Work experience

2021–

● **SANDS Advokatfirma DA**  
Partner

2011–2020

● **Bing Hodneland Advokatselskap DA**  
Partner

1990–2010

● **Advokatfirmaet Wiersholm AS**  
Partner

1987–1990

● **Ministry of Culture**  
First consultant

1986–1987

● **Norwegian Film Institute**  
First consultant

1982–1983



• **Department of Forensic Informatics, Oslo**  
Scientific assistant

## Education

1986  
• **University of Oslo**  
Cand. jur.

## Awards

2024  
• **Legal 500**  
Recommended lawyer in the category "Intellectual property"

## Memberships / Posts

1992–  
• **Billedkunst Opphavsrett i Norge SA**  
Board member

2011–  
• **Kunstnernes eget materialsalg SA**  
Chairman of the board

2018–  
• **Nemnda for Arbeidstakeroppfinnelser**  
Legal member

2018–  
• **JUC - immaterialrett og markedsrett**  
Network manager

2017–  
• **Stiftelsen Arkitekturmuseet**  
Board member (state-appointed)

2012–2017  
• **Stiftelsen Kunstindustrimuseet**  
Board member (state-appointed)

2011–2018  
• **Universal Music AS**  
Chairman of the board