



# Vidar Johnsen

## Partner

Vidar Johnsen primarily works with contract law matters, and he is specialised in construction law including EPCI contracts and PPP structures. In addition, he is specialized in IP law matters, more specifically within patent law and patent litigation. He regularly litigates for the ordinary courts and in arbitration, and he is also regularly appointed as arbitrator in international arbitration proceedings.

Vidar is a key-contributor to the growing Norwegian renewable energy industries, and he has over the last years been counselling on major energy development projects abroad, and holds experience both from Europe, Africa, Asia and South-America.

Vidar is also a key resource coming to SANDS' focus on and support to the evolving and promising technology and innovation industries, and he assists a number of companies within the pharmaceutical, biotech and medtech sectors.

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### Expertise areas

Construction law

Intellectual property law

Dispute resolution and litigation

Global Construction Desk

Public-Private Partnerships (PPP)

Renewable energy

Infrastructure - transport and  
signal / purpose building

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*“Vidar Johnsen – very good in litigation and licensing”.*

- Client, Legal 500, 2024

### Work experience

2013–

● **SANDS Advokatfirma DA**  
Partner

2006–2013

● **Selmer Advokatfirma DA**  
Non-Equity Partner | Lawyer

2000–2006

● **Advokatfirmaet Sørliie Wilhelmsen ANS**  
Lawyer

1997–2000

● **Christiania Bank og Kreditkasse, corporate legal section**  
Lawyer

1996–1997

- **The Norwegian Consumer Council**  
Legal Adviser

## Education

- 1995
- **University of Oslo**  
Cand. jur.

## Awards

- 2020
- **Legal 500**  
"A preferred attorney at law for IPR based agreements across jurisdictions."
- 2024
- **Legal 500**  
Recommended lawyer in the category "Construction"