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At SANDS Lennart has been working with several highly principal cases concerning port access and the pricing of port services. Together with his earlier experiences from the transport area, he has gained particular knowledge in issues concerning access to and pricing of infrastructure and transport markets.

Before Lennart joined SANDS, he worked for the Internal Market Affairs Directorate of the EFTA Surveillance Authority. Prior to that he was a senior advisor at the Norwegian Ministry of Transport and advisor at the Norwegian Public Roads Administration. He served his compulsory military service at the military prosecution service and was deployed as a legal advisor (with the rank of major) to the Norwegian forces in Afghanistan.

Expertise areas

EU-, EWR- und Wettbewerbsrecht

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2012–2015
SANDS Advokatfirma DA
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2010–2012
EFTA Surveillance Authority
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Ministry of Transport
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Norwegian Armed Forces in Afghanistan
Military Prosecution Service and Legal advisor (major)

Education

2003
University of Oslo
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University of Durham (UK),
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Publications

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