



# John Olav Auran

## Partner

John Olav Auran specialises in tax, VAT, and import/export duties.

John Olav is one of Norway's most experienced tax lawyers with extensive experience as an advisor for various sectors and industries. He regularly assists municipalities with issues tied to compensation of VAT. He also has broad experience with VAT challenges, planning and documentation in complex real estate projects. In recent years, John Olav has also assisted international companies in various PPP-projects. He has brought several lawsuits against the State related to VAT and customs issues.

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### Expertise areas

Taxation, duties and accounting

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John Olav's experience from working within the Norwegian Tax Authority is simply a “deal-maker

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### Work experience

- 2018–  
● **SANDS Advokatfirma DA**  
Partner
- 2001–2018  
● **EY Tax & Law**  
Partner | Senior Associate
- 1995–2001  
● **Telemark County Tax Office**  
Department Manager
- 1993–1995  
● **Oslo County Tax Office**  
Executive

### Education

- 1993  
● **University of Oslo**  
Cand. jur.

Publications

- 2017
- The Norwegian Association of Local and Regional Authorities (KS)  
VAT compensation

Awards

- 2024
- Legal 500  
Recommended lawyer in the category "Tax"