John Steffen Gulbrandsen

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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.

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.

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