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OVERVIEW

Knud Jacob Knudsen is a partner in Simonsen Vogt Wiig's dispute resolution team in Oslo, and head of the firm's international arbitration practice.

Knud specializes in commercial dispute resolution. He has acted as counsel in several national and international arbitration cases, including cases under ICC, SCC, UNCITRAL and NOMA rules. He also serves as an arbitrator, and has been appointed both by parties and institutions.

In addition, he has argued a large number of cases before Norwegian courts, and has been admitted to the Supreme Court of Norway since 2004.

Knud's experience includes the following types of disputes:

- Construction projects, both onshore and offshore, including final settlement disputes and claims involving defects
- Post-M&A disputes, including claims for breach of warranties and claims concerning additional payment
- Company law disputes, including claims concerning rights of first refusal and validity of decisions by company bodies
- Energy disputes, including construction of wind farms and distribution of fossil fuels
- Commercial contract disputes, including cases concerning termination, damages and liability for breach of contract and requests for specific performance

Knud has detailed knowledge of Norwegian and international standard contracts for construction and engineering work, fabrication contracts and shipbuilding contracts. He also has extensive experience with target price contracts, joint ventures and various forms of partnering contracts.

Prior to focusing on dispute resolution, Knud worked with mergers and acquisitions and company law for several years. In addition to working as counsel and arbitrator, Knud has clerked at the Norwegian Supreme Court.

He is ranked in Chambers and Legal 500 within dispute resolution and construction law.

AREAS OF EXPERTISE

- Dispute resolution and international arbitration
- Construction disputes – both onshore and offshore
- Shipbuilding contracts and disputes
- Energy disputes
- Company law and post M&A disputes
- Commercial contract disputes
- Negligence claims against boards of directors
- Professional liability

WORK EXPERIENCE

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| 2022 - | Advokatfirmaet Simonsen Vogt Wiig AS | Partner |
| 2017 – 2022 | Arntzen de Besche Advokatfirma AS | Partner |
| 2011 - 2016 | Advokatfirma DLA Piper Norway DA | Partner |
| 2008 - 2011 | Advokatfirma DLA Piper Norway DA | Senior associate |
| 2007 - 2008 | Advokatfirma Mageli ANS | Lawyer |
| 2006 - 2007 | Advokatfirma DLA Piper Norway DA | Senior associate |
| 2005 - 2006 | Norwegian Supreme Court | Law clerk |
| 1997 - 2005 | Advokatfirma DLA Nordic | Lawyer / junior associate |

EDUCATION

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| 1996 | University of Bergen | Cand. jur. |
| 2004 | Supreme Court of Norway | Admitted |
| 2023 | Stockholm Arbitration Institute | Diploma course in international arbitration for foreign arbitrators |

APPOINTMENTS

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| 2024 | Board member – SCC Arbitration Institute |
| 2006 - 2018 | Member of civil procedure committee at Legal Education Center (JUS) |

SELECTED CASES

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| <i>Arbitration. Construction law.</i> | Chairman of the arbitral tribunal in a comprehensive construction dispute between a Norwegian construction company and an international construction company concerning the building of a new stretch of railroad. The case involved two oral hearings lasting more than three weeks. The Norwegian Arbitration Act and the NOMA Guidelines applied to the case. |
| <i>Arbitration. Commercial contract.</i> | Sole arbitrator in SCC arbitration concerning dispute over contract interpretation and payment of outstanding invoices under Swedish law between US and Swedish parties. |
| <i>Arbitration. Shipbuilding.</i> | Legal counsel for a Norwegian aquaculture company in connection with a comprehensive dispute with an Asian shipyard concerning the building of an offshore installation. The case was resolved by arbitration with a three-week oral hearing in Stockholm under SCC Rules. |
| <i>Arbitration. Company law. M&A.</i> | Legal counsel for a Swedish listed company in an arbitration case concerning the sale of the shares in a Norwegian company to a Danish buyer. The matter was resolved by arbitration pursuant to the Norwegian Arbitration Act with a three-week oral hearing. |
| <i>Arbitration. Construction law.</i> | Legal counsel to Asian listed company in connection with a dispute concerning the dissolution of a joint venture for building one of Northern Europe's longest suspension bridges. The case was resolved by arbitration with an oral hearing under ICC Rules in Paris. |
| <i>Arbitration. Energy.</i> | Legal counsel for major international energy company in extensive dispute with another major international energy company concerning interpretation of contracts |

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| | concerning storage and through-put of fuels. The Norwegian Arbitration Act and NOMA Rules and Guidelines applied to the case. |
| <i>Arbitration. Energy.</i> | Legal counsel for major Norwegian construction company in dispute with European windfarm company concerning the building of one of Norway's largest wind farms. Norwegian law and the Norwegian Arbitration Act applied to the case. |
| <i>Arbitration. Real estate.</i> | Legal counsel for Norwegian property developer in dispute over purchase of commercial property. The matter was resolved by arbitration pursuant to the Norwegian Arbitration Act with a week-long oral hearing. |
| <i>Norwegian Court. Company law.</i> | <i>Supreme</i> Legal counsel for Norwegian mining company in dispute with shareholder concerning payment for subscription of shares. The case involved a question of principle with respect to the interpretation of the Norwegian Companies Act. |

PUBLICATIONS

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| 2023 | Preserving Evidence in Arbitration Proceedings: From a Swedish and Norwegian Perspective, Stockholm Arbitration Yearbook (co-authored by Olof Olsson) |
| 2023 | Recourse claims and arbitration agreements: an analysis of the Norwegian Supreme Court's ruling in HR-2023-573-A, Norwegian Journal for Tort Law no. 5/2023 (co-authored by Anette Fjeld and Eirik Bergsjø) |
| 2023 | When must a party invoke an arbitration agreement, Newsletter for The Danish Arbitration Institute |
| 2023 | Preserving evidence in arbitration, Norwegian Journal for Commercial Law, No. 1/2023 |
| 2023 | Commentary on the Norwegian Arbitration Act, Gyldendal Rettsdata |
| 2023 | Arbitration binding on third parties under the Norwegian Arbitration Act, LexisNexis |
| 2022 | Contractual remedies in the event of delays in construction projects, Norwegian Journal for Commercial Law No. 2/2022 (co-authored by Wenche Maartmann-Moe) |
| 2019 | Transfer of liability for design work, The Building Industry no. 7/2019 |
| 2007 | Procedural errors in a busy lawyers' schedule, Law and Justice no. 7/2007 |
| 2004 | The significance of breach of the procedural rules in the Companies Act, Nordic Journal for Company Law no. 2/2004 |
| 2000 | Practical due diligence, Norwegian Journal for Commercial Law no. 1/2000 |
| 1999 | Share buy-backs, Norwegian Journal for Commercial Law no. 1/1999 |

SELECTED LECTURES

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| 2023 | Arbitration in construction cases, Legal Education Network (JUC) |
| 2022 | BREEAM in EPC contracts, Legal Education Center (JUS) |
| 2020 | How parties can protect their interests in the event of delays in construction projects, Legal Education Center (JUS) |
| 2019 | Deadlines for bringing action in construction cases, The Construction Law Society |

RECENT ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

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| 2023 | Chambers | Construction |
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| 2022 | Chambers | Construction |
| 2021 | Chambers | Construction / <i>"he is available 24/7 if we want or have the need to discuss a case with him. He also shows great care for the people he is representing and is able to adjust his strategy to make his clients feel comfortable during a legal process, when they sometimes are under big pressure"</i> |
| 2021 | Legal 500 | Dispute resolution / <i>"Knud Knudsen is a very good practitioner"</i> |