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Helge Morten has extensive litigation experience from both the Office of the Attorney General and Wiersholm. In particular, he has provided litigation advice and assistance in major contracting disputes, especially offshore (FPSOs, platforms, rigs etc.), but also in relation to onshore activities. He is also an energy and real estate law specialist. Helge Morten is ranked amongst Norway's most prominent lawyers in his areas of expertise. He is ranked as highly recommended in the categories Dispute Resolution, Energy/Electricity and Real Estate/Construction in Chambers Global, Chambers Europe and Legal 500. He is ranked as Senior Statesman in Dispute Resolution (Legal 500) and in Construction (Chambers). He is also ranked as leading in the categories Oil and Gas and Renewable Energy in the Norwegian Financial Daily's lawyers survey. Mr. Svarva has been voted "Lawyer of the Year" in the categories Arbitration, Construction Law, Energy Law - Electricity, Litigation, Real Estate Law in Best Lawyers. In the Bar Associations overview of 2021 over 100 lawyers which have contributed to change Norway, Helge Morten is highlighted as one who has litigated most disputes before the Supreme Court in modern time. Helge Morten is often used as an arbitrator, and is an authorised mediator.

Industry expertise

Fisheries and Aquaculture
Industry
Shipping and Offshore

Areas of practice

Real estate
Construction
Renewable Energy
Contract Law
Oil and Gas
Litigation and Dispute
Resolution

Helge Svarva is a highly regarded practitioner who advises clients on construction disputes. He is highlighted for his activity in arbitration and mediation proceedings. Sources say: "He is very experienced and has a lot of knowledge in

construction contracts."

Chambers Europe, 2020

Selected projects

Expropriation, Brakerøya in Drammen

Assistance to Eie 1 AS in connection with a dispute between Eie 1 AS (Selvaag, Aspelin Ramm and Vedal) and Helse Sør-Øst (HSØ) related to a development property of 92 daa at Brakerøya in Drammen. HSØ acquired the property under threat of expropriation, and the consideration must be determined in accordance with the principles of expropriation law. In particular, the case raises the question of the utility value alternative and consideration for development profits in addition to the site value – a question that is partly unresolved in case law. The amount in dispute exceeds NOK 1 billion. The case will be brought before Borgarting Court of Appeal in the spring of 2022.

Oset Water Treatment Facility and Vettakollen elevated reservoir

Assistance to AF in connection with the disputes between AF and the Municipality of Oslo regarding the construction of Oset Water Treatment Facility (WTP) and an elevated reservoir at Vettakollen. The matters concerned several construction law issues, and the amount in dispute was several hundred million Norwegian kroner. Both cases were successfully settled through out of court-sponsored mediation.

The energy sector

Helge Morten has been involved in a number of cases within various areas of the energy sector, including acquisitions and value assessments of power rights and power transmission lines (also for Statnett) and licencing right issues of various kinds.

Work experience

Senior Counsel, Wiersholm, 2023

Partner, Wiersholm, 1990

Lawyer, Office of the Attorney-General, 1983

Associate, Norwegian Ministry of Petroleum and Energy, 1983

Scholarship for Young European Lawyers, British Council,
1986

Education

Cand. Jur., University of Oslo, 1982

Awards

Senior Statespeople, Chambers Europe, Construction, 2024

Senior Statespeople, Chambers Europe, Construction, 2023

Senior Statespeople , Chambers Europe , Construction , 2022

Senior Statesperson, Chambers Europe, Construction -
Norway, 2021

Leading individuals, Legal 500, Construction, 2021

Senior Statesperson, Chambers Europe, Construction , 2020

Leading individuals, Legal 500, Construction, 2020

Ranked as one of the leading practitioners in the World in
Energy , , ,