

# Helge Morten Svarva

Partner

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Helge M. Svarva 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. Mr. Svarva is also an energy and real estate law specialist. He is admitted to the Supreme Court, and is often used as an arbitrator and mediator. Mr. Svarva 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 was voted "Lawyer of the Year" in the categories Arbitration and Mediation, Construction Law, Energy Law - Electricity, Litigation, Real Estate Law in Best Lawyers 2017/2018 . Helge M. Svarva is an authorised mediator.

*Interviewees praise Helge Svarva as a "clever lawyer," while others add that he is "highly respected," among his peers. He is an experienced arbitrator, and frequently represents clients in construction mandates related to both onshore and offshore*

## Industry expertise

Shipping and Offshore  
Industry  
Fisheries and Aquaculture  
Real Estate  
Renewable Energy

## Areas of practice

Contract Law  
Construction  
Litigation and Dispute  
Resolution  
Real Estate  
Renewable Energy

*projects, as well as assisting with contractual and administrative issues.*

**Chambers Europe, 2018**

## **Selected projects**

### **Comprehensive dispute between two international companies in the offshore market**

Mr. Svarva headed Wiersholm's team in an extensive dispute between two international companies in the offshore market. The amount in dispute is approximately NOK 1 billion.

### **Construction of Oset Vannbehandlingsanlegg**

Mr. Svarva headed Wiersholm's team in the dispute between Konsortiet AF/Kruger and the municipality of Oslo regarding the construction of Oset Water Treatment Facility. The amount in dispute was several hundred million Norwegian kroner, and the main hearing was scheduled for 8 weeks. The case was settled through successful out-of-court mediation.

## **Work experience**

Partner, Wiersholm, 1990

British Council's Scholarship for Young European Lawyers,  
British Council, 1986

Lawyer, Office of the Attorney-General, 1983

Associate, Norwegian Ministry of Petroleum and Energy, 1983

## **Education**

Cand. jur., University of Oslo, 1982

## **Awards**

Construction, Chambers Europe, Senior Statespeople, 2019

Dispute Resolution, Chambers Europe, Senior Statespeople,  
2019

Construction, Legal 500, Tier 1, 2019

Electricity and renewable energy, Legal 500, Tier 1, 2019

Offshore construction and shipbuilding, Legal 500, Tier 2,  
2019