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Inge Ekker Bartnes works with mergers and acquisitions, energy law, tax law and company law. Mr. Bartnes' advisory services focus on the energy sector (hydroelectric power, wind power and small-scale power) and renewable energy in particular. Mr. Bartnes also assists in purchase and sale of energy companies, in negotiation and preparation of contracts, and in regulatory matters and restructuring processes. Mr. Bartnes has in-depth knowledge of and experience with the energy sector and has played an important role in most of the major energy transactions in Norway in recent years. Mr. Bartnes is ranked as one of Norway's most prominent experts on energy law and renewable energy law by Chambers and Partners, Legal 500 and in the Norwegian Financial Daily's annual lawyers survey.

Inge Ekker Bartnes is well recognised for his long-standing experience in the renewable energy sector, particularly standing out in M&A transactions. He is described as "a good negotiator," and wins further praise from commentators for his "strong network and persistence in deals." He also advises on project developments, agreements and regulatory issues, as well as assisting with contentious mandates.

Chambers Europe, 2019

Industry expertise

Industry
Renewable Energy

Areas of practice

Environmental Law
Tax
Regulatory
M&A and Corporate Law
Oil and Gas
Renewable Energy

Selected projects

Acquisition

Advising SL Capital Partners LLP / Standard Life Investments through its Norwegian subsidiaries Nordic Power AS and Nordic Hydro Holding AS in connection with the acquisition of two companies owning small-scale hydropower plants and subsequent mergers of companies in the Nordic Power group. Wiersholm has previously assisted the client in connection with acquisitions of other hydropower plants by the Nordic Power group. The acquisition of Hesjeberg AS was signed in July 2017 and Mygland Kraft AS in August 2017. Wiersholm advised on due diligence, corporate, regulatory and contractual matters. This matter is important because new investments in Norwegian hydropower prove the success of previous investments and lead to the growth of the Nordic Power group. Furthermore, the acquisition of Mygland Kraft AS implies that the composition of the group is also more balanced, as the companies in its portfolio are exposed to different price areas for hydroelectric power and operate in different climate/weather conditions. Wiersholm is currently assisting the client in connection with another potential hydropower project.

Work experience

Partner, Wiersholm, 2005

Lawyer, Wiersholm, 1998

Associate/senior associate, Another law firm, 1996

Deputy Judge, Salten District Court, 1995

Associate/senior associate, Other law firm, 1993

Education

Cand. Jur, University of Oslo, 1993

Awards

Energy: Electricity, Chambers Europe, Band 2, 2019

M&A, IFLR 1000, Highly regarded, 2019