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Expertise areas

Aquaculture and Fisheries

Environmental Law

Halfdan Mellbye

Partner | Lawyer admitted to the Supreme Court

Halfdan Mellbye is head of the firm's aquaculture department. He is a specialist on the administrative regulation of fisheries and fish farming with thirty years of experience.

Halfdan is also highly specialized in administrative law, public procurement, dispute resolution and litigation.

He advises municipalities, hospitals and the private business sector on several fields within administrative law such as the environmental field (including waste-handling), education, health and on the area of public procurement. He also has an especially broad experience within different areas of administrative procedure, including topics such as disqualification, duty of secrecy, access to information, and administrative sanctions.

Halfdan has been ranked among the foremost experts on fisheries law in the annual ranking of attorneys in the Norwegian business newspaper, Finansavisen.

He was formerly an assistant professor at the Faculty of Law of the University of Bergen.

He is an attorney admitted to the Supreme Court. He is also an experienced lecturer.

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Halfdan Mellbye has more than detailed knowledge about laws connected to fish farming, and he sees elements that other lawyers don't see.

- Client, Legal500, 2022

Work experience

2009–

● SANDS Advokatfirma DA
Partner

2004–2008

- **Advokatfirma DLA Piper Norway DA**
Partner

2003
- **Lindh Stabell Horten**
Partner

1999–2002
- **Secher/Lindh Stabell Horten**
Associate

1995–1998
- **Advokatfirmaet Schjødt**
Senior Associate

1986–1995
- **University of Bergen, Faculty of Law**
Scientific assistant

Education

- 1988
University of Bergen
Cand. jur.

Awards

- 2024
Legal 500
Recommended lawyer in the category "Fishing and aquaculture"