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Plesner's Litigation team handles some of the largest and most complex court and arbitration cases subjected to Danish Law. Christian is a partner in Plesner's Litigation team and is highly experienced in litigation and arbitration proceedings.

## PRACTICE AREAS

Arbitration  
 Investigations  
 Litigation

Christian focuses on litigation and arbitration proceedings and corporate and regulatory advisory and investigations, fraud issues, and fit & proper matters.

Christian has been involved as either counsel or arbitrator in numerous Danish and international arbitration proceedings (under the rules of DIA, ICC, LCIA, VIAC, etc.) regarding a range of matters, including contractual disputes, shareholder agreements, D&O liability, auditor's liability and transaction/post M&A related disputes.

Cases handled by Christian and his team have, for example, centred on purchase price adjustments, earn-out disputes, put/call options and claims for breach of warranty issues. Such disputes have involved a high degree of complexity, as well as expert opinions and testimony, written affidavits and various procedural and jurisdictional issues.

Christian was also part of Plesner's Corporate Finance team for many years. He has represented clients in a number of the largest and most complex transactions and privatisations in Denmark. His clients have included the Danish state, large international and domestic corporations, P/E funds and family-owned businesses.

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The hands-on experience and commercial understanding earned by working for many years with all aspects of M&A processes have proven valuable for Christian and his team, for example in connection with cases involving negligence and breach of fiduciary duties, including the disclosure duty on the part of the seller, and the importance of the buyer's knowledge and due diligence with respect to the target business.

Christian is active as chairman or board member of a number of Danish companies and foundations. He has been actively involved in the management and development of Plesner, and he has held board positions in numerous Danish companies, including i.e. Finansiell Stabilitet (the state-owned company taking over distressed banks after the financial crisis in the years following 2009).

Christian has a Master's degree in Law from the University of Copenhagen and from New York University School of Law.

He is admitted to the Supreme Court of Denmark, he is a certified arbitrator and is frequently appointed as an arbitrator in Danish and International arbitration proceedings.

Christian is ranked as a senior statesman within M&A.

## Selected cases

**Case News**

DIA case: US buyer seeking damages from Danish seller in post M&A dispute

**Case News**

DIA case: purchaser of shares in wind farm company vs. wind farm

**Case News**

ICC Arbitration between Canadian based company and Swiss based company – purchase price adjustment dispute

**Case News**

DIA international arbitration: put/call option and earn-out dispute between European buyer and Danish industrial seller (leisure industry)

**Case News**

DIA international arbitration – earn-out dispute between international P/E Fund and Danish sellers (IT company)

**Case News**

LCIA arbitrations between a multinational oil company and a North American industrial buyer regarding target business in Denmark

**Case News**

DIA international arbitration involving a European industrial buyer and a Danish industrial seller of Danish target business

**Case News**

Danish Institute of Arbitration (DIA) international case involving a Danish P/E private equity seller and a US industrial purchaser

**Case News**

The sale of Scandlines and Danske Færger for the Danish State, the Post Danmark privatisation, the TDC public takeover by the Macquarie/PFA/PKA/ATP consortium and Dupont's public takeover of Danisco

**Case News**

04.12.2024

Trustpilot was exempted for liability and had not violated the Marketing Practices Act

**Case News**

18.07.2024

Plesner has represented Morgan Stanley and Carnegie in reaching a settlement in the OW Bunker case complex

**Case News** 12.07.2024

The Eastern High Court rules in favour of EET Group A/S in extensive transfer pricing case

**Case News** 26.03.2024

Dismissal of claim for avoidance of approx. DKK 100m against Thornico

**Case News** 08.12.2023

Danish Supreme Court finds for AP Pension in group action concerning change of pension schemes

**Case News** 23.10.2023

The Eastern High Court upholds Sonion's preliminary injunction against Huawei and Sony

**Case News** 30.06.2023

The Supreme Court finds in favour of the Ministry of Taxation in another "beneficial owner" case

**Case News** 24.05.2023

Viking Life-Saving Equipment A/S successful in extensive transfer pricing court case

**Case News** 17.05.2023

Leading Supreme Court judgment: Collaboration on concept did not imply ownership in respect of the "Tromborg business"

**Case News** 04.05.2023

Danish Supreme Court rules against tax payers in two "beneficial owner" cases regarding interest

**Case News** 13.04.2023

Danish Eastern High Court rules that Danish courts have jurisdiction in actions against two French companies

**Case News** 09.03.2023

The Danish Eastern High Court overturns decision from the Danish Competition Council

**Case News** 09.01.2023

The Danish Supreme Court has given its judgment in the first two Danish "beneficial owner" cases

**Case News** 20.09.2022

Danish insurance company Codan Forsikring successful in transfer pricing case before the Danish Eastern High Court

**Case News** 07.09.2022

Employer was allowed to order a Seventh-day Adventist to work on a Saturday

**Case News** 22.06.2022

Sonion successful in patent litigation against Huawei and Sony

**Case News** 27.01.2022

Trade secrets exploited by competitor. Injunction granted, recall ordered and DKK 4 million awarded in damages

**Case News** 25.11.2021

The Eastern High Court rules against the tax payers in two new "beneficial owner" cases

**Case News** 24.09.2021

Nets successful in appeal proceedings against former Nets employee about sell back of employee shares

**Case News** 11.05.2021

Plesner successful in leading case before the Supreme Court concerning valuation of minority shareholdings subject to compulsory redemption

**Case News** 03.05.2021

The Eastern High Court rules in favour of NetApp in the "beneficial owner" cases

**Case News** 22.03.2021

Dismissal of case due to lack of jurisdiction in Denmark

## Ratings



2019 - 2024 IFLR1000

Christian Th. Kjølbbye is listed as a Leading Lawyer (Highly Regarded) as regards Capital Markets: Equity and M&A.



2024 The Legal 500 - Hall of Fame

Christian Th. Kjølbbye is recommended and has been inducted into the Legal 500 Hall of Fame as regards Commercial, Corporate and M&A.



2024 Chambers Global

Christian Th. Kjølbbye is ranked as a Senior Statesman as regards Corporate/M&A by Chambers Global and Chambers Europe.

"Christian provides an insightful and client-oriented approach, setting the right team for the task"



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Christian Th. Kjølbbye is recommended as a Global Leader as regards Corporate Governance and Telecoms & Media.



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