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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. Finansiel 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.

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 06.10.2026

Supreme Court: Parties may agree to additional remuneration for expert lay judges in court cases

Case News 25.06.2026

Plesner wins landmark case regarding expropriation on behalf of TDC NET

Case News 23.02.2026

Danish court upholds Bristol-Myers Squibb's apixaban patent in validity proceedings

Case News 07.10.2025

The Danish Maritime and Commercial High Court grants Bristol-Myers Squibb a preliminary injunction against Teva

Case News 02.10.2025

Østre Landsret afsiger principiel dom i sag om ophævelse af en erhvervsevnetabsforsikring

Case News 04.12.2024

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

Case News 18.07.2024

Morgan Stanley and Carnegie reaches a settlement in the OW Bunker case complex

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 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

Ratings



2019 - 2026 **IFLR1000**

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



2022 - 2025 **The Legal 500 - Hall of Fame**

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



most recent **Lexology Index**

Christian Th. Kjølbye is Highly Recommended as regards Telecoms & Media. In addition, he is Recommended as regards Corporate Governance.

2024 **Chambers Global**

Christian Th. Kjølbye 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"

2022 - 2023 **Chambers Global**

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