

Jef Nymand Hounsgaard

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Jef leads and co-leads teams handling some of the largest and most complex Danish tax disputes for domestic and foreign clients. Further, Jef handles complex advisory work, in particular in relation to private equity and other investment related fund structuring.

PRACTICE AREAS

Tax

Jef is a partner in Plesner's Tax team, specialising in tax controversy and complex advisory work.

Jef has extensive experience in a wide range of tax matters involving both direct and indirect taxes, from the audit stage through administrative appeals and court proceedings, including the European Court of Justice. Notably, teams led and co-led by Jef has successfully represented clients in several high-profile transfer pricing disputes.

Additionally, Jef is well-versed in all aspects of tax advisory work related to the structuring and management of private equity and other investment fund structures.

Whether in dispute resolution or advisory services, the complexity of the projects Jef undertakes invariably requires a collaborative team effort, often involving other partners and cross-disciplinary expertise.

Jef has a Master's degree in Law from the University of Copenhagen and has lectured at the University of Copenhagen as well as on an ad hoc basis, including lectures for employees at the Danish Tax Agency.

Jef has also published a number of articles on tax related issues.

Selected cases

- Successfully represented pharmaceutical multinational group in transfer pricing case before the High Court
- Successfully represented a number of UN retirees in landmark cases before the High Court
- Successfully claimed tax deduction for directors' liability
- Successfully represented EET Group A/S in transfer pricing case before the Supreme Court
- Advised in a case reversing long-standing practice on foundation dissolution taxation
- Assisted Vækstfonden in raising DKK 2.4bn for Dansk Vækstkapital III

- Represented Codan Forsikring in transfer pricing case won before Eastern High Court
- Represented ECCO in transfer pricing case won before the Western High Court
- Represented global industrial group in case won before Danish National Tax Tribunal
- Advised on structuring of landmark merger forming Novonesis from Chr. Hansen & Novozymes
- Advised listed Noble Corp. on acquisition of listed Maersk Drilling Group
- Represented Trustpilot in cases won on jurisdiction, liability and marketing law compliance
- Assisted the Danish State with transactional advice on the acquisition of Copenhagen Airports
- Advised GRO Capital on closing of GRO Generation I at EUR 150m hard cap
- Advised on GRO Capital's EUR 600m raise for flagship strategy GRO Fund III

Ratings

2027 **World Tax**

Jef Nymand Hounsgaard is listed as "Highly Regarded" with respect to Tax controversy.

2026 **Legal 500**

Jef Nymand Hounsgaard is recommended and listed as a Leading Partner as regards Tax.

2026 **Chambers Europe**

Jef Nymand Hounsgaard is ranked as a leading individual as regards Tax.

"He offers prompt answers and a great service level. He is highly skilled and a good communicator"

"He is a true expert"

"He is detail-oriented to a T, thorough, ambitious and sophisticated"

2025 **Legal 500**

Jef Nymand Hounsgaard is recommended and listed as a Leading Partner as regards Tax.

2025 **Chambers Europe**

Jef Nymand Hounsgaard is ranked as a leading individual as regards Tax.

"Jef Nymand Hounsgaard is a very strong individual"

2024 **Legal 500**

Jef Nymand Hounsgaard is recommended and listed as a leading individual as regards Tax.

"Jef Nymand Hounsgaard is an up-and-coming partner"

2023 - 2024 **Chambers Europe**

Jef Nymand Hounsgaard is ranked as a leading individual as regards Tax.

"Jef is a very strong tax lawyer" (2024)