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Sture's primary practice area is patent law. He is a very experienced litigator and represents a number of pharmaceutical, biotech, and medical device clients, as well as clients in the construction industry, tech/software, and agricultural sectors.

PRACTICE AREAS

Entertainment and Copyright
IP Law
IP transactions
Life Science - Regulatory & IP
Patent Law
Trademarks, Business Signs and Domain Names
Trade secrets

Sture is a partner in Plesner's IP team. He represents clients in different IP matters, including trademarks, patents, designs, copyrights, and other intellectual property rights as well as IP contracts, transactions, strategy, and trademark litigation.

Sture has a Master's degree in Law from the University of Copenhagen and an LLM from the University of Cambridge (UK). He is admitted to the Supreme Court of Denmark and has been a member of the board of the European Patent Lawyer's Association (EPLAW) from 2017 to 2023 (maximum term), and he was president from 2022 to 2023. He is also Vice President of the Danish AIPPI Group.

Sture is co-author of a comprehensive book on the Unified Patent Court (UPC) and a number of other IP publications, and he regularly lectures at seminars and conferences.

Plesner has Denmark's strongest IP team and has been a powerhouse in IP and life science law for decades. The whole IP team is proud to have been rated as leading in the IP field in all ratings since ratings began. We work as a team, share knowledge, and assist each other on cases, which is the only way we can remain at the forefront of IP law.

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Case News 23.02.2026

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

Case News 19.02.2026

Landmark decision on parallel import and repackaging of medicinal products

Case News 09.01.2026

Landmark decision from the Supreme Court in preliminary injunction proceedings on patents

Case News 23.10.2025

Demant to sell Oticon Medical to Impilo

Case News 07.10.2025

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

Case News 12.03.2025

Zealand Pharma & Roche Partner to co-develop petrelintide for obesity treatment

Case News 03.03.2025

Gubra and AbbVie enter license agreement on amylin analog for obesity

Case News 14.11.2023

Zebra's design protected by copyright

Case News 23.10.2023

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

Ratings

2026 **iam 1000**

Sture Rygaard is listed as a Gold Individual as regards Patent Litigation. Further, he is a Recommended Individual as regards Trade Secrets.

"Sture Rygaard is a prominent figure in life sciences litigation"

"Rygaard is recognised for his ability to navigate technically complex matters, such as biologics and enzyme technologies. He is regularly engaged in multi-jurisdictional disputes, where he stands out as "a dependable litigator who handles cross-border proceedings with ease"."

"He is described as an "experienced pharmaceutical patent litigator with a well-known and consistent market presence"."

2026 **Chambers Global**

Sture Rygaard is ranked as a leading individual as regards Intellectual Property by Chambers Global and Chambers Europe.

2026 **Legal 500**

Sture Rygaard is recommended and listed as a Leading Partner as regards Intellectual Property.

"Mikkel Vittrup and Sture Rygaard lead the way. Both are exceptionally talented. They are different because they are so strategic in their approach"

most recent **Lexology Index**

Sture Rygaard is listed as a Global Elite Thought Leader as regards Healthcare & Life Sciences - Patent Litigation and IP - Patents. In addition, he is Highly Recommended as regards IP - Trade Secrets. Further, he is Recommended as regards IP - Trademarks.

2016 - 2026 **IP Stars**

Sture Rygaard is listed as an IP Star.

2026 **World Trademark Review**

Sture Rygaard is recommended (Gold Band) in Denmark for enforcement and litigation.

"Sture Rygaard and Christian Bardenfleth form "a formidable team for high stakes matters. Collaborations between the ensemble effectively covers all bases, from contentious to non-contentious trademark work"."

2026 **IAM Global Leaders**

Sture Rygaard is listed as a Global Leader.

2025 **Legal 500**

Sture Rygaard is recommended and listed as a Leading Partner as regards Intellectual Property.

"Sture Rygaard and Mikkel Vittrup are both standout individuals"

2024 + 2025 **Chambers Global**

Sture Rygaard is ranked as a leading individual as regards Intellectual Property by Chambers Global and Chambers Europe.

"He is extremely good at strategically conducting litigation, and always gets the best results" (2024)

"Sture is very straightforward and gives clear, commercial advice" (2024)

2025 **iam 1000**

Sture Rygaard is listed as a Gold Individual as regards Patent Litigation. Further, he is a Recommended Individual as regards Trade Secrets.

"Sture is a thoughtful and meticulous professional, highly sought after by multi-jurisdictional market leaders in the life sciences sector with interests in the Danish market"

"With vast patent experience, he quickly identifies and understands the core issues of the matter at hand"

"On the trade secrets side, Rygaard and Jurcenoks are names to note"

2025 **World Trademark Review**

Sture Rygaard is recommended (Gold Band) in Denmark for enforcement and litigation.

"Well-versed in the legal framework, Sture offers the best solution in terms of both results and costs. With a brilliant understanding of his client's needs, he demonstrates unwavering commitment and dedication to securing favourable outcomes"

2020 - 2024 **Legal 500**

Sture Rygaard is recommended and listed as a leading individual as regards Intellectual Property.

"Sture Rygaard and Mikkel Vittrup are top notch. Clients are always full of praise for them and rightly so. They are fearless and develop creative solutions. Just the sheer experience and number of cases they have handled means I certainly wouldn't want to see them on the other side of the court room" (2023)

"Sture Rygaard is a very clever and innovative attorney, who is excellent in seeing and developing, and evaluating new and sometimes game-changing aspects of a case" (2022)

2017 - 2024 **World Trademark Review**

Sture Rygaard is recommended in Denmark for enforcement and litigation of trademarks.

Sture Rygaard is praised for his "hands-on approach. He is meticulous and diligent in his work and delivers thorough, expert opinions" (2024)

Rygaard garners effusive praise from clients for being "a real blue-sky thinker and aggressive litigator with a commercial edge, he can handle the most complex cases and instils real confidence in his clients. He has an impressive reputation and is without question one of the best trademark lawyers in Denmark" (2023)

Sture Rygaard is an "eminent litigator" (2022)