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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 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

Case News 30.11.2022

The Court of Justice of the European Union upholds practices regarding parallel import of medicinal products

Case News 22.06.2022

Sonion successful in patent litigation against Huawei and Sony

Case News 27.04.2022

Demant A/S intends to divest its Hearing Implants business

Case News 27.01.2022

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

Ratings



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"



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



2014 - 2024 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)

"Sture Rygaard is very experienced and knowledgeable in technical aspects" (2023)

"He is very good in terms of client service, quality of work and commercial awareness" (2023)

Sture Rygaard handles contentious patent matters for clients within the pharmaceutical sector. He is also noted for his skill in trade mark litigation. An interviewee comments: "He has a lot of experience, and he is enthusiastic about his cases" (2022)



2020 - 2024 The 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)

The logo for World Trademark Review (WTR) features a stylized 'W' icon composed of three horizontal bars of varying lengths, followed by the letters 'WTR' in a bold, sans-serif font.

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)

The logo for IP Stars features the words 'IP STARS' in a bold, sans-serif font, with a small star symbol above the letter 'A'.

2016 - 2024 IP Stars

Sture Rygaard is listed as an IP Star.

The logo for IAM (Intellectual Asset Management) features a stylized 'I' icon composed of three horizontal bars of varying lengths, followed by the letters 'IAM' in a bold, sans-serif font.

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Sture Rygaard's "performance in court continues to be top tier. He is very bright, super creative, incredibly experienced, and easily digests even the most complex technical matters. He thinks strategically, never forgets any details of a case and is always on the lookout for new, creative and alternative solutions. Sture really goes the extra mile"