District Heating & other utilities

Practice area under Energy and Infrastructure

We advise utilities, investors and energy companies on district heating regulation, heat production, electrification and the interaction between electricity, heat, gas and other energy systems.

Our experience spans the development and transformation of utility infrastructure, including district heating, geothermal energy, waste-to-energy and other utility services. We advise on regulatory frameworks, ownership and restructuring, transactions, project development, commercial and supply arrangements, financing and the integration of new technologies into existing energy systems.

As an example, our work has included these matters:

- Lemvig Varmeværk / Lemvig Biogas - Transformation of Local Energy Supply: Advised Lemvig Varmeværk and Lemvig Biogasanlæg on a comprehensive restructuring of the local energy and heat supply system in Lemvig, including the sale of the biogas plant to BioticNRG, restructuring and transfer of energy assets, municipal processes and financing arrangements.
- Innargi / A.P. Moller Holding - Geothermal District Heating: Advised A.P. Moller Holding and Innargi on the development of large-scale geothermal district heating projects in Denmark, including Denmark's first large-scale geothermal project in Aarhus, and regulatory matters relating to the heat supply framework.
- (Confidential) Danish Municipality - wastewater and resource recovery: Advised a Danish municipality on utility sector business development, regulatory matters, contracts, real estate acquisitions, expropriation agreements and dispute resolution relating to wastewater and resource recovery.
- Sønderborg Varme - District Heating: Advised Sønderborg Varme on the consolidation and development of its district heating activities, including the establishment and financing of a local heating company, the merger with Broager Fjernvarme, the transfer of activities and consumers, as well as consumer connection agreements, and related regulatory matters.
- LAB - Waste-to-Energy: Advised LAB on the construction of a waste-derived energy plant in Copenhagen.
- Fjernvarme Horsens - Geothermal District Heating: Advised Fjernvarme Horsens on the feasibility of developing a geothermal district heating project in Horsens

Case News 06.07.2026

Plesner advises Lemvig Biogasanlæg and Lemvig Varmeværk on the sale of Lemvig Biogas to Palisade Real Assets

Case News 30.06.2026

Plesner advises Danish Bio Commodities and DBC Invest A/S on the sale to St1 Biokraft.

Case News 18.02.2026

Infranode to build the Nordics' most powerful co-located battery in Denmark

Case News 16.01.2026

Advancing CCS in the North Sea: Inez CO_2 storage licence awarded by the DEA

Case News 07.11.2025

DBC Invest enhances its position by acquiring the remaining shares of Grauballegaard Biogas ApS

Case News 23.10.2025

DBC Invest enhances its position by acquiring Dalgas A/S' substrate division

Case News 03.10.2025

Plesner advises SCHWENK Zement in first Danish CCS farm-in on Bifrost

Case News 02.10.2025

HCS has sold Hashøj Biogas to Shell Biogas

Case News 01.07.2025

DBC Invest strengthens biogas capabilities with acquisition of Nordic Green Engineering

Case News 25.06.2025

NK-Forsyning to divest NKE-Elnet

Case News 05.05.2025

Plesner involved in Europe's first full-scale CCS facility

Case News 01.04.2025

RWE sells 49% of the largest offshore wind farm in Denmark - Thor Wind Farm

Ratings

2026 **IFLR1000**

Plesner is listed in "Tier 1" as regards Project Development.

2026 **Chambers Europe**

Plesner is listed in "Band 1" as regards Energy.

"Plesner offers in-depth knowledge, as well as accessible and first-class lawyers"

"Plesner is highly specialised in energy projects in Denmark"

2026 **The Legal 500**

Within Energy Plesner is a first tier firm.

"For us, their expertise within the energy sector was key, but they could also provide great support on financing and transactions"

"Long-term support with a strong team supporting remaining in place through-out the years"

2025 **IFLR1000**

Plesner is listed in "Tier 1" as regards Project Development.

2025 **The Legal 500**

Within Energy Plesner is a first tier firm.

"Plesner is definitely one of the leading law firms in Denmark, also in the field of energy. Our collaboration has always been smooth and very knowledgeable. They are involved in all types of projects and transactions in the energy sector and are just excellent"

"Strong team with in-depth understanding of the industry. Accessible and responsive"

"Commercially driven, in difficult legal settings they were also flexible and came with good ideas proactively. Knowledgeable in the sector"

"High level of expertise within biogas"

"I find Plesner very reliable, they always pick up the phone and give pragmatic, very professional advice"

2025 **Chambers Europe**

"The team can handle very complex matters, largely because of the broad range of legal expertise it has on board"

"The lawyers at Plesner demonstrate their industry insight, ability to communicate and commercial mindset"

2024 **ILFR1000**

Plesner is listed in "Tier 1" as regards Project Development.

2024 **The Legal 500**

Within Energy Plesner is a first tier firm. In addition, Plesner is a second tier within Shipping and Transport.

"Very experienced renowned legal service provider in the Danish renewable energy sector. They have a wide scope of legal services they can offer across the development project life cycle, which is important to us"

"We have had very good and efficient support since we entered the Danish market"

"Tier 1 law firm with the ability to provide professional advice on all legal matters"

"Highly skilled. Very good understanding of commercial needs as well the legal challenges. Very solution oriented"

"Very nice and diligent"

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2024 **Chambers Europe**

"The law firm is very capable in understanding the complex political landscape when negotiating"

"The lawyers have an in-depth understanding of the industry and our requirements"

"Plesner's team is very responsive and has a good appreciation of the commercial aspects of a deal"



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