

## Kolja Staunstrup

Partner (Copenhagen)



Kolja Staunstrup works almost exclusively with dispute resolution.

Kolja is particularly renowned for his expertise in complex litigation and arbitration proceedings. Over the past 15 years, he has argued a large number of high-volume and high-profile court actions concerning *i.a.* management liability, consultant liability, M&A, class actions, contract law, tort law, IT law, marketing law, and trademark law. Kolja advises businesses, public institutions, and personally sued members of management, advisors, etc.

To be able to offer his clients the best possible specialist advice in disputes, Kolja focuses also on the judge's perspective in litigation and arbitration cases. He therefore served as acting judge of the Danish Eastern High Court in 2011, and in 2015 he completed the certified arbitrator training programme. In addition, Kolja frequently serves as an arbitrator.

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[Dispute Resolution](#)

Kolja regularly lectures on matters such as the efficient conduct of litigation and arbitration, proper presentation of evidence, and consultant and management liability. In addition, he assists the Danish Bar and Law Society in preparing assignments for their fictitious test trials.

## High-profile cases

Kolja has conducted a huge number of legal actions:

- He was and is a part of the teams retained by a government-owned company after the financial crisis to investigate and sue former members of management and auditors of the banks that collapsed during the crisis, including six of the biggest and most high-profile and noteworthy legal actions, most of which were or are being pursued right up to the Supreme (2018-2022).
- He sat on the team of attorneys who defended the former management of a publicised Danish (bankrupt) IT company against claims of management liability brought by the bankruptcy estate (2015).
- He represents a plurality of major Danish banks in a number of significant actions over professional liability.
- He represented a number of major private equity funds in arbitration proceedings involving claims of more than a hundred million Danish kroner for alleged warranty breaches in M&A transactions (2014-2021).
- He sits on the team of advisers representing a major private equity fund in an M&A dispute pending before the Danish Maritime and Commercial High Court (2019-2021).

## Ratings

Based on client testimonials, acknowledged rating organizations have most recently rated Kolja in:

- [Chambers Europe](#), 2024
- [Chambers Global](#), 2024
- [Legal 500](#), Next Generation Partner, 2024
- [Who's Who Legal](#)

## Background

### Career

- Kromann Reumert, Partner, 2016

- Right of audience before the Danish Supreme Court 2015
- Acting judge before the Eastern Division of the Danish High Court (2011)
- Right of audience before the Danish High Court 2010
- Kromann Reumert, 2005-

## **Education**

- Certified arbitrator 2015
- Admitted to practise law 2008
- LL.M., International Business Law, University of Sydney, 2007-2008
- Master of Laws (*cand. jur.*), University of Copenhagen 2004

## **Languages**

- The Scandinavian languages
- English

## **Publications**

- Book: "EU-varemærkeret" (Community Trade Mark Law), with Frank Bøggild, 1st edition 2015
- Book: "Community Trade Mark Law", with Frank Bøggild, 2016
- Article: "Afgang til revisors dybe lommer" (Access to the deep pockets of the auditor) (RR.11.2015.34)
- Article: "Seneste tendenser i retspraksis om ledelsesansvar" (Latest trends in management liability case law) (RR.12.2015.36)
- Denmark Chapter in The Mergers & Acquisitions Litigation Review, edition 1 (2020)