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## LANGUAGE SKILLS

- **Norwegian:** Native language
- **English:** Full professional proficiency
- **Swedish & Danish:** Professional working proficiency
- **French & Spanish:** Limited working proficiency

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## WORK EXPERIENCE

### Wenger Law

September 2019 – current

Founding Partner, specialisation in climate change law

- Delivery of a project for the Nordic Council of Ministers (NCM) in the form of a study on innovative financing solutions for L&D, including delivering a webinar for an international audience and a presentation at a well-attended broadcasted side-event at the Nordic Pavilion during COP28 in Dubai in December 2023 with high level representatives from around the world
- Project for the Icelandic Ministry of the Environment, Energy and Climate. Delivery of country comparisons of carbon markets in Norway, Sweden, Switzerland and the UK on the voluntary carbon market, articles 6.2 and 6.4 of the Paris Agreement (PA), the EU ETS, the EU ESR and LULUCF regulation as well as the emerging market for trade in CCS and bio-CCS, to be used for their development of national legislation
- Legal analysis for the Icelandic Ministry of Environment, Energy and Climate on the international and European legal frameworks for Carbon Capture and Storage (CCS) and its linkages to article 6 of the PA, and legal and political relevance for Iceland
- Legal assistance to the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) for a Funding Proposal to the Green Climate Fund (GCF)
- Project based legal advice to the UNDP related to clarifying carbon rights and uncertainties for REDD+ results-based payments. Hereunder analysis of existing legal framework for the land use and forest sector of project country with regards to ownership and legal rights to emission reductions; research and assistance in clarifying the legal rights established under the various results-based payments schemes; develop legal tool and draft legal instruments
- Drafting of bilateral agreement for purchase and sale of emission allocations under the EU Effort Sharing Regulation (ESR), between two EEA countries
- Drafted a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between two countries on cooperation under the EU LULUCF Regulation to transfer emission removals
- Project based legal assistance to Center for Climate and Energy Solutions (C2ES) in relation to its work on international climate risk, adaptation, loss and damage (L&D) and the global stocktake under the UNFCCC and the Paris Agreement; papers for publication and presentations for the Head of Delegations for COP26-COP30
- Legal analysis and assistance to UAE as the COP28's Presidencies on the Global Goal on Adaptation and potential landing zones, drafting of blueprint decision text
- Country expert for the EU Commission's project on legal analysis of the Textile Labelling Directive, delivering interviews and analysis to the project lead MILIEU
- Climate risk reporting advice to the Municipality of Oslo's private company partnership 'Næring for Klima'
- Assistance to Norwegian and European companies for integrating climate risk reporting, TCFD-framework, IFRS, CSRD etc.
- National expert group member of the British Institute of International and Comparative Law's (BIICL) project to produce a Global Toolbox on Corporate Climate Litigation

### Thommessen Law Firm

September 2011 – September 2019

Senior Associate. Employed in the renewable energy law department (tier 1)

- Project based legal advice, due diligence work and license applications for wind, water and solar energy companies, such as:
  - Hafslund ASA's purchase of Fortum's shares in Fredrikstad Energi AS and Fredrikstad EnergiNett AS and Fortum Distribution AS, purchase price approx. EUR 340 million
  - NorthConnect AS's project to develop, build, own and operate an electrical interconnector between Scotland and Norway, project value EUR 2 billion

- Legal advice related to the laws and regulations regulating the electricity certificate market, and the regulation and licenses related to interconnectors
- Created a strategy for Thommessen's climate change related legal work and engaged key partners and associates across the different departments
- Court proceedings in the municipal court of Norway. Sole responsible for three lawsuits and appeal processes. Also assisted Nordic Power Torsnes AS in its claim against Statnett SF for breach of contractual obligations related to ensure sufficient grid capacity for the operation of its electrical power plant
- Letter of claim to the Norwegian High Court for Land in relation to water rights
- Legal and strategic advice to a Norwegian energy company related to a complex lawsuit against its daughter company in the US
- Legal advice to petroleum companies in relation to the lawsuit brought by NGO's against the Ministry of Petroleum and Energy in relation to the 23<sup>rd</sup> licensing round

#### **Norwegian Ministry of Climate and Environment**

January 2015 – September 2016

Advisor. Employed in the Energy and Climate Change Section, on leave from Thommessen Law Firm. Part of the Norwegian delegation negotiating the Paris Agreement under the UN Climate Change Convention.

- Chief negotiator for adaptation and loss and damage prior to, during and after the Paris Agreement
- Negotiating legal issues and compliance in the Paris Agreement negotiations, chief negotiator on final clauses
- Responsible for the inter-departmental work related to the ratification of the Paris Agreement in Norway
- Part of the team responsible for the process and drafting of the Norwegian Climate Act
- Reviewed and decided complaints related to the CO<sub>2</sub> compensation scheme and the EU ETS regulation
- Day to day Ministerial work: speeches, talking points, presentations and general assistance

#### **University of Oslo**

May 2014 – current

External Lecturer & Examiner. Lectures master students in international climate change law. Examines master theses in international public and private law, in particular climate law

#### **UCL/Capacity Global**

January 2011 – August 2011

Program Participant in the LARCs Program. Undertook legal work for the NGO Capacity Global on a weekly basis

#### **Kaupthing Group Norway**

Summer 2007

Trainee in the Legal Department. Engaged in the various legal and business activities of Kaupthing Bank

### **EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS**

#### **Qualified Barrister and Solicitor**

July 2017

Qualified solicitor and admitted to the bar in Norway.

#### **BPP Law School, Legal Practice Course (LPC)**

Fast Track 2012-2013

GPA: COMM

Modules include: Litigation, Property Law & Practice, Business Law & Practice, Interviewing and Advising, Advocacy, Practical Legal Writing, Drafting, Writing, Taxation, Solicitors' Accounts, Professional Conduct and Regulation, Wills & Administration of Estates, Corporate Finance, Commercial Law and Intellectual Property, Private Acquisitions

#### **University College London (UCL), LLM in Environmental and Climate Law**

2010-2011

GPA: 2.1.

Modules include: International Law of the Sea, International Environmental Law, International Law on Climate Change, International Law of Foreign Investment, Legal Action and Research for Communities Program (LARCS Program), Master Thesis: International Law Regulating Pearl Farming

#### **University of Bristol, LLB Law, with specialization in international public and environmental law**

2006 – 2009

GPA: 2.1.

Modules include:

1<sup>st</sup> year: Law and State, Constitutional Rights, Criminal law, Tort law, Contract law, Property I.

2<sup>nd</sup> year: Property II, Comparative law, Advanced Contract and Tort, Jurisprudence, International law, Crime Justice and Society

3<sup>rd</sup> year: Trusts, Environmental Law, International Child Law, Human Rights in Law Politics and Society, Approaches for Performance III, Research Project: WTO and CITES and Trade in Wildlife

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## SELECTED PRESENTATIONS

- Presentation at the Law Institute of the University of Iceland's 2023 conference on the role of carbon markets in Iceland's climate law and policies. Presenting on voluntary carbon markets, requirements for Norwegian businesses, and legal and commercial risks
- Climate law and policy research and analysis for universities and publishing houses, publishing book chapters on renewable and climate law for Universitetsforlaget, Edward Elgar Publishing and Oxford University Press
- Presenter at IUCN Climate Law and Governance Day 2022 on the Paris Agreement's Compliance Mechanism
- Respondent on L&D finance at OECD's CCXG Global Forum on the Environment and Climate Change 2023
- Presentation on sources of finance for L&D at the 2023 ecbi Oxford University seminar. Legal assistance to Oxford University's ecbi programme for publication of paper prior to COP28
- Keynote speaker at C2ES [webinar](#) on "Next Steps for L&D Finance: What lies ahead in 2024?"
- Panelist presenter and speaker at Nordic Council of Minister's side event at SB60 in Bonn on the role of innovative instruments in mobilizing finance for the NCQG

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## SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

- Cathrine Wenger and Chelsea Johnson, ['Loss and Damage at COP28 and the Way Forward for 2024'](#) (April 2024)
- Cathrine Wenger, 'Ethical Considerations for Loss and Damage Finance: a Framework' C2ES (*forthcoming 2024*)
- Cathrine Wenger, ['The Global Goal on Adaptation at COP28'](#) C2ES publication, (November 2023)
- Cathrine Wenger, ['Potential Coordination Role of the UNFCCC on Loss and Damage'](#) C2ES, (November 2023)
- Cathrine Wenger, ['Considerations for Operationalizing the Loss and Damage Fund and Funding Arrangements'](#) C2ES publication, (June 2023)
- Cathrine Wenger & Chelsea Johnson ['A Gap Analysis of Finance Flows for Addressing Loss and Damage'](#) C2ES publication, (June 2023)
- Cathrine Wenger, ['Considerations for the New Loss & Damage Fund'](#) C2ES publication, (June 2023)
- Cathrine Wenger & Chelsea Johnson, ['Understanding Finance for Loss & Damage Under the UNFCCC'](#) C2ES publication, (June 2023)
- Cathrine Wenger, ['COP27: Considerations for a Loss and Damage Finance Facility'](#), C2ES, (October 2022)
- Cathrine Wenger, ['The Santiago Network: Decision Options for COP 27'](#), C2ES publication, (October 2022)
- Cathrine Wenger, ['COP 27: Issues and Options for a Global Goal on Adaptation'](#) C2ES (October 2022)
- Cathrine Wenger, ['The Institutional Ecosystem for Loss and Damage'](#), C2ES publication, (August 2022)
- Cathrine Wenger et al, ['The Global Stocktake – Landscape Analysis for Adaptation Opportunities for Climate Ambition'](#) C2ES publication, (February 2022)
- Cathrine Wenger, Jennifer Huang, Kaveh G., ['Loss and Damage: options and issues for COP 27'](#) (June 2022)
- Cathrine Ramstad Wenger, Frode Støle and Jens Naas-Bibow, 'Norway's Capacity Mechanisms' in [Capacity Mechanisms in the EU Energy Market](#), Oxford University Press (2015) (revised edition 2022)
- Jennifer Huang, Cathrine Wenger and Kaveh Guilanpour, ['Loss and Damage: issues for COP 26'](#) C2ES publication (October 2021)
- Jennifer Huang, Cathrine Wenger and Kaveh Guilanpour, ['The Global Goal on Adaptation: issues for COP 26'](#) C2ES publication (October 2021)
- Cathrine Ramstad Wenger, 'Article 7 on Adaptation' in [The Paris Agreement on Climate Change – a Commentary](#), edited by Van Calster and Leonie Reins, Edward Elgar Publishing (2021)
- Cathrine Ramstad Wenger, 'Climate risk: definition and systems for reporting' in [Climate Law](#), edited by Hans Chr. Bugge, Universitetsforlaget (2021) (revised edition 2024) (in Norwegian)
- Cathrine Ramstad Wenger and Hans Chr Bugge, 'Climate information and -reporting for companies and products' in [Climate Law](#), edited by Hans Chr. Bugge, Universitetsforlaget (2021) (revised edition 2024) (in Norwegian)
- Cathrine Wenger, ['The 2015 Global Climate Legislation Study – a Review of Climate Change Legislation in 99 Countries'](#), London School of Economics (2015)

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