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LANGUAGE SKILLS

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

WORK EXPERIENCE

Wenger Law Firm

September 2019 – current

Founding Partner, specialisation in climate change and environmental law

- 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 State 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 tools and draft legal instruments
- 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 and the global stocktake under the UNFCCC and the Paris Agreement, including papers for publication and presentations for Head of Delegations for COP26-28
- Climate risk reporting advice to the Municipality of Oslo's private company partnership 'Næring for Klima'
- Assistance to Norwegian companies for integrating climate risk reporting, TCFD-framework and taxonomy
- Climate law and policy research and analysis for universities and publishing houses.
- ALSO – speaker at the IUCN Climate Law and Governance Day 2022 on the Paris Agreement's Compliance Mechanism

Thommessen Law Firm

September 2011 – September 2019

Senior Associate. Employed in the 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 23rd 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 Change Act
- Reviewed and decided complaints related to the CO₂ 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:
1st year: Law and State, Constitutional Rights, Criminal law, Tort law, Contract law, Property I.
2nd year: Property II, Comparative law, Advanced Contract and Tort, Jurisprudence, International law, Crime Justice and Society
3rd 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

PUBLICATIONS

- Cathrine Wenger, 'Considerations for Operationalizing the Loss and Damage Fund and Funding Arrangements' C2ES publication, (forthcoming 2023)
- Cathrine Wenger, 'The Global Goal on Adaptation', C2ES publication, (forthcoming 2023)
- 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' (October 2022)
- Cathrine Wenger, 'The Institutional Ecosystem for Loss and Damage', C2ES, (August 2022)
- Cathrine Wenger et al, 'The Global Stocktake – Landscape Analysis for Adaptation Opportunities for Climate Ambition' C2ES, 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) (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) (in Norwegian)
- Cathrine Wenger, 'The 2015 Global Climate Legislation Study – a Review of Climate Change Legislation in 99 Countries', London School of Economics (2015)