

Lill Grimstad

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Lill Grimstad leads DLA Piper's IPT group in Norway. She has 25 years of experience with intellectual property law (patent, trademark, design, and copyright law) and marketing law, including advertising, passing off and unfair competition. Her practice focuses on a wide range of contentious (litigation, mediation, or arbitration) and non-contentious advice cross multiple sectors including energy, maritime and life science such as preparation of strategies for the protection of IP rights including know-how and trade secrets, counseling, and prosecution of IP rights before the Norwegian and European IPOs.

Her practice includes protection and enforcement of IP portfolios, clearance searches, opposition and cancellation proceedings, infringement, domain name and company name disputes. Lill is a strategic advisor in all aspects on commercial IP and licensing matters. She also provides advice regarding ownership issues and rewards in relation to employee inventions according to the Norwegian Employee Inventions Act.

Lill supports M&A-teams in transactional matters where IP is involved, e.g., in verifying IP portfolios and evaluating intangible

assets. Her expertise also includes freedom to operate analysis and reviews, licensing compliance programs, patent reward policies for inventors (IP Management Policies) and employee agreement and disputes where IP and trade secrets is of relevance.

Before joining DLA Piper, she was appointed as the Presiding judge in the tribunal: Board of Appeals for Industrial Property Rights in Norway for 10 years. She has been responsible for more than 1200 cases in the fields of patents, trademarks, and design. Moreover, she has extensive experience in litigation both from private practice and in corporation with the Attorney General, where the decisions from the tribunal have been appealed to the ordinary courts at all levels in Norway. As part of her appointment, she has been participating in different European Judges Forums related to patent, trademark, and design rights.

Credentials

Education	University of South-Eastern Norway, Masters degree - Innovation and leadership	2018
	University of Oslo, Cand.jur.	1992

Membership	Member of The Norwegian Bar Association.
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Experience

Prior experience	Partner, DLA Piper Norway	2022 -
	Director, The Norwegian Board of Appeal for Industrial Property Rights	2012 - 2022
	CEO/Partner, Bryn Aarflot	2011 - 2012
	Head of Legal/Partner, Bryn Aarflot	2007 - 2011
	Lawyer, Advokatfirma Grimstad	2002 - 2007
	Lawyer/Associate, Deloitte Advokatfirma	2000 - 2002
	The Norwegian Patent Office, Legal Adviser/Examiner	1998 - 2000

Rankings

The Legal 500, 2025

"Lill Anita Grimstad leads the team and her practice spans both contentious and non-contentious matters, with particular expertise in developing strategies for the protection of intellectual property rights."



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