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Halvor Manshaus

Partner

Admitted to the Supreme Court of Norway and sitting as an arbitrator for WIPO in UDRP cases, Halvor has a legal practice focusing on litigation and strategic counselling to clients, and has extensive experience representing international clients in cross-border cases. He has acted as head of Schjødt's litigation and arbitration department in the period 2010-2021 and head of IP and TMT in the period 2004-2022.

Halvor has a diversified practice, as demonstrated in his being acknowledged and ranked in tier 1 in Dispute Resolution, IP and TMT in various publications. Halvor was lead counsel in the "DVD-case", a globally significant case within technology & copyright, and litigated in the "Balder-case" with a 20-month court hearing. He advises clients in the areas of IP (including patents, trade secrets, and trademarks) information technology, contracts, energy/offshore, gaming and media. Halvor has litigated significant cases within all these areas.

Halvor has also held a number of presentations and lectures for a variety of academic, NGO and commercial bodies, including WIPO, University of Bonn, University of Oslo, Norwegian Patent and Trademark Office, Norwegian Parliament, MIC, JUS Civil Litigation, JUS Patent/Trademark, JUS Copyright etc.

Through the years, Halvor has also collaborated closely with the academic community, contributing as University appointed counsellor for students writing dissertations, acting as both internal and external examiner and writing exam evaluation guidelines for the Faculty of Law in Oslo.

Halvor has written and published several books and articles on a series of legal topics and is a certified apiarist.

References:
ExxonMobil: Contract dispute. "Balder-case" 20 month oral court hearing
Daimler: Trade secrets/Patents. Successful case centering on claim for 1,4 Billion Euro
Conoco Phillips: Patent litigation
Cermaq: Patent litigation
Swix: Patent litigation
Rottefella: Patent litigation
GE: Construction and Hydropower, arbitration cases
Weatherford: Patent litigation

BMW: Trade secrets/Patents. Successful case concerning 2,3 Billion Euro claim
Elopak: Patent litigations, Marketing regulations
FMC: Patent litigation
P & G: Marketing regulations, cases before NKU
Andritz: Trade secrets, Patent litigation.
Various media entities (VG, Aftenposten, Schibsted, Finn): Media, litigation
Various IT-companies: IT-disputes, litigation, strategy
Various pharmaceutical brands: Patent litigation, injunctions, cross-border disputes

Practice Areas

Data Protection & Privacy

Digital Innovation & TMT

Dispute Resolution, Litigation & Arbitration

Intellectual Property

Media & Entertainment

Corporate Compliance & Crisis Management

Dispute Resolution, Litigation & Arbitration

Life Sciences

Oil & Gas

Renewable Energy

Trade & Industry

Defence & Space

Rankings

2026

Band 1 in Intellectual Porperty - Chambers & Partners Global

2026

Band 1 in Intellectual Property - Chambers & Partners Europe

2026

Hall of Fame in Intellectual Property - Legal 500

2025

Gold category Litigation - IAM Patent 1000

2025

IP Stars, Patent and Trademark, star rating

Experience

Partner Lawfirm Schjødt

Admitted to the Supreme Court of Norway

Associate Lawfirm Schjødt

Research Assistant, University of Oslo, Institute Legal Informatics

Education

2003

Candidatus Philologiae (History of Ideas, thesis) 120 ECTS/6 yrs norm, University of Oslo

1999

Candidatus Magisterii (Bachelor's degree), University of Oslo

1997

Candidatus Juris (Law degree, thesis) 390 ECTS/5,5 yrs norm, University of Oslo

Other courses, 186 ECTS (Rethoric, Linguistics, International Human Rights etc)

Publications

1997

"Private pengespill på Internett", CompLex 110 p. Book on legal issues related to commercial gaming provided through the Internet

1998

"Pengespill på Internett", Jussens Venner p 164-168, Article on commercial gaming on the Internet

2003

"Det internasjonale aspektet ved DVD-saken", Advokatbladet nr 1/2003 p56-57, article on the international aspects of the "DVD-case"

2005

"Ytringsfrihet: Redaktøransvar på Internett" Tidsskrift for Forretningsjus (TiF 2/2005) p 260-280, Article on editorial liability on the Internet

2005

"Renessansen som unnfanget Corpus Iuris Civilis", CompLex 142 p. Book on the historical background for the legal collecion Corpus Iuris Civilis produced under Justinian ca 530 AD

2005

"Advokaters ytringsrett og –plikt", Advokatbladet 4/2005 p54, Article on lawyers ethical obligations related to client representation

2010

"Ord om Adwords" Lov & Data nr 102, article on legal status of Google AdWords in light of recent case law

2010

"Jailbreaking og annen omgåelse av digital rettighetsadministrasjon (DRM)" Lov & Data nr 103, article on copyright legislation related to DRM systems

2010

"Nyttig verktøy fra WIPO" Lov & Data nr 104, article about WIPO database and WIPO Lex

2010

"WIPO UDRP: Oversikt over Domeneklager versjon 2.0" Lov & Data nr 106, article WIPO UDRP system revision

2011

"Runesten-saken" Lov & Data nr 105, case about source confidentiality through Internet ISP

2011

"Endringer i .no regelverket" Lov & Data nr 108, short article about Norwegian domain name rules

2012

"Ansvar for ytringer på Internett" Lov & Data nr 111, article on liability for statements made through the Internet

2013

"Tiltak mot opphavsrettskrenkelser på Internett – nytt norsk lovforslag" Lov & Data nr 113, article about new copyright legislation aimed at Internet-related infringements

2013

"Konkurranser og markedsføringsloven" Lov & Data nr 115, article about changes in rules governing competitions under the Norwegian Marketing Act

2013

"Krenkende debattinnlegg på internet" Lov & Data nr 116, Article about defamatory statements made on the Internet – the ECHR Delfi case

2014

"Avgjørelse fra EU-domstolen vedrørende databasevernets anvendelse på eksterne metasøk" Lov & Data nr 117, article on EU-court ruling: Database law applied to meta-searching on the Internet

2014

"Innsyn i logger fra skattenemndens saksbehandling" Lov & Data nr 118, article about false information catalogs and jurisdictional issues for the Data Protection Agency

2014

"Falske kontaktopplysningstjenester" Lov & Data nr 119, article about information access requests into logs from the Tax Complaint Boards

2014

"EU-domstolen har i en prejudisiell vurdering avsagt 3. september 2014 (C-201/13 Deckmyn mfl. v Vandersteen mfl.) tatt stilling til forholdet mellom ytringsfriheten og opphavsretten der et avledet verk parodierer originalen" Lov & Data nr 120, article on copyright and parodies, exemplified through Belgian court's ruling in "Deckmyn-case"

2015

"Ytringsfrihet og opphavsrett del 2: Kommentar og mer om parodi" Lov & Data nr 121, comment/debate on freedom of speech, copyright and parody-exceptions in case law

2015

"Googles patenteksperiment" Lov & Data nr 122, article about Googles patent acquisitions in a legal context

2015

"Kildevern i bevegelse" Lov & Data nr 124, article on protection of journalistic sources in light of the "Rolfsen-case"

2016

"EMD om innsyn i epost" Lov & Data nr 124, article on review of third party/person email

2016

"Presumsjon om kunnskap – lenking på Internett" Lov & Data nr 128, article about linking to copyrighted material on the Internet after EU-court ruling C-160/15

2017

"Problematisk grenseforsvar" Lov & Data nr 129, article on legislation related to protection of data assets and infrastructure in a cross-border perspective

2017

"BitTorrent går ikke klar av opphavsretten" Lov & Data nr 131, article on bitcoin transfers and recent ruling from the EU-court ruling C-610/15

2017

"Utlevering av bevis til andre lands myndigheter" Lov & Data nr 132, article on U.S. Supreme Court Ruling on cross-border compelled disclosure of information

2018

"Hvor ble det av redaktørens erstatningsansvar for ærekrenkelser?" Lov & Data nr 132, article on the implementation of updates legislation on editorial liability

2018

"Digital økonomi – Sikkerhetsnett for mindre aktører" Lov & Data nr 134, article about legislation from the EU on cross-border requirements for large platform providers

2018

"Genteknologi som juridisk mat" Lov & Data nr 135, article on EU-court ruling C-528/16 and rules concerning gentech – and comparison to other jurisdictions

2018

"Republisering av materiale krever samtykke" Lov & Data nr 136, article on publishing third party copyrighted works made available on the Internet in light of EU-court ruling

2019

"Bruk av tredjeparts kjennetegn som betalte søkeord – Google Ads" Lov & Data nr 137, article on use of third party trademarks as Google Ads

2019

"Retten til å bli glemt – utenfor EU" Lov & Data nr 138, article on the right to be forgotten in light of legal opinion by the EU General Advocate

2019

"Integrerte sosiale moduler kan innebære felles behandlingsansvar" Lov & Data nr 139, article on EU prejudicial ruling concerning transfer of Facebook user data

2019

"Barn i sosiale medier" Lov & Data nr 140, article on Supreme Court ruling and the use of children in social media

2020

"Beskatning av GAFA-aktører: Dom i apple-saken" Lov & Data nr 143, article about jurisdiction in cross-border tax cases in light of EU-court decisions T-778/ and T-892/16

2020

"I kjernen av europeisk personvern – ny veileder fra Personvernrådet om overføring av personopplysninger til tredjeland" Lov & Data nr 144, co-authored article about new guidance from the European Data Protection Board concerning transfer of information to third party countries

2020

"Hva kan mediebransjen lære av dommen etter saken mellom Dagens Næringsliv og Retriever?" Medier24 (media journal, not law-centered) on the understanding of District Court ruling in case about indexing/scraping of news-sites.

2021

"Digitale angrep og utpresning – løsepengevirus" Lov & Data nr 145, article on NSM guidance on ransomware and virus-attacks, comments on legal status in EU and US

2021

"Viktig avgjørelse om fair use og programkode: Google vs Oracle" Lov & Data nr 146, article about US Supreme Court ruling (18-956) regarding source code dispute between Google and Oracle, and impact on fair use provisions and open source coding

2021

"Heving av ERP-kontrakt" Lov & Data nr 147, article about IT/ERP contract and requirements for termination in light of recent ruling from Court of Appeals (Felleskjøpet – Infor)

2021

"Heving av ERP-kontrakt" Lov & Data nr 147, article about IT/ERP contract and requirements for termination in light of recent ruling from Court of Appeals (Felleskjøpet – Infor)

2021

"Rogstad-saken: Bruk av bilde uten samtykke" Lov & Data nr 148, article about publication of third party photograph without explicit consent in light of Supreme Court ruling

2022

"Høyesterett gir avklaring på kjøp av annonseplass i søkeresultater" Lov & Data nr 149, article about using third party trademarks as Google Ads after Supreme Court ruling in case HR-2021-2479A

2022

"EU-domstolen balanserer opphavsrett og ytringsfrihet i sak om DSM artikkel 17" Lov & Data nr 150, co-authored article about third party liability for user generated content in light of EU-court ruling C-401/19

2022

"Nye permanente regler om digitale rettsmøter" Lov & Data nr 151, article about new legislation concerning digital court meetings

2022

"Høyesterett sa nei til bruk av lydopptak i dokumentarserie" Lov & Data nr 152, article on use of recordings from criminal court case in a TV-documentary series

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- Court of Appeal: LB-2010-144634

- NOU 2019:10 Åpenhet i grenseland

- KFIR-2021-95