

Pernille Bigaard

Partner, Attorney

Direct number
+45 40 32 72 29

E-mail
pbi@les.dk

Legal Assistant
Bodil Hofstede

About

Description

Pernille is one of the Denmark's most experienced and leading insolvency attorneys. She has handled some of the largest bankruptcy estates and advised on the most complex restructurings.

Her extensive experience and expertise mean that she is often chosen to manage the most challenging cases in Denmark, including the bankruptcy estates of Sterling Airways, Arnold Busck, and OW Bunker – the latter being he largest bankruptcy in modern Danish history.

Pernille has been a permanent trustee at the Danish Maritime and Commercial High Court's Probate Division since the mid-1990s. She has the right to appear before the Danish Supreme Court and has conducted several landmark cases related to bankrupt and insolvent companies since 1988. Additionally, she has served as a member of the Danish Bar and Law Society's Council and the Board of the 1st Circuit.

Pernille's significant expertise and exceptional professional level are reflected in her rankings in Chambers Europe, Legal 500, IFLR1000, and Lexology. She has achieved top-tier rankings and is recognized as a leading expert in the field. Among other accolades, she is listed in Legal 500's Hall of Fame and ranked as a Senior Statesman in the Chambers guide.

As an advisor, Pernille is straightforward and values clear and actionable communication. As a client, you will experience her as highly professional in everything she does, as well as exceptionally skilled and pleasant to work with.

Background

Milestones

Danish Supreme Court, 1988
Danish High Court, 1982
Admitted to the Danish Bar, 1980
Master of Laws (LL.M.), University of Copenhagen, 1977

Activities

Permanent trustee at the Maritime and Commercial High Court's Probate Division
Member of the Debt Collection Agency's Lawyer Panel
Certified Insolvency Attorney
Represents Denmark in ICC FraudNet
Founder and former Chair of Foreningen for Danske Insolvensadvokater (Danish Insolvency Lawyers Association)
Former Chair of the Trustee Association
Former Chair of the Insolvency Law Committee, Danish Bar and Law Society
Previously a member of the Danish Bar and Law Society's Economics Committee, IT Committee, Advisory Opinions Committee, Liaison Committee between the Danish Judges Association and the Bar and Law Society, and Ethics Committee

Languages

Scandinavian languages
English

Rankings

Legal 500 Hall of Fame 2026

- Legal 500 Hall of Fame

You don't get more experience within insolvency than you do with Pernille. You can trust her with all cases. Christian Elmer is one of the most pleasant people to work with. Per Hald has good commercial thinking.

- Legal 500

Pernille Bigaard is often referred to in the press as the "Queen of Bankruptcy," as she has been involved in some of Denmark's largest bankruptcies and restructurings throughout her career. I have worked with Pernille Bigaard on several major cases, and our cooperation has always been smooth and constructive.

- Legal 500

Pernille Bigaard is one of the most experienced lawyers for insolvency in Denmark. Pernille is a tough negotiator who is easy to work with and knows it all.

- Chambers

Pernille Bigaard is incredibly knowledgeable and has many good connections. With her vast experience, she is good at finding solutions.

- Legal 500

"Pernille Bigaard is one of the most experienced insolvency lawyers around."

- Legal 500

"Pernille Bigaard is Market leader"

- IFLR1000

"Pernille Bigaard draws extensive praise for her considerable experience handling the most high-profile cases across Denmark. This includes in-court bankruptcy proceedings and restructurings."

- Chambers

"Pernille Bigaard has a network like no one else."

- Legal 500

"Pernille Bigaard has a strong commercial vision and long-standing experience in insolvency matters."

- Chambers

Pernille is recognized as a thought leader by Lexology.

- Lexology

"Pernille Bigaard is very hands-on, communicative and good at delivering solutions."

- Chambers

LEXOLOGY

Pernille Bigaard enjoys a fantastic reputation on the market for her work as a leading insolvency practitioner. She expertly guides clients through proceedings in a variety of industries such as aviation and retail.

- Lexology

> To me, it means fully committing to the case and providing honest, solution-oriented advice.

What does 'Your business. Our personal commitment.' mean to Pernille?

Areas

Insolvency