

# CV - KNUT HØIVIK PhD

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## PERSONAL INFORMATION

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Born: 23 September 1970  
Citizenship: Norwegian

## WORK EXPERIENCE

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| 08.2023 -         | <b>UNIVERSITY OF BERGEN, FACULTY OF LAW</b><br>Associate Professor   |
| 01-2022 – Present | <b>UNIVERSITETSFORLAGET</b><br>Chief Editor Norwegian Journal of Commercial Law (Part time)  |
| 06.2021 – 08.2023 | <b>EQUINOR ASA</b><br>Vice President LEG UPS EPN <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Head of legal support to the business area Exploration &amp; Production Norway</li></ul>  |
| 08.2018 – 06.2021 | <b>EQUINOR ASA</b><br>Vice President LEG DPI <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Head of legal support to the business area Development &amp; Production International</li></ul>   |
| 09.2012 – 07.2018 | <b>ADVOKATFIRMAET SCHJØDT AS - STAVANGER</b><br>Partner (01.2015 – 07.2018) Senior Lawyer (09.2012 – 12.2014) <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>01.2018 – 07.2018: Head Schjødt's Group EOSI (Energy, Oil Service, Shipping and Infrastructure).</li><li>01.2017 – 05.2018: Leading Partner of Schjødt's Stavanger office.</li><li><u>Main practice area – Oil &amp; Gas</u>: Regulatory issues, tie-ins, unitizations, license transactions, dispute resolutions.</li><li><u>Practice area - Compliance</u>: Framing and implementing anti-corruption- and compliance programs, compliance risk management in contracts and M&amp;A transactions, sanction laws, police investigations.</li></ul> |

09. 2009 – 09. 2012

**STATOIL ASA - BERGEN**  
Leading Legal Counsel LEG DPN

- Practice area: Advising on regulatory framework, assisting with commercial negotiations for tie-in agreements, unitizations and license transactions, assisting with redetermination processes, assisting with dispute resolutions, assisting with internal investigations of HSE incidents and inappropriate conduct, assisting with compliance training and review of internal compliance procedures.

2005 – 2009

**UNIVERSITY OF BERGEN, THE FACULTY OF LAW**  
Research fellow (PhD)

2002 - 2005

**UNIVERSITY OF BERGEN, THE FACULTY OF LAW**  
Assistant professor

- Practice area: Teaching company law, contract law, administrative law, property law, bankruptcy law and criminal law. Supervising master thesis students. Publishing papers within company law, competition law and criminal law (see list below).

1999 - 2002

**ADVOKATFIRMAET KLUGE DA**  
Associate/Lawyer

- Practice area: Corporate M&A, securities trading, dispute resolutions.

1997 - 1998

**STAVANGER TINGRETT**  
Deputy Judge

1996 - 1997

**ADVOKATFIRMAET SELMER&MAURITZEN**  
Associate

1996 - 1997

**MILITARY SERVICE**  
Legal adviser Norwegian Defence Estates Agency

**PUBLIC APPOINTMENTS**

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05.2018 – 05.2021

**MINISTRY OF JUSTICE**  
Appointed by the Ministry of Justice to evaluate current Norwegian legislation on corruption and corporate criminal liability

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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2014 – 2018

**KUFPEC NORWAY AS**  
Member of the Board of Directors

## EDUCATION

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2005 – 2009

**UNIVERSITY OF BERGEN, FACULTY OF LAW**  
**PHD ON CORPORATE CRIMINAL LIABILITY**

- The thesis examines the attribution of criminal liability to corporations under Norwegian criminal law. The objective is to examine the legal construction of the corporate criminal liability, and the historical, moral and political considerations that such liability is based upon.

1990 – 1995

**UNIVERSITY OF BERGEN, FACULTY OF LAW**  
**Cand. Jur.**

## RANKINGS

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CHAMBERS (2015-2018) "[Knut Høivik](#) is "extremely skilled, business-oriented, pragmatic and intellectual," according to clients. He specialises in regulatory matters, particularly unitisation and tie-in contracts."

## PUBLICATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

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PUBLIC REPORTS: Foretaksstraff og Korrupsjon – En utredning for Justis- og beredskapsdepartementet (Mai 2021).

BOOKS Foretaksstraff; en analyse av ansvarskonstruksjonen i straffeloven § 48a og dens forutsetninger (Cappelen Damm 2012).

Stiftelser (with lawyers in Kluge advokatfirma, Oslo 2001).

Oil and Gas Activities in Norway: Chapter 2.6 (22 s.): Health, safety and environment (with Tore Ulleberg). Chapter 6.7 (3 s.): The Petroleum Register. Chapter 6.8 (9 s.): Licensee default and insolvency situations (with Dag Toven).

ARTICLES Dolus eventualis i norsk rett; Har vi den nå? (i Festskrift til professor Karin Cornils 2010).

Det stedlige virkeområdet for de norske reglene om foretaksstraff (i Håkonarmål 2006, elektronisk publisering 2006).

Er konkurranselovens tosporede sanksjonssystem overfor foretak hensiktsmessig? (i LoR 2006 s. 360-370).

Samarbeidsproblemer som grunnlag for en aksjeeiers krav om oppløsning av selskapet (i Lov og Rett 2006 s. 131-155).

Interkommunalt selskap eller aksjeselskap? (i Lov og Rett 2005 s. 531-549).

Bokanmeldelse: Sverker Jönsson: Straffansvar og modern brottslighet - En idékritisk studie av straffansvar för juridiska personer, Uppsala 2004 (i Tidsskrift for Strafferett 2005 s. 445-451).

Fellespant (i Konkursrådet: Konkurs i praksis, Oslo 2000).

#### OPINIONS

En topplers ansvar (Kronikk Dagens Næringsliv 14. juli 2015).

Bot mot bedring (Kronikk Dagens Næringsliv 31. mars 2014).

Ptil, politi og straff – ikke så enkelt (Kronikk Stavanger Aftenblad 6. mai 2013).