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## **Peter Dianati**

Attorney, Partner

Peter Dianati specialises in construction law, building and construction disputes as well as company and commercial law issues, including in particular commercial contracts.

In this context, Peter Dianati conducts arbitration proceedings before the Danish Building and Construction Arbitration Board on behalf of mainly large construction companies. He also advises on all legal matters relating to construction, including all relevant contract types and dispute resolution options.

Moreover, Peter Dianati provides advice on general commercial law, in particular on commercial contracts. In this context, he has relevant experience from the corporate sector as he has been seconded to LEGO's legal department in Billund for a period, and he has held the position as head of legal in North Media A/S (listed company on NASDAQ OMX Copenhagen, parent company to Søndagsavisen A/S, Forbruger-Kontakt A/S and Boligportalen among others).

Peter Dianati has worked at the New York based law firm Patterson Belknap Tyler & Webb, where he primarily worked with US securities regulation, M&A and securities law.

Peter Dianati is a qualified building and construction mediator and has previously lectured in procedural law at the University of Copenhagen.

Peter Dianati speaks English and the Scandinavian languages.

### **Ratings**

**Chambers Europe (2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023)**

*Peter Dianati is ranked in Band 2 in Real Estate: Construction.*

*Co-head of department Peter Dianati is an experienced construction partner described as "hard-working and relentless" by his clients.*

*Department co-head Peter Dianati enters the rankings thanks to impressive market feedback. One source describes him as a "highly skilled and pragmatic construction lawyer." He*

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*is further praised for his hard work and commercial nous.*

*Peter Dianati is recommended by clients, who “very much like his commercial approach.” Another source comments: “He is very good and very knowledgeable about construction. He and I understand each other’s line of thinking.”*

*He receives praise from clients: “He is very skilled, one of the best in his line of work, and a very experienced guy. His input is very easy to use and he gives practical advice.”*

*Peter Dianati is head of the real estate group and handles all areas of construction law, including contract negotiations and dispute resolution.*

*Peter Dianati is noted for his litigation experience, particularly in proceedings concerning construction law. Clients say: “He is very skilled and talented and provides commercial insight. He is dedicated, thorough, hard-working and loyal.”*

*Peter Dianati assists clients with construction disputes and arbitrations. Clients report that he is “proactive, very thorough and gives a good service.”*

*Peter Dianati continues to advise on a broad range of construction-related legal issues including development contracts and agreements, as well as representing contractors in dispute resolution. Recent work includes assisting several companies with large residential development projects.*

*Clients highlight Peter Dianati for his strength in disputes with contractors and his work on the project side. Interviewees report that he has “a strong standing in construction.” Dianati represents clients in contentious construction matters and also advises on project developments.*

*Peter Dianati acts for clients on construction-related disputes, and commercial and residential development projects. Clients appreciate that he demonstrates “a very commercial mindset and a lot of experience.”*

*Peter Dianati acts for clients on construction-related disputes, also handling commercial and residential development projects. Clients appreciate his extensive experience in complex contentious mandates and describe him as “pragmatic and solution-oriented.”*

*Peter Dianati is known for his expertise in complex construction mandates ranging from arbitrations to the negotiation of turnkey contracts for the construction of multi-purpose buildings.*

*Peter Dianati often acts on construction disputes, including arbitration proceedings. He also advises on the development and sale of residential projects.*

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*Peter Dianati is a really good construction lawyer with strong strategic skills.*

## **Chambers Global (2017, 2018)**

*Peter Dianati is rated “Leading Individual” in Band 4.*

*Peter Dianati is noted for his litigation experience, particularly in proceedings concerning construction law. Clients say: “He is very skilled and talented and provides commercial insight. He is dedicated, thorough, hard-working and loyal.”*

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## **Legal 500 (2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023)**

*Peter Dianati is recommended as regards Dispute resolution as well as Real Estate and construction.*

*Peter Dianati’ is “solution-oriented” and his “technical and professional standards are second to none”.*

*Peter Dianati is “highly recommended” for construction disputes. He is ‘relentless and accurate’...(and) provides “valuable, spot-on advice”.*

*Skau Reipurth Advokatpartnerselskab’s group is headed by Peter Dianati, whom clients view as a “preferred lawyer” within construction.*

*Skau Reipurth’s expertise includes employment, commercial and construction cases. “Standout” practice co-head Peter Dianati counts GVL Entreprise among his clients.*

*Skau Reipurth’s “very good” practice has extensive experience representing clients in construction disputes, contract negotiations and real estate transactions. “Sharp” group co-head Peter Dianati and (...) assisted GVL Entreprise with a number of project development matters.*

*“Reputable” Skau Reipurth assists a broad range of clients with construction disputes and transactional matters. Notable clients include Rockwool, Nordea Ejendomme and GVL Entreprise.*

*Skau Reipurth’s expertise spans real estate and construction, insolvency, employment and commercial disputes. Peter Dianati and Peter Skau-Andersen are recommended.*

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*Skau Reipurth's construction law and real estate team is amongst the best in the country with a lot of in-depth strength. It is led by some of the most competent construction lawyers, Peter Dianati (...) in particular.*

*I would like to emphasise Peter Dianati as a sublime partner and a very competent case manager who in the best way gets the best out of his colleagues.*

*Peter Dianati is in my view the most knowledgeable construction lawyer in Denmark. Extremely strong in the legal theory – but also hardworking and pragmatic.*

*Peter Dianati and (...) are among the best within the field of construction law. Peter is very hard-working, relentless and the bulldog you would want to fight for you in a construction dog fight.*

*Peter Dianati stands out as a desirable partner in construction law disputes. We have worked with Peter Dianati on a number of real estate and construction projects, both in respect of development projects and dispute resolution. In both disciplines, Peter Dianati has excelled and exceeded our expectations and we have been more than satisfied with the advice we have been given. Peter Dianati's track record of handling multimillion real estate and construction cases with a significant number of stakeholders probably speaks for itself.*

*Peter Dianati is very competent and theoretically strong within the field of construction law. Hardworking, relentless and dedicated to the task at hand. Always accessible and very no-nonsense.*

*Peter Dianati is exceptionally hard-working and very knowledgeable within construction disputes. I regard him as the best within this field.*

*“Extremely specialised within construction law”, Skau Reipurth's team is headed up by Peter Dianati and (...), who are both experienced in construction litigation, mediation and arbitration, and infrastructure, procurement and contract law. As well as handling a large number of disputes, the group advises clients involved in major Danish construction projects.*

*Skau Reipurth is “very specialised within construction law and especially construction law disputes”, particularly litigation and arbitration proceedings arising from works and supply issues in building and engineering procedures. (...) and Peter Dianati are the names to note within the group, which also handles commercial contract, professional and product liability, post-M&A and securities disputes.*

*Providing “stellar advice”, the team at Skau Reipurth handles real estate and construction*

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*transactional work as well as dispute resolution mandates. On the construction side, practice co-heads Peter Dianati (...) are experienced litigators and certified construction arbitrators (...). The group acts for a broad client base, ranging from contractors and cooperative housing societies to professional investors and manufacturers.*

*Their construction law team is second to none and absolutely top tier in Denmark. If you want a specialized construction law boutique, I would always refer to Skau Reipurth. Peter Dianati's team in particular is second to none in regards to construction law because of the huge knowledge, client attention and availability.*

*Peter Dianati is one of the most skilled construction law lawyers in Denmark, if not the best. As well as being very skilled and theoretically extremely knowledgeable within construction law, he is also pragmatic and solution-oriented. However, he can also be very tough and a warrior when a situation calls upon that.*

*Skau Reipurth's dispute resolution team houses two specialised sub-teams; one focuses on commercial litigation and arbitration while the other focuses on construction disputes. (...) On the construction side, clients praise the team for being "absolutely top notch"; it is jointly led by (...) Peter Dianati, who is 'one of the most skilled construction law arbitrators in Denmark.'*

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*'Absolute top-tier construction lawyer' Peter Dianati (...) jointly lead the practice. Dianati advises on both contentious and non-contentious construction matters, including contracts and agreements.*

*Peter Dianati is an absolute top-tier construction lawyer. He is very, very intelligent, pragmatic, and very knowledgeable regarding the industry. His growing team is very experienced and they have worked together for many years. He is outstanding.*

*Peter Dianati (...) co-head the construction dispute resolution team (...) Dianati acts in matters concerning insurance and tort law, in addition to construction cases.*

*Peter Dianati is a mature and very reliable counsellor.*

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## **Expertise**

- Commercial law
- Company law
- Construction law
- Infrastructure
- Litigation and arbitration
- Procurement law
- Real estate
- Specialised dispute resolution

## **Work experience**

- 2012 –  
Skau Reipurth Advokatpartnerselskab
- 2006 – 2012  
Plesner Law Firm
- 2011  
Patterson Belknap Tyler & Webb, New York (secondment from Plesner Law Firm)
- 2010  
General Counsel, North Media A/S (leave from Plesner Law Firm)
- 2008  
Lego Juris A/S (secondment from Plesner Law Firm)
- 2006  
Stampe Haume & Hasselris Law Firm
- 2004 – 2006  
Kyed & Jybæk Law Firm
- 2003 – 2004  
The Danish Financial Supervisory Authority

## **Educational background**

- 2019  
Mediator Training Course in Construction, the Association of Danish Law Firms
- 2006  
Admission to practice law
- 2003  
Master of Laws, University of Copenhagen
- 2002  
Southampton Solent University

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## Memberships

- The Danish Society for Construction and Consulting Law
- The Danish Association for Corporate Law
- IBA (International Bar Association)
- Byens Strateger II (network group, Byens Netværk)

## Positions of trust

- 2006 – 2007 Appointed member, the course organisation committee on the training of attorneys under the auspices of the Danish Ministry of Justice
- 2004 – 2007 Member, the governing body of FAAF – Foreningen af Ansatte Advokater og Advokatfuldmægtige) (an association for salaried attorneys and assistant attorneys)

## Publications

- “Nye regler for landbruget – enkeltbetalingsordning og nye arealgrænser” (New agricultural legislation – Single farm payment and new limits for possession of farm land), Månedssbladet BankInfo, 9/2004
- “Beskatning af goodwill ved generationsskifte” (Goodwill taxation in transfers of ownership to a new generation), Månedssbladet BankInfo 4/2005
- “Danske Hedgefonde” (Danish hedge funds), Månedssbladet BankInfo 12/2004
- “Nye regler for pant i andelsboliger” (New legislation regarding security in co-operative housing), Månedssbladet BankInfo 10/2004
- The Danish construction journal ”Licitationen” – legal aspects of building and construction:
  - Article on contribution ratio (29 January 2016)
  - Article on documentation in construction projects (26 February 2016)
  - Article on arbitration clauses (4 April 2016)
  - Article on back-to-back clauses (29 April 2016)
  - Article on direct claims (30 May 2016)
- Chambers Global Practice Guides 2018 (Construction)
- Chambers Global Practice Guides 2021 (Construction)
- Chambers Europe Practice Area Overview Guidelines 2022 (Construction)
- Legal 500’s Comparative Guides 2018 (Construction)
- Legal 500’s Comparative Guides 2019 (Construction)
- Legal 500’s Comparative Guides 2020 (Construction)
- Legal 500’s Comparative Guides 2021 (Construction)
- Legal 500’s Comparative Guides 2022 (Construction)
- Chambers Global Practice Guides 2022 (Real Estate)