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## EXPERTISE

Dispute Resolution

Construction

Compliance & Investigations

Svein Aage has litigated numerous cases before both the public courts and arbitration tribunals. He has been engaged in many extensive and high profiled criminal cases within areas concerning white collar crime, tax fraud, environmental crime and corporate penalty cases related to the Working Environment Act. Svein Aage has broad experience counselling both large, private clients and public entities.

## Projects

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2014

### The Parliament Pension Scheme case

Svein Aage Valen acted as defence lawyer for previous Member of Parliament (MP), Magnus Stangeland, throughout three court hearings in the highly profiled "Parliament Pension Scheme case". Stangeland was

found not guilty by the Supreme Court in April 2012.

2013

### **The Larsen case**

Svein Aage has been leader of the Defence Lawyer team defending the well known and profiled finance man and oil business entrepreneur, Mr Berge Gerdt Larsen. Larsen is facing an indictment for serious tax fraud related to ownership to oil business entities established in so called tax havens. The main hearing in Bergen City Court lasted for six months. Larsen was found guilty by the City Court. The verdict is appealed and the Appeal Court has decided a full new hearing

## **Work experience**

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2003	Admitted to the Supreme Court of Norway
1997–	Partner, Bergen office, Thommessen
1992–1997	Associate, Bergen office, Thommessen
1990	Admitted to the bar
1989–1992	Lawyer, Bergen, Den norske Bank ASA, legal department
1988–1989	Chief Superintendent, Økonomiavsnittet, Bergen politikammer

## **Education**

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1983–1987	Candidate in Jurisprudence, University of Bergen
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