

Marlene Winther Plas

Partner, Head of IPT, Denmark



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Marlene Winther Plas specialises in IT law and data protection and has more than 20 years' experience.

Marlene is a certified IT attorney and is the data protection responsible person in DLA Piper Denmark as well as Head of IPT for all four Nordic DLA Piper offices.

Finally, she is listed in Kraks Blå Bog, the Danish Who's Who, and is recognised by Chambers and The Legal 500 within 'Information Technology' and 'Media and Entertainment'.

Marlene advises Danish as well as foreign businesses and public authorities. She assists clients especially regarding the negotiation and preparation of complex technology and data protection contracts, outsourcing projects, development projects, cybersecurity/NIS2, major technology transactions as well as within AI.

Furthermore, Marlene is a qualified mediator and is well known for her mediation in several high-profile IT and technology-related disputes. She is also a qualified arbitrator and deals with

dispute resolution and litigation regarding complex technology contracts and technology-related law.

Moreover, Marlene has vast experience of data protection compliance projects and provides advice on data breaches and cybersecurity.

She also specialises in sports law and advises the association of Danish elite football clubs (Divisionsforeningen) and the Danish premier league clubs on various matters, including security, the enforcement of the common code of conduct at Danish football stadiums and the combating of hooliganism.

Since 2001, Marlene has been involved in political and professional activities within the legal sector. In 2008, she assisted in establishing the Association of Danish Law Firms and was its vice-chairperson up until 2016.

Qualifications

Education	Certified IT attorney, The Association of Danish IT Attorneys	2007
	Certified arbitrator, the education programme for arbitrators operated by the Association of Danish Law Firms	2003
	Certified mediator, the Association of Danish Law Firms	2002
	Admitted to the Danish Bar	1996
	LLM, Maîtrise de droit international et européen, Panthéon-Assas, Paris II	1993
	Master of Law, University of Copenhagen	1993

Memberships	The Association of Danish IT Attorneys
	The Danish Arbitration Association
	The International Bar Association (IBA)
	The Copenhagen Bar Association

Admission	Right of audience before the Danish High Courts	1997
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Experience

Recent highlights

- Marlene Winther Plas provides trusted advice to Danish football club Brøndbyernes I.F. Fodbold A/S and was in charge of the successive share issues by the company as well as the transaction that in 2022-2023 led to the transfer of controlling interest to an investor (GFH).
- Marlene assisted Brøndbyernes I.F. Fodbold A/S, which was the first football club in Europe to obtain approval to use Automated Facial Recognition at its football stadium. Through this assistance, Marlene has gained specialist knowledge of the legislation on the use of biometric data and AI. Marlene collaborates with Danish premier league clubs and the association of Danish elite football clubs (Divisionsforeningen) on security in the Danish football industry and the combating of hooliganism.
- Marlene assisted the Danish Agency for Public Finance and Management in a complex and extensive tendering process concerning an IT contract for operation and maintenance, legacy reduction and development, etc. of the Danish State's payroll service system (Statens Lønløsning). The system is mission critical and the purpose of the contract was to lay down the optimum basis for the Agency to provide an integrated payroll and pension service to all state institutions.
- Marlene assisted the Danish National Building Fund in conducting an EU call for tenders for a data-warehouse solution. The system was to assemble a number of internal data sources from the Danish National Building Fund, social housing organisations, public registers, etc. The second phase is expected to see a finance recording system being put out to tender. The purpose of the finance recording system, which will be feeding data into the data warehouse, is to create an enhanced control environment for social housing organisations in Denmark.

Career highlights

Partner, DLA Piper Denmark, since 2017

Partner, LETT (DLA Piper Denmark), 2012-2017

Partner, Lind Cadovius, 2003-2012

Attorney, Lind Cadovius, 1997-2003

Attorney, Kromann Reumert, 1996-1997

Assistant Attorney, Kromann Reumert, 1993-1996

Positions of trust

Chairperson, the Association of Danish IT Attorneys, since 2021

Member of the committee of representatives, the Association of Danish Law Firms, since 2008 (co-founder)

Chairperson of the Board of Directors, Skandinavisk Logistik A/S / Skanlog A/S,
since 2010

Chairperson, Alkoholreklamenævnet (the Danish alcohol advertising complaints
board), since 2019

Other positions	Mediator, appointed through the mediation scheme of the Association of Danish IT Attorneys or directly by the parties
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Rankings

Kraks Blå Bog

Marlene was included as a new entry in Kraks Blå Bog, the Danish Who's Who, in 2014

Legal 500

Marlene is recognized as 'Leading partner' within 'Information Technology' by The Legal 500. Moreover, Marlene is recognized within 'Data Privacy and Data Protection'.



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"Marlene Winther Plas understands her client's businesses and what drives the entire plan."

"The team has excellent insights in IT and a good commercial understanding. They are easy to work with and highly efficient."

"Understanding clients' businesses is vital. The team more than meet their client's needs, are able to challenge current solutions and have broad experience."

"The team is very good at seeing the projects from a business perspective."

Chambers

Marlene Winther Plads is recognized by Chambers within 'Information Technology'.



"She is to the point, a great communicator and good at understanding different businesses and sectors. She cares about her clients and has a good ability to identify their needs."

"Marlene Winther Plas is a highly accomplished lawyer who is very solution-oriented and a pleasure to work with. She is very dedicated and passionate in delivering valuable insights."

"High quality, high availability and great understanding of our business."

"Marlene has extensive knowledge and understands the complexity of IT law, and has the ability to advise in a way to create the best solution."

"She regularly advises on IT procurements and outsourcings, with further expertise in GDPR compliance projects."

"The lawyers are able to pinpoint the weak and strong points in complicated cases."

Who's Who Legal

Marlene is recommended by Who's Who Legal within 'Fintech & Blockchain'.

Services



Capital Markets and Listed Companies



Intellectual Property and Technology



Data Protection and Privacy



Media, Sport, and Entertainment



Whistleblowerordning



IT Contracts



Intellectual Property and Technology

Sectors



Technology



Technology



Media, Sport and Entertainment



Shipping, transport and logistic