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Klaus advises domestic and international clients on assignments related to environmental law. He is regularly involved in a wide range of energy and natural resources projects. Wind power development, solar PV, hydrogen projects, and mining are particular focal areas of Klaus's expertise, and he has in-depth regulatory know-how and practical experience in these fields. Klaus has also had an active role in numerous infrastructure-related projects ranging from waterways to harbours and road networks. Klaus is a member of Hannes Snellman's cross-border Infrastructure & Energy team, which is a multi-disciplinary group of experienced lawyers whose expertise cuts across capital markets, construction, environment, litigation, PPP, project finance, restructuring and tax, and which has an outstanding track record.

REFERENCES

- Counsel to ib vogt in BESS Project Disposal to Renewable Power Capital Nordics, 2024
- Counsel to Exilion in the construction of a 70 MWp solar PV project, 2024
- Finnish Counsel to Danske Bank and La Banque Postale in the Project Financing of a Finnish Onshore Wind Farm Portfolio, 2023
- Counsel to Metsähallitus in the Pyhäjoki-Raahe and Närpiö offshore wind power development projects, 2023
- Counsel to United Bankers in the acquisition of Taaleri Forest Fund III, 2023
- Counsel to ib vogt in solar PV project disposal to Helen, 2022
- Counsel to Metsähallitus in the offshore wind project joint venture with Vattenfall, 2022
- Counsel to Gasgrid Finland Oy in connecting Hamina LNG terminal to the Finnish natural gas transmission network, 2022
- Counsel to Stora Enso Oyj, UPM-Kymmene Group, Metsä Group, Sonoco-Alcore, and Other Sellers in the Sale of Encore Ympäristöpalvelut Oy to Stena Recycling Oy, 2022
- Counsel to Remeo in its acquisition of Delete Ympäristöpalvelut Oy, 2022
- Counsel to Veolia in its crude methanol processing plant project in connection with Metsä Fibre's Äänekoski bioproduct mill plant, 2022
- Counsel to Gasgrid Finland Oy in chartering of an LNG floating storage and regasification unit, 2022
- Counsel to Microsoft in Finland
- Counsel to LähiTapiola in the establishment of a jointly owned forest, 2021
- Counsel to Metsähallitus in the Korsnäs offshore wind power development project

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- Counsel to Green Horizon Renewables a.s. and other minority investors in the sale of the Mikana wind power portfolio, 2021
- Counsel to Assemblin in its acquisition of Tom Allen Sennera, 2021
- Counsel to Keliber in respect of its lithium project, 2021
- Counsel to Oy Linde Gas Ab in its acquisition of Neste's cylinder gas business and Neste's stake in Oy Innogas Ab, 2021
- Counsel to Remeo in a materials recovery facility project, 2021
- Counsel to Mayr-Melnhof Cartonboard International GmbH in its acquisition of Kotkamills Group Oy, 2020
- Counsel to LähiTuuLi in the development and divestment of a pre-construction stage wind power project of MetsäLamminkangas to OX2, 2019
- Counsel to DekaBank Deutsche Girozentrale in the project financing of 211MW Project Piiparinmäki, 2019
- Finnish counsel to Marrone Bio Innovations, Inc. in its acquisition of Pro Farm Technologies Oy, 2019
- Counsel to YIT in the sale of its Nordic paving and mineral aggregates businesses to Peab for EUR 280 million, 2019
- Counsel to Caverion in the sale of project piping & tank business and the related Ylivieska workshop, 2018
- Counsel to Jarkir Oy in the sale of Uusioaines Oy to Partnera Oy and Suomen Teollisuussijoitus Oy, 2018
- Finnish counsel to Elementis plc in its proposed acquisition of Mondo Minerals B.V., 2018
- Counsel to Metsähallitus in its 300 MW wind power project disposals, 2018
- Counsel to Green Horizon Renewables in the acquisition of over 70% stake in Winda Power, 2018
- Counsel to SUSI Partners AG in its acquisition of the Tetriluuli Wind Farm in Finland, 2017
- Counsel to Hartwall Capital Oy Ab in its acquisition of SUEZ Suomi Oy, 2016
- Counsel to Eurus Energy Holdings Corporation in its acquisition of two wind farms in Finland from Maas Capital Renewables and YARD ENERGY, 2016
- Counsel to Metsähallitus in its divestment of wind farm project to Taaleri Plc private equity fund and Loiste Energia Oy, 2016
- Counsel to Veolia in a JV with Neste Corporation and Borealis, 2016
- Counsel to Mondi Group in its acquisition of Walki Group's extrusion coating plants located in Finland and Poland, 2015

RANKINGS

- Leading Individual, Real Estate and Construction, Legal 500, 2024
- Ranked in Energy & Natural Resources in Chambers Europe, 2024
- "Klaus is a true expert within his field and great at finding solutions for versatile issues. He is also very nice to work with, because he is calm and easy-going.", IFLR1000, 2023
- "Working with Klaus Metsä-Simola really calms us down when a matter is turbulent.", Energy & Natural Resources, Chambers Europe 2023
- "Expertise in Finnish legislation and the renewables industry, ability to combine legal framework with commercial considerations and market practices, very responsive attitude and focus on solving problems.", IFLR1000, 2022
- "One client comments: 'Klaus aims to find the commercially viable solution for the client.', Energy & Natural Resources, Chambers Europe 2022
- "The 'top-notch lawyer' Klaus Metsä-Simola is an environmental expert who excels at handling

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wind power development projects with his impressive knowledge of domestic and international regulations.”, Who's Who Legal 2020

- 'Klaus is commended by clients for his "excellent technical knowledge, commercial awareness and great client service skills."', Energy & Natural Resources, Chambers Europe 2020
- Ranked as a Highly regarded lawyer in the 2020-2021 editions (Finland: Project development) of IFLR1000
- Ranked as a recognised practitioner in Energy & Natural Resources in the 2018 & 2019 editions of Chambers Europe
- Ranked among the best lawyers in the 2015, 2016 and 2017 editions (Helsinki: Environmental Law) of Best Lawyers®
- Leading practitioner, Who's Who Legal: Environment (2014, 2015 and 2016).

MEMBERSHIPS AND POSITIONS OF TRUST

- Secretary of the IBA's Environment, Health and Safety Law (EHS) Committee
- Member of the Finnish Bar Association
- Member of the Finnish Society for Environmental Law

EDUCATION AND PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND

- Hannes Snellman 2013-
- Borenus Attorneys at Law 2010-2013
- Ministry of the Environment 2009-2010
- State Environmental Administration 2004-2009
- University of Helsinki, Faculty of law 1999-2004
- Licentiate in Laws, University of Helsinki 2003
- Master of Laws, University of Helsinki 1999

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