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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. He is also active in Hannes Snellman's ESG Group.

## REFERENCES

- Counsel to CompassForge in the Ecogrid Energy Park Project, 2025
- 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

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- Counsel to Metsähallitus in the Korsnäs offshore wind power development project
- 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 Senera, 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 Oyj, 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

- Recommended by clients and peers, Who's Who Legal: Energy, 2024
- Recognised as Highly Regarded in Project Development, IFLR1000, 2024
- 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

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- "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 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

- Partner, Hannes Snellman, 2022–
- Specialist Partner, Hannes Snellman, 2018–2021
- Counsel, Hannes Snellman, 2013–2018
- 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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