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Languages

- Dutch
- English
- German

Admitted to bar

- The Netherlands

Membership

- NEVER (Dutch Association for Energy Law)

Education

- University of Groningen: Bachelor of Law (Private Law)

About Harm Kerstholt

Harm Kerstholt is a partner at AKD, specialising in the energy sector. With over 25 years of experience, he advises on M&A, joint ventures and renewable energy projects, including offshore wind, solar and hydrogen.

At AKD, Harm guides clients through complex transactions and projects, ensuring compliance with Dutch and EU regulations. Clients praise his practical approach, with *Legal 500* noting:

“Harm Kerstholt is a best-in-class corporate energy lawyer... providing creative solutions for complex matters, he is a hard-working lawyer, down to earth, polite, amiable, and able to achieve the best results for his client.”

Previously, Harm was a partner at a leading Dutch law firm, where he advised on major energy transactions, including significant investments in energy infrastructure and offshore wind projects.

His work covers acquisitions, divestments and project financings, with a focus on ESG integration and Dutch climate objectives. From 2016 to 2019, Harm worked in New York, handling cross-border deals and advising on US-European joint ventures. This gives him a broad, international perspective.

A 1998 graduate of the University of Groningen, he combines deep legal expertise with market insight. At AKD, Harm supports energy companies, project sponsors and public entities in navigating the energy transition, contributing to the firm's commitment to practical, client-focused legal services in a rapidly evolving sector.