



**Experience:** 2025- Partner, attorney-at-law at SME Law  
2021-2025 Partner, attorney-at-law at Nova Law  
2011-2021 Legal Director, The Norwegian Football Association  
2009-2011: Attorney-at-law at Advokatfirmaet Arntsen  
2006-2008: Attorney-at-law at Protector Forsikring ASA

**Education:** 1997 – 2005: Master of Law, University of Oslo  
1999 – 2002: Bachelor in Media & IT, University of East London  
2013 – 2014: Diploma in Football Management Université de Lausanne  
2017 – 2018: UEFA Football Law Programme

**Qualifications:** Admitted to the Norwegian Bar Association in 2006. Certified as mediator by the Norwegian Bar Association in 2020.

## Expertise

Espen is a Norwegian partner and attorney-at-law at SME Law. Espen has previously worked for the Norwegian Football Association as legal director for ten years.

Since 2011 Espen has been working exclusively with sports law and football law. Espen has spent more than ten years in the football industry and has gained substantial experience in football related arbitration, litigation and dispute resolution, involving clubs, players, managers, agents/intermediaries and other football stakeholders. This experience and a profound understanding for the football regulations as well as for national labor law is essential for understanding the unique relationship between the different stakeholders in football, hereunder football clubs, football players, managers/coaches and organisations.

Espen has been on the list of arbitrators at the Court of Arbitration for Sport since 2019 and on the “football list” since 2023 and has arbitrated numerous cases as a part of a panel and as a Sole Arbitrator.

Over the years Espen Auberg has been involved in a large number national and international disputes as well as disciplinary cases, such as on-field incidents and alleged breaches of transfer regulations and disciplinary regulations, involving clubs, players, managers, coaches and international associations such as UEFA and FIFA, and has gained substantial experience in football related arbitration, litigation and dispute resolution.

Espen is certified as mediator by the Norwegian Bar Association and offers mediation primarily in sports related disputes.