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DREYER FOUNDATION PRIZE AWARDED TO ONE OF THE WORLD'S LEADING ENVIRONMENTAL LAW PRACTITIONERS

Birgitte Refn Wenzel, lawyer and partner at Mazanti-Andersen, Korsø Jensen & Partnere, has been awarded the Dreyer Foundation Prize 2009 in acknowledgement of her long-standing engagement and devotion to environmental law.

With this year's award the Dreyer Foundation wishes to distinguish devotees that within their professional areas devise more sustainable modes of navigation in the standing environmental crisis.

Birgitte Refn Wenzel has, if anybody, through her work with her clients and her parttaking in boards and organisations contributed to the development of environmental law in Denmark.

She has a.o. been chairman of The National Association for Building's Environmental Committee since its inception in 1985; she is co-founder of The Danish Society for Environmental Law and chairman of same since its inception in 1991 through to 2001. In the years 1993-99 she was a member of The Environmental Committee of the General Council of the Danish Bar and Law Society. She has been a member of the Danish government's Committee for Soil Pollution (1994-96) and of the Danish Energy Regulatory Authority, DERA (1999-2003).

Since 2003 Birgitte Refn Wenzel has been a member of DAKOFA's Committee of contaminated soil and she has recently been appointed member of the Danish government's Committee of Supervision of the Regulations of Environmental Liability.

Birgitte Refn Wenzel is nominated as examiner at the law degree programs at Copenhagen University, Århus University and University of Southern Denmark in the period April 1st 2006 to March 31st 2010; and she is author of a number of Danish articles and books on environmental law and lecturer in environmental law for young lawyers under the Danish Bar Association.

WHO'S WHO LEGAL, The International Who's Who of Business Lawyers, 2009, regards Birgitte Refn Wenzel as one of the world's leading practitioners of

environmental law and one of the top four practitioners in Denmark. In Practical Law Company (PLC), Yearbook 2009, she is noted "Leading individual" environmental lawyer in Denmark.

In bestowing the Dreyer Foundation Prize on Birgitte Refn Wenzel the foundation notes:

"Birgitte Refn Wenzel possesses a large portion of professional knowledge and a not lesser engagement and interest in influencing and disseminating the practice of environmental law to the benefit of not only the legal profession but also to the benefit of Danish building construction."

The Dreyer Foundation Prize was awarded Birgitte Refn Wenzel in Copenhagen on October 22, 2009. The prize is 400,000 Danish kroner and viewed as the most prestigious legal acknowledgement in Denmark.

About the Dreyer Foundation and Dreyer Foundation Prize of Honor

The Dreyer Foundation supports projects and initiatives to promote architectural and legal development and interaction with society. Priority areas are business development, further education and communication.

Each year in October, The Dreyer Foundation Prize of Honor awards DKK 400,000 to an architect and a lawyer who has distinguished themselves through an especially valuable contribution within their field. The prize was first awarded in 1982.

In 2009 the foundation chose to focus on climate and sustainability in their choice of prize recipients.

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