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Languages

- Dutch
- English

Admitted to bar

- The Netherlands

Membership

- Association for Administrative Law (VAR)
- Environmental law Association (VMR)
- Dutch association for Energy Law (NeVER)
- Young bar association Zeeland-West-Brabant (active member)

Education

- Grotius Academy: Environmental Law Specialisation Course (cum laude)
- University of Groningen: Master of Laws - International and European law
- University of Groningen: Bachelor of Laws - International and European law

About Sanne Schipper

Sanne Schipper has been with AKD Breda since 2015, where she is a member of the Government & Public Sector practice group. She advises government bodies, companies and private individuals on issues and disputes relating to administrative law.

Her areas of specialisation are environmental & planning law, and water law.

Water quality is another specialist area of Sanne's, more in particular the effect of the Water Quality Framework Directive on Dutch law. Her advice on this particular area is valued by corporates, permit authorities and public authorities alike. As a result, Sanne has a wealth of experience handling water and extraction permits and the role of water quality, and a good deal of knowledge about the effects of the Water Quality Framework Directive on groundwater.

Sanne's environment & planning law practice revolves for the most part around the role of sub-national authorities within the energy transition, often with starring roles for water and consequences for water quality. She advises on a range of issues, including the use of energy from sustainable sources, such as geothermal energy systems, geothermics and aquathermics, and manure digestion plants.

Sanne also advises semi-public and private organisations on these topics. Her advice is not limited to the opportunities offered by current legislation such as the Environment & Planning Act and the Mining Act (and their respective transitional arrangements), it also encompasses regulation and developments that are in the works, such as the Heating Act 2 and the standards under the Water Quality Framework Directive that will apply from 2027. Anticipating on possible future social issues, whether or not engineered by legislation, and looking for solutions to avoid such issues have her particular interest. These also happen to be topics on which Sanne regularly gives presentations and teaches courses.

Sanne's clients vary from public authorities to companies and private individuals. They value her clear explanations of complex issues, her practical solutions and her personal approach.

Sanne studied International and European Law at the University of Groningen, graduating in 2014. In her final-year thesis, Sanne wrote about the possibilities which European and Dutch energy law have to offer to distributors of sustainably generated electricity. She still likes to advise on energy infrastructure projects on a regular basis.

Having worked for a political party for a number of years, Sanne has a good sense of administrative relationships. In 2021, she completed the Grotius Academy Environmental Law specialisation course with distinction.