Sanne **Schipper**

After studying International and European Law at the University of Groningen, Sanne qualified as a lawyer and has practised since 2015.
Having worked at AKD between 2015 and 2026, she joined Straatman Koster advocaten in September 2026. Sanne completed the specialised programme on Environmental and Planning Law at the Grotius Institute for legal training with honours in 2015.

Practice areas

- Environmental and planning law
- Renewable energy
- Area development

Expertises:

Sanne is an environmental and planning law specialist and is recognised for her expertise in environmental law, water law and mining-related legal matters. She advises and represents public authorities and companies in litigation involving administrative law matters and disputes.

Sanne has advised intensively on matters arising under the Environment and Planning Act since 2020. Her expertise encompasses environmental plans, transitional law provisions and activities regulated under environmental plans outside the planning zone, among other areas. A key focus of her environmental law practice is the regulation of environmentally harmful activities at large and complex industrial sites, such as IPPC (Integrated Pollution Prevention and Control) installations and Seveso establishments.

Sanne brings extensive water law experience, managing complex water rights licensing and water abstraction licensing matters. She advises clients on the role of water quality criteria in licensing decisions and the consequences of the Water Framework Directive for ground and surface water. She also provides clients with expert support and advice in proceedings that centre on water quality and the objectives of the Water Framework Directive. In addition, Sanne is specialised in issues spanning environmental and planning law, mining and renewable energy. She advises on geothermal and aquathermal energy and manure fermentation activities, among other things, guiding clients through licensing procedures and transitional law challenges and representing them in proceedings under the Environment and Planning Act and the Mining Act as well as related legislation.

Sanne monitors emerging laws and regulations and regularly advises clients ahead of their entry into force. She translates complex legal developments into practical strategies and also delivers courses and knowledge sessions on the Environment and Planning Act, the Water Framework Directive and the environmental-law dimensions of collective heating supply, among other things.

Sanne has listed the following main and secondary legal practice areas in the register of legal practice areas of the Netherlands Bar (Nederlandse orde van advocaten, NOvA):

- Environmental and planning law (planning and zoning law, environmental law, nature conservation law and water law)
- Administrative law (procedural administrative law and enforcement law)

This listing requires her to obtain ten training credits in each registered main legal practice area in accordance with the standards of the Netherlands Bar each calendar year.

Selected publications:

- BR 2024/43, Annotatie Overgangsrecht Omgevingswet bij vervolgbesluiten ruimtelijke plannen - bij ABRvS 27 maart 2024, ECLI:NL:RVS:2024:1174.
- BR 2024/44, Annotatie Overgangsrecht Omgevingswet bij ruimtelijke plannen op aanvraag – bij ABRvS 17 april 2024, ECLI:NL:RVS:2024:1529.
- BR 2024/48, Annotatie bij conclusie A-G over de toepassing van artikel 6:19 Awb bij opvolgende besluiten over ruimtelijke plannen – ABRvS 29 mei 2024, ECLI:NL:RVS:2024:2238 (met E.P. Euverman).
- Sanne Schipper, ‘Aardwarmte in de Omgevingswet: Oude wijn in nieuwe zakken?’, NTE 2021, nr. 5/6, p. 222-232.

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