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Nick is a partner and head of the Transportation and Space group in London.

Primary Focus & Experience

Nick focuses on corporate finance work across the transportation and space sectors. He advises arrangers, financiers, investors, leasing companies and operators on aircraft, maritime, satellite and other asset-based and receivables-backed finance and leasing transactions. He also advises on acquisitions and disposals of assets, asset portfolios and transportation-related businesses, as well as restructurings.

His financing experience encompasses all types of secured and unsecured loan and capital markets transactions (public and private), including tax-based structures and those involving complex risk participation and intercreditor elements. He regularly works on pre-delivery financings, project financings, Islamic financings, receivables financings, high yield and structured bonds (including EETCs), securitisations and other rated and unrated asset portfolio financings, as well as transactions involving export credit or other governmental support and/or credit insurance.

He has extensive experience of all types of operating and finance leases (including tax-based and Islamic structures). He also advises on OEM and supply contracts, as well as servicing and management arrangements.

He advises on the trading and repackaging of lease and loan portfolios, as well as sales and acquisitions of businesses in the sector and the establishment and operation of joint ventures and other investment and co-investment structures.

He has advised on numerous restructurings (both in-court and out-of-court), security work-outs and asset repossessions.

Recognitions & Accomplishments

Nick is ranked as one of only three Band 1 lawyers in asset finance worldwide by Chambers Global. He is also ranked Band 1 by Chambers UK and as a "Leading Partner" by Legal 500.

Chambers Global describes him as “the best in the market for complex deals” and notes his “impressive abilities”, that he is “gifted and hard-working”, “extremely responsive” and “has the advanced commercial and market knowledge which makes him a go to for deals”, with one respondent describing him as “the best negotiator I’ve seen”. Chambers UK praises his “exceptional knowledge of the industry” and his “stellar reputation”. According to Legal 500, he is “a truly excellent leader” in the field who is “at the top of his game – exceptionally bright, pragmatic and focused. He is a brilliant problem solver who is trustworthy and highly respected.”

ADDITIONAL DETAILS

EDUCATION

- The University of Law, C.P.E.
- The University of Law, L.P.C.
- London School of Economics and Political Science, B.Sc.

ADMISSIONS

- England and Wales

EXPERIENCE

Banking and Leveraged Finance

Corporate Finance and Securities

Direct Lending and Specialty Finance

Financial Restructuring

Islamic Finance

Project, Energy and Infrastructure Finance

Space, Transportation and Telecommunications

Structured Credit

Structured Finance and Securitizations

Transportation and Space

Aviation

Space and Satellite

Asia

Europe

Middle East

United Kingdom

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