

Nicola Evans

Partner
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Biography

Described by Legal 500 as a practitioner who is "approachable and pragmatic" and one that is "proactive, thinks ahead and provides pragmatic solutions", Nicola has over 20 years' experience advising clients on game-changing and often innovative corporate finance transactions.

Nicola's experience is broad and extends to corporate transactions, domestic and cross-border M&A, joint ventures, the Takeover Code, disclosure and governance issues, securities law and the Listing Rules as well as secondary capital raising and restructurings. She is also often called upon by boards of listed companies to advise on their significant corporate matters.

She has experience across a number of sectors including, in particular, insurance, financial services, retail and real estate.

Nicola is Leader of our Global Insurance Sector and was awarded Insurance Lawyer of the Year at the Women in Insurance Awards 2023. Nicola was also named as a Thomson Reuters Stand-out Lawyer in 2024, with a client saying, "Nicola has the ability to solve transactional complex problems very quickly, delivers very straightforward honest advice and she really understands our business."

Representative experience



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Languages

English

Practices

Capital Markets

Corporate Governance and
Public Company Representation

Joint Ventures

Mergers and Acquisitions

Securities and Public Company
Advisory

Industries

Financial Institutions

Insurance

Real Estate

Represented Shaftesbury PLC on its recommended £5bn all-share merger with Capital & Counties Properties PLC.

Represented AXA on the acquisition of Ageas Insurance Limited's commercial lines insurance business.

Represented a global insurance broker on the sale of its Russian entities.

Represented Just Group plc cash box placing of £75 million alongside an underwritten benchmark restricted tier 1 debt offering of at £300 million.

Represented Shaftesbury on its £300 million underwritten equity capital raise.

Represented U+I on the sale of its stake in the Harwell Science and Innovation Campus to Brookfield Asset Management.

Represented AXA on various transactions including the disposal by way of auction sale of Bluefin and HAPS.

Represented OYAK, a Turkish pension Fund on its proposed acquisition of British Steel.

Represented Suramericana on the multi-jurisdictional acquisition from Royal + Sun Alliance of its Latin American businesses.

Represented the Pension Protection Fund on its arrangements with Tata Steel.

Represented Prudential/M+G on various corporate acquisitions of real estate assets.

Represented Segro on its £1bn public takeover of Brixton plc and associated placing and open offer.

Represented Aviva on its acquisition of real estate assets by way of the acquisition of shares in various companies.

Represented Santander on the integration of the Alliance & Leicester business by way of a Part VII transfer.

Areas of focus

Bolt-ons

Business Integrity and Sustainable Development

Buy Outs

Buy-ins and Buy-outs

Capital Markets and Tax

Carve-outs, Spin-offs, and Split-offs

Corporate and Commercial Transactions

Corporate Group Structures

Cross-border Mergers and Acquisitions

Governance

Hostile Takeovers and Takeover Defense

M&A and Tax

M&A, Business Transfers, and Restructuring in Financial Services

Raising Equity Capital

Education and admissions

Education

LL.B. (Hons), University of Edinburgh, 1992

Diploma in Legal Practice

Memberships

Admitted as a lawyer in England and Wales

Represented CH2M Hill on its £120m acquisition of Halcrow Holdings Limited by way of a scheme of arrangement.

Admitted as a lawyer in Scotland

Awards and rankings

- Approachable and Pragmatic Legal 500 UK
- Thomson Reuters Stand-out Lawyers, *Independently rated lawyers*, 2024

Latest thinking and events

- News
 - ESG Market Alert - October 2024
- News
 - ESG Market Alert - September 2024
- News
 - New UK Listing Regime – now open for business
- News
 - ESG Market Alert - June 2024
- News
 - ESG Market Alert - May 2024
- Insights and Analysis
 - Goodbye to the Net-Zero Insurance Alliance, welcome instead to the Forum for Insurance Transition to Net Zero

Bar admissions and qualifications

Solicitor, Scotland

Solicitor, England and Wales

Accolades

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