

Nicola Evans

Partner
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Biography

Described as "approachable and pragmatic" by *Legal 500 UK*, Nicola is a partner in our Corporate & Finance practice group in London, advising clients on all corporate finance transactions, particularly cross-border transactions. She has acted for major listed and private companies on UK public and private M&A, joint ventures, demergers and restructurings as well as both primary and secondary capital raisings. Recently, Nicola has firmly established herself as a leading light in the insurance sector, working closely on the firm's relationships with several key insurance clients.

She doesn't stop there - she's also changing the way Hogan Lovells thinks about business and social impact and has spearheaded the launch of Hogan Lovells' pioneering Business and Social Enterprise program (HL BaSE). The program not only changes perceptions about the business skills needed to provide clients with the legal solutions they require, but also introduces Hogan Lovells lawyers to the importance of social impact on the way the firm and its clients do business.

Representative experience

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



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Languages

English

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

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

Represented AXA on various transactions including its acquisition of the private medical insurance business of Simply Health.

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

Represented Segro on its £1bn public takeover of Brixton plc.

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Represented the Pears family on the acquisition of various hotels from the De Vere Group.

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.

Represented ICG-Longbow on various joint venture arrangements relating to real estate assets.

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

Represented Constellation Hotels on the acquisition of the InterContinental Park Lane for £400m.

Represented SEGRO plc on its £500m fully underwritten rights issue.

Represented SEGRO plc on its acquisition of Brixton and associated placing and open offer.

Practices

Capital Markets

Corporate Governance

Financial Services

Insurance

Joint Ventures

Mergers and Acquisitions

Real Estate

Securities and Public Company
Advisory

REITs

Industries

Financial Institutions

Insurance

Real Estate

Areas of focus

Buy Outs

Buy-ins and Buy-outs

Company Formation

Corporate and Commercial
Transactions

Corporate Group Structures

Governance

Initial Public Offerings

M&A and Tax

Infrastructure/Energy M&A and Joint
Ventures

Raising Equity Capital

Represented Shaftesbury plc on its £149m fully underwritten rights issue.

Advising Wellington on £590m cash/share offer by Catlin Group Limited for Wellington Underwriting Ahli United Bank of its joint venture arrangements with Legal & General.

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.

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Awards and rankings

- approachable and pragmatic Legal 500 UK

Latest thinking and events

- Hogan Lovells Publications
 - FCA Policy Statement: improving climate-related disclosures by UK listed companies and clarification of existing climate-related disclosure obligations
- Hogan Lovells Publications
 - Sustainability and UK plc
- Hogan Lovells Publications
 - HM Treasury UK Listings Review – Call for Evidence
- Hogan Lovells Publications

Real Estate Development

Public Company Mergers and Acquisitions

Stock Exchange Listings and Regulatory Compliance

Education and admissions

Education

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

Diploma in Legal Practice

Memberships

Admitted as a lawyer in England and Wales

Admitted as a lawyer in Scotland

Bar admissions and qualifications

Solicitor, Scotland

Solicitor, England and Wales

- FCA focus on misleading disclosure
- Hogan Lovells Publications
 - FRC – New guidance on AGM best practice
- Webinar
 - ESG disclosures and the investor perspective