

Nick Atkins

Partner
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Biography

Nick has been working on insurance and reinsurance matters since he joined the firm in 1984. He is a litigator who helps clients solve their most complex problems. Nick co-chairs our insurance disputes practice.

Over the years Nick has dealt with most types of insurance, including claims relating to directors and officers, crime policies, property damage, business interruption, products liability, public liability and employer's liability. He has also handled many professional liability claims, especially involving insurance brokers.

Nick is equally experienced in reinsurance matters and has litigated and arbitrated many of the largest reinsurance problems that have affected the market. He cut his teeth on the asbestos, pollution and health hazard claims that threatened the industry in the late 1980s and throughout the 1990s. This involvement with APH problems has led to him working extensively on helping clients find solutions to their legacy issues through the use of schemes of arrangement and the development of innovative techniques in relation to portfolio transfers.

Nick is very focused on resolving problems as efficiently as possible and is an advocate of the use of



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Languages

English

Practices

Insurance
Litigation Services
Insurance Litigation

Industries

Insurance

Areas of focus

Dealing with Financial Services
Regulators

alternative dispute resolution mechanisms; in particular, he has considerable mediation experience, dating back to the successful mediation of a reinsurance dispute in 1996.

In addition to his client work, Nick serves as General Counsel for Hogan Lovells International LLP.

Representative experience

Acted for a U.S. asbestos trust in a significant reinsurance dispute.

Represented a number of Japanese insurance companies in obtaining regulatory and court approval for transfers of legacy portfolios.

Representing financial institutions in claims under crime policies.

Resolving numerous professional liability claims against insurance brokers.

Multiple representations of clients in relation to D&O coverage.

Representing an oil company regarding coverage for claims arising from an explosion.

Extensive representations of clients in construction insurance matters.

Awards and rankings

- Global Leader, Recommended, Insurance & Reinsurance, *Who's Who Legal*, 2021
- Thought Leaders, Insurance & Reinsurance, *Who's Who Legal*, 2019-2020
- Insurance, *Chambers UK and Chambers Global*, 2020
- Insurance, Leading Individual, *Legal 500*, 2020
- Insurance Litigation, *Client Choice Award*, 2020
- Acritas Star, *Acritas Stars Independently Rated*

Dealing with Insurance Regulators

Insurance and Reinsurance Arrangements and Finance

Insurance Products and Services

Education and admissions

Education

LL.B., The University of Sheffield, 1983

Memberships

Member, British Insurance Law Association

Member, IRLA

Member, Law Society of England

Accolades

Nick is "an exceptional lawyer who has over 30 years' experience providing first class advice to clients"

Who's Who Legal, 2018

Nick "has in-depth knowledge of the insurance industry ... He is clear on thought processes and provides clients with an excellent outside-the-box approach"

Who's Who Legal, 2019

Lawyers, 2018-2020

- Nick is an exceptional lawyer who has over 30 years' experience providing first class advice to clients., *Who's Who Legal, 2018*
- Nick is praised for his excellent judgment and is considered one of the foremost insurance litigators in the country., *Who's Who Legal, 2017*
- Nick provides an excellent service and goes beyond what is expected ... he excels in a broad range of mandates., *Legal 500, 2017*

Latest thinking and events

- News
 - Changes to insurance policy coverage in light of Covid-19: mid-term adjustments, renewals and product suspensions
- News
 - FCA publishes "Dear CEO" letter concerning Covid-19 and business interruption insurance for SMEs
- News
 - UK: Reinsurers entitled to reject "spiking" of mesothelioma losses
- News
 - Insurance and planning for the effect of coronavirus on business
- Hogan Lovells Publications
 - International Product Liability Review - Issue 59
Product Liability Alert, Hogan Lovells, June 2015
- Hogan Lovells Publications
 - Supreme Court Decision - Teal Assurance v WR Berkley and Aspen

Nick is a "keen strategist who is extremely thoughtful with an encyclopaedic knowledge of insurance"

Chambers UK, 2020
