

Nicholas Cheffings

Senior Counsel

London

Biography

"Eagle-eyed, supremely smart and incredibly resourceful" (Legal 500) and described as "among the best solicitors in any field that I've come across" (Chambers UK), Nicholas Cheffings is a former partner of Hogan Lovells who served as its global Chair from 2012 to 2018.

Known for his sense of humour which "adds flavour to his pragmatic and commercial approach" (Chambers), Nicholas has a broad skillset. He led the real estate disputes team in London for a number of years and has a stand-out practice as one of the very few UK lawyers with vast experience, and a deep understanding, of the rent review market. He has also been involved in some of the UK's most notable structured sale and leaseback transactions. His work and thought leadership has helped to create the innovative leasehold liability market in the UK. Nicholas also takes a project leadership role on significant real estate transactions and corporate outsourcings. He sits as an arbitrator and as a legal assessor/advisor to surveyor arbitrators, and independent experts. He is an accredited and active mediator of high-value disputes. Nicholas is an honorary member of RICS, one of a small number of lawyers worldwide.

Nicholas is a highly committed champion of diversity, inclusion and equality. He is the Chair of PRIME, a



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Languages

English

Practices

Real Estate

Industries

Real Estate

Areas of focus

Corporate Occupiers

Real Estate Litigation and Disputes

company established to improve access to the legal profession for young people from disadvantaged backgrounds, and of Making the Leap, a London based charity that works to help young people from socio-economically disadvantaged backgrounds to succeed in their chosen career. Nicholas is also a trustee of ISLP-UK as well as the CareTech Foundation, a Committee member of Real Estate Balance and on the Women in Law London (WILL) Advisory Group. Nicholas was also a member of the Profit-with-Purpose Working Group for the UK National Advisory Board.

Representative experience

Advising the UK Government, WM Morrisons and Whitbread Group plc and others on leasehold liability transactions in relation to their surplus real estate

Leading the teams representing Healthcare of Ontario Pension Plan on their direct real estate investments in the UK and Continental Europe

Acting for The Crown Estate on securing vacant possession of landmark development sites and on all strategic litigation

Acting for high profile individuals on a dispute arising from the termination of a real estate partnership arrangement

Acting for an institutional investor on a multi-million pound dispute over its entitlement to exercise options for further investment

Acting for a developer defending proceedings that it had walked away from its development obligations in breach of contract

Representing numerous landlords and tenants on high value rent review disputes, including undertaking advocacy at oral hearings

Awards and rankings

Education and admissions

Education

LL.B., University of Leicester

Memberships

RICS (Honorary Member)

ARBRIX

Property Litigation Association

Trustee, ISLP-UK

Trustee, CareTech Charitable Foundation

Chair, PRIME

REAL Estate BALANCE

Chair, Making the Leap

Accolades

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Chambers UK, 2019

- National Litigation Star, *Benchmark Litigation Europe*, 2019
- Acritas Star, *Acritas Stars Independently Rated Lawyers*, 2017-2019
- PLC Which Lawyer
- Euro Money Guide to the World's Leading Real Estate Lawyers
- Best Lawyers in the United Kingdom
- Legal 500
- Euro Money Guide to the World's Leading Litigation Lawyers
- Chambers & Partners

Latest thinking and events

- Press Releases
 - Hogan Lovells has acted for The Courtauld Institute of Art on a new lease of its premises at Somerset House, enabling its ambitious Courtauld Connects project to go ahead
- Press Releases
 - Hogan Lovells announces 10 GB Para-athletes awarded 2018 -19 bursary
- Press Releases
 - Paving the road to sporting success for seven GB Para-athletes awarded Hogan Lovells bursary
- Press Releases
 - More, more, more: PRIME Commitment reaffirmed with trio of tools
- Press Releases
 - Property industry leaders unite to promote diversity
- Press Releases
 - A sporting chance for GB Para-athletes with Hogan Lovells bursary launch