

Nicholas A Lawn

Partner, London



Nick specialises in international arbitration and litigation, with a particular focus on investment treaty arbitration and public international law, in a range of sectors including telecoms, energy, banking and finance, pharmaceuticals and mining.

Ranked as a Next Generation Partner in *Legal 500 UK, 2024* in both International Arbitration and Public International Law, Nick advises and represents corporates, individuals and governments in international arbitrations conducted under all major arbitration rules, including those of ICSID, UNCITRAL, the ICC and the LCIA.

Nick has been involved in some of the largest investment arbitration cases of recent years. Most recently, he successfully acted for a multinational telecoms company in its landmark victory against the imposition of a US\$ 5.5 billion tax liability through retroactive legislation. In addition to India-related disputes, his experience extends to matters involving Africa, Russia / CIS and Latin America (where he spent time working in one of Argentina's leading law firms).

Current professional memberships

- + Member of the LCIA European Users' Council

Career history

- + Partner, LALIVE, 2023 – present
- + Partner, Van Bael & Bellis, 2021 – 2023
- + Counsel, Skadden Arps Slate Meagher & Flom (UK) LLP, 2016 – 2021

Academic qualifications

- + LLM, Columbia University, 2014
- + MA, University of Oxford, 2000

Contact

Partner, London

+44 20 3880 1540

nlawn@lalive.law

[LinkedIn](#)

Practices

- + Arbitration - International Commercial
- + Arbitration - Investment Treaty
- + Public International Law

Sectors

- + Banking & Finance
- + Construction & Infrastructure
- + Energy
- + Pharma
- + Technology

Languages

- + English

Nationality

- + British
- + Italian

Admission

- + England & Wales, 2005

Recognition

Ranked as a Next Generation Partner

Legal 500 UK, 2024

Recognised by Best Lawyers

Best Lawyers in the United Kingdom, 2024

Recent publications

The End Is Near: the European Commission's Proposed Coordinated Withdrawal from the ECT

NICHOLAS LAWN, ISABEL SAN MARTÍN

In: Kluwer Arbitration Blog, 24 July 2023

Challenging Arbitrators in Investment Arbitration: the Non-ICSID Framework

NICHOLAS LAWN, TRAJAN SHIPLEY

In: B. Legum (Ed.), The Investment Treaty Arbitration Review – 8th Edition, London, 2023

European Union

NICHOLAS LAWN, ISABELLE VAN DAMME, QUENTIN DECLEVE,
REBECCA HALBACH

In: E. Triantafilou and S. Jagusch (Eds.), Lexology GTDT – Investment Arbitration 2022, London, 2022

Recent conferences

Bucharest Arbitration Days - The Re-Making of International Investment Law, Institutions and Politics?

NICHOLAS A LAWN, Role: Panellist

Bucharest, 9 June 2023

Mexico City Investment Arbitration Days - Do's And Don'ts in Investment Arbitration: Arbitrators and Party Representatives

NICHOLAS A LAWN, Role: Moderator

Mexico City, 18 May 2023

BIICL Thirty Sixth ITF Public Conference - The Consequences of the Mutually Agreed Termination of Treaties

NICHOLAS A LAWN, Role: Panellist

London, 22 October 2021