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Admission

Solicitor Advocate, England and Wales

Nationality

British, Italian

Languages

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Practices:

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BIOGRAPHY

Nicholas Lawn joined LALIVE in 2023. He specialises in international arbitration and litigation with a particular focus on investment arbitration and public international law.

Over the course of nearly 20 years, he has advised a range of clients - companies, individuals and governments - in relation to international disputes across numerous sectors including telecoms, energy, banking and finance, infrastructure, pharmaceuticals and mining and under a variety of different arbitral rules including under the ICSID, UNCITRAL, ICC and LCIA Arbitration Rules.

Nicholas has won some of the largest investment arbitration awards of recent years. Most recently, he successfully acted for Vodafone in its landmark arbitral victory against the Republic of India. In its award, the UNCITRAL Tribunal held that India's attempts to impose a US\$ 5.5 billion tax liability on Vodafone through retroactive legislation was in breach of international law.

In addition to substantial India-related disputes experience, his expertise and experience extends to matters involving Africa, Russia / CIS and Latin America (where he spent time working in one of Argentina's leading law firms with one of Latin America's leading arbitrators).

For a number of years, Nicholas has been identified as one of London's leading arbitration practitioners. Most recently, he was included in the International Arbitration Powerlist (2019) and named as a Rising Star for International Arbitration and Public International Law by Legal 500 UK (2023).

Nicholas is a Solicitor-Advocate with rights of audience in the Higher Courts of England and Wales.

Prior to joining LALIVE as a Partner, Nicholas was global head of international arbitration at Van Bael & Bellis. He was also previously Counsel in Skadden's international arbitration and litigation team, based in London. He graduated from the University of Oxford and the University of London, and holds an LLM degree from Columbia Law School.