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BIOGRAPHY

Nick is a senior associate based in BCLP's London office, specialising in environmental and planning law.

Nick has several years of experience of advising clients on environmental regulatory matters such as waste management, environmental permits, chemicals regulation and greenhouse gas emissions, as well as providing environmental support to real estate, corporate and projects transactions, including specific experience in advising on the contaminated land regime. Nick is also involved in contentious matters, including defending clients against judicial review and advising clients regarding Environment Agency and Police investigations.

Nick also draws on his experience of planning law to advise real estate clients on environmental and planning issues such as environmental impact assessments, biodiversity net gain and nutrient

neutrality, as well as advising clients on obtaining consents, permits and licences for developments.

Nick is an active participant in the firm's sustainability team and has experience of advising clients in relation to corporate reporting obligations on environmental risks and other sustainability and ESG-related advice. Nick regularly gives talks to clients and externally (recently to the Law Society of Scotland) on ESG and sustainability issues.

AREAS OF FOCUS

- Environment
- Energy Transition
- Planning & Zoning

CIVIC INVOLVEMENT & HONORS

- Whilst at Nick's previous firm he was noted by the Legal 500 as a "key lawyer" in the Environment team.

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- UK Environmental Law Association (UKELA)

ADMISSIONS

- England and Wales

RELATED CAPABILITIES

- Planning & Zoning
- Real Estate
- ESG & Energy Transition
- ESG Governance, Compliance and Reporting
- Environment
- Mass Torts & Product Liability
- Litigation & Dispute Resolution
- Mining

- Nuclear
- Oil, Gas & Sustainable Fuels
- Power
- Renewables & Storage
- Water & Utilities
- Logistics & Industrial
- Electric Vehicles & Charging Infrastructure
- PFAS
- Sustainable Real Estate

EXPERIENCE

- Advised a **US-headquartered car manufacturer** regarding the remediation of a heavily contaminated site, prior to sale and redevelopment of the site, including the negotiation of a lengthy Remediation and Demolition Service Agreement with the buyer.*
- Advising **developers** regarding off-site solutions to meeting the UK's new mandatory biodiversity net gain requirement on new development, including negotiating agreements with landowners and habitat banks for the purchase of off-site biodiversity units.*
- Advised **an infrastructure investor** on the acquisition of a recently-consented solar farm, which once constructed will be the largest in the UK. Advice included reporting to the client on the Development Consent Order, other consents required and in respect of the Environment Agency's powers.*
- Advised the **operator of a data centre**, regarding breaches of the Environmental Permitting Regulations relating to the back-up generator at the project, including liaising with the Environment Agency to remedy the breach.*
- Advising **corporate clients** regarding their obligations to report environmental impacts of the company's operations under such regimes as the Energy Savings Opportunity Scheme (ESOS), Streamlined Energy and Carbon Reporting (SECR), Corporate Sustainability Reporting Directive (CSRD) and Non-Financial and Sustainability Information (NFSI), among others. *

**Experience prior to joining BCLP.*

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Planning and Infrastructure Bill – The Next Step on the Road to Planning Reform

The much trailed Planning and Infrastructure Bill introduced to Parliament on 11 March covers wide ranging changes to the conventional planning process, CPO, development corporations and infrastructure planning. It is an ambitious piece of legislation, designed to support delivery of the Government's housing and critical infrastructure targets and drive growth, and introduces some novel measures.

Insights

Nov 07, 2024

COP29: What can we expect?

The 29th Conference of the Parties ("COP29") of the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change ("UNFCCC") is set to take place in Baku, Azerbaijan, from 11 to 22 November 2024. This is the first in a series of posts BCLP's environmental team will be writing, providing updates on the issues and discussions taking place at COP29, and the potential impact on your organisation.

News

Oct 03, 2024

BCLP advises Tristan Capital Partners' EPISO 6 Fund on the acquisition of Cody Technology Park for £112M

Blog Post

Aug 14, 2024

UK restrictions on PFAS in a quickly evolving international context

The UK position on PFAS is developing post-Brexit via UK REACH and a regulatory management options analysis. The EU position on PFAS is developing via EU REACH (with several significant restriction processes underway). The US position on PFAS is developing via extensive and ongoing regulation in the US at both the state and federal levels.

News

Jul 22, 2024

BCLP corporate occupier team completes London pre-let for accountancy firm BDO

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Jun 20, 2024

Significant implications for environmental assessment of major projects

The Supreme Court's judgment in R(Finch) v Surrey County Council [2024] UKSC 20 has potentially significant implications on how environmental impacts of major projects are assessed. The question at the heart of the case was how far 'downstream' from a development project the decision-maker has to look when assessing its likely environmental effects. The answer, according to a slim majority of the Supreme Court, is further than had previously been thought necessary. However, it's not panic stations for all EIA development.

Insights

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UK Sustainability Disclosure Requirements – 2024 Update

The Government's recently published Sustainability Disclosure Requirements (SDR): Implementation Update 2024 outlines the timeframes and next steps for each of the core elements of SDR, first proposed in 2021 to provide a more robust framework for corporate sustainability related reporting. In this Insight we summarise the latest position on UK Sustainability Reporting Standards, Transition Plan Disclosures, Investment Labels and Green Taxonomy.

News

May 22, 2024

BCLP acts for Unite on the £184 million sale of six sites to PGIM