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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 & Natural Resources
- 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 PRACTICE AREAS

- Planning & Zoning
- Real Estate Sector
- Mass Torts & Product Liability
- Toxic Tort
- Litigation & Dispute Resolution
- Mining & Metals
- Nuclear
- Oil, Gas and LNG

- Power
- Renewables
- Water & Utilities
- Logistics & Industrial
- Redevelopment
- PFAS Team
- Zero Emission Vehicles & Charging Infrastructure
- Environment
- Brownfields
- Citizen Suits/NIMBY
- Clean Air Act
- Clean Water Law
- Compliance Audits and Internal Investigations
- Cost Recovery Litigation (Superfund/CERCLA and State equivalents)
- Criminal Enforcement
- Endangered Species (ESA)
- Environmental Review (NEPA and State EIS laws)
- Hazardous Materials Transportation (HMTA)
- Hazardous Waste (RCRA)
- Insurance Counseling
- International Environmental Law
- Oil Spills
- Pesticides (FIFRA)
- Reporting Requirements (EPCRA, CERCLA, Prop 65 and other state laws)
- Safe Drinking Water (SDWA)
- Solid Waste and Landfills
- Toxic Substances Regulation (TSCA)
- Transactional Work, Including SEC Disclosures
- Underground Injection Control (UIC)
- Water Rights
- Wetlands
- Mobile Source Emissions and Fleet Management
- 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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