

Biography



Nick Hoffman

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Expertise

Litigation & Insolvency, Restructuring, Investigations, Corporate Crime & Fraud, Trusts, Trusts & Private Client Litigation, Mergers & Securities Disputes, International Arbitration

Nick Hoffman is global head of our Litigation & Insolvency and Restructuring group and is based in our Cayman Islands office. He specialises in insolvency and restructuring, financial services litigation, company disputes and fraud. His clients include banks, multinational corporations and financial services professionals.

He has practised in the Cayman Islands since 2011 and is recognised as a leading Cayman litigator. Prior to joining us, he led the Litigation and Dispute Resolution group at another Cayman offshore law firm. He is a highly skilled and experienced advocate with more than a decade at the London Bar. He is known for his insight and knowledge and provides clients with pragmatic and commercial advice.

Nick has appeared as both leading and junior counsel at all levels of the Cayman Court system, from Grand Court to the Privy Council.

Nick is a regular contributor to the Offshore Litigation Blog and The Cayman Lawyer podcast.

Recommendations

Nick is recognised as a leading partner for Cayman Dispute Resolution. Clients say he is "responsive and legally/commercially astute", a "standout for the dedication to the client and out-of-the-box thinking", and an "excellent strategist and practice leader."

- Legal 500, 2025

Nick is ranked for his Cayman Dispute Resolution expertise. Sources say:

- "Nick Hoffman is a really great advocate and he is very calm and fantastic to work with. He is firm and authoritative in court."

- "Nick gives clear and concise advice and it is easy to pick up the phone and talk to him. He is very flexible, open and commercial."
- "Nick Hoffman is always available and he gives commercial, practical advice."

- Chambers and Partners, 2024

Nick is recognised as a leading individual for Cayman Dispute Resolution. Clients say he is "brilliant and goes the extra mile to ensure we get sound and timely advice".

- Legal 500, 2024

Nick is ranked for his Cayman Dispute Resolution expertise. Sources say:

"He is very effective and keen to understand all the key points. He provides very useful suggestions."

"He's very knowledgeable and sharp - an excellent lawyer."

"He's a good advocate on his feet."

"A top-notch lawyer who does a fantastic job leading Harneys' Cayman office."

- Chambers and Partners, 2023

Nick is recognised as a "leading individual". A source said he is "a smart, energetic lawyer who gives clear and decisive advice. He is able to handle challenging, fast-moving situations with real skill, and he is a well prepared and persuasive advocate". He is also described as "brilliant...far beyond what I've received from other Cayman firms over the years".

- Legal 500, 2020 - 2023

Nick has been recognised as a GIR - Asset Recovery - Thought Leader.

- Who's Who Legal 2024

Nick has been recognised as a Global Leader in the Asset Recovery guide.

- Who's Who Legal, 2023

Nick is ranked for his Cayman Dispute Resolution expertise. Sources say: "Nick is very much a steadying influence with an obvious deep intellect, and he is someone who can manage clients very well." "He is a good advocate who gets to the relevant issues quickly."

- Chambers and Partners, 2022

Nick has been recognised as a Thought Leader in the GIR - Asset Recovery guide; and a Global Leader in the Asset Recovery guide.

- Who's Who Legal, 2022 - 2023

Nick has been ranked for his Cayman Dispute Resolution expertise. Sources say "he is extremely adaptable and astute," adding "he's an excellent advocate who's on top of his game."

- Chambers and Partners, 2021

Nick is recognised as a GIR "thought leader" and an expert in asset recovery.

- Who's Who Legal, 2020

Nick has been ranked for his Cayman Dispute Resolution expertise. Sources say he is a "very good advocate" and a "go-to" in the market.

- Chambers and Partners, 2020

Nick is noted by Chambers as an "up and coming" lawyer. Sources say he is "an excellent strategist on complex litigation matters."

- Chambers and Partners, 2019

Experience

Advising Luckin, Coffee Inc, in a ground-breaking restructuring in which the company has successfully compromised its debts and liabilities in both Cayman and the US through parallel processes which included the utilisation of a scheme of arrangements in the Cayman Islands.

Instrumental in cultivating Harneys leading s238 shareholder appraisal practice advising in a variety of cases including the privatisations of iKang Healthcare Group Inc., 58.com and the seminal case of Trina Solar Co Ltd. formerly listed and traded on the New York Stock Exchange, Trina Solar is a global leading provider of integrated solar power products and solar system developer based in China.

Advising American Insurance Group in connection with the liquidation of Performance Insurance Company SPC.

Advising CNO Financial Group, in the long running liquidation of Platinum Partners Vantage Arbitrage Fund LP (Platinum Master Fund).

Advisor to a variety of fund directors, managers and investment vehicles in dealing with distressed asset portfolios in connection with voluntary and court-supervised wind-downs.

Advising HRH Prince Faisal Bin Abdullah Bin Abdulaziz Al Saud in a long running dispute concerning marital investment vehicles in the Cayman Islands.

Bar Admissions

Cayman Islands
2011

England and Wales (not practising)
2001

Education

University of Sussex – (MA and BA, Hons)
1999

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of his game."*

Chambers and Partners, 2021