

Biography



Nicola Roberts

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Expertise

Digital Assets & Blockchain , International Arbitration ,
Litigation & Insolvency , Investigations, Corporate Crime &
Fraud , Trusts & Private Client Litigation , Private Wealth ,
Family Office , Private Trust Companies , Probate & Letters

of Administration , Trusts , Wills , Restructuring , Distressed Funds

Nicola is a partner and the Head of our Litigation & Insolvency and Restructuring team in Singapore, as well as the leader of the Firm's Trust and Private Client Advisory Group in Asia.

With nearly 25 years of experience in international dispute resolution and a stellar track record of successfully leading large cross-border teams and providing expert advice on complex multi-jurisdictional contentious matters, Nicola's reputation as one of the most highly sought-after offshore lawyers in Singapore and the region is well-deserved. She is a formidable senior disputes partner and courtroom advocate. Clients rely on her unwavering commitment and consider her a trusted adviser.

Nicola's practice encompasses a wide range of commercial litigation, insolvency and restructuring matters, regularly handling complex cross-border cases in the BVI, the Cayman Islands, Jersey and Bermuda. Her expertise extends to shareholder disputes, fraud investigations and asset tracing, contentious trusts, as well as insolvency and workouts of distressed companies, restructuring and contentious regulatory advisory work.

Nicola's experience in contentious trust is noteworthy, as she has been involved in handling many of the firm's most complex and high value cases in recent years. Her extensive experience in contentious trust matters has established her as a respected thought leader in this field.

Nicola is also one of our specialist digital asset dispute experts, with proven success in handling all kinds of disputes relating to cryptocurrencies, NFTs, digital assets investments, artificial intelligence, decentralized finance (DeFi), smart contracts, and blockchain technology. She acts in crypto cases in relation to the theft, hacking and recovery of digital and crypto assets through forensic analysis of blockchain records of various crypto assets, fraud and asset tracing, covering multiple injunctions, as well as complex arbitration proceedings and investigations spanning a number of jurisdictions.

Nicola's experience in successfully handling frozen stable coins was the first of its kind case dealing with cryptocurrencies in both Cayman Islands and the BVI.

As a qualified practising Jersey Advocate, Nicola also offers Jersey legal advice to our clients through Harneys (Jersey), an independently owned and controlled Jersey law firm. For Jersey related matters, Nicola can be contacted at nicola.roberts@harneys.je.

Nicola qualified in England and Wales in 2001, was admitted in the BVI in 2008 and qualified as an Advocate of the Royal Court of Jersey in December 2014.

Nicola is recommended by Legal 500 and is a member of the Law Society in England and Wales, the Jersey Law Society, the Hong Kong Law Society and an overseas member of the Chancery Bar Association of England and Wales. She is also a member of the International Bar Association, INSOL International and IWIRC International. Nicola is a regular contributor to the Offshore Litigation Blog.

Recommendations

Nicola is ranked as a "leading partner". She is described as "incredibly switched on and dedicated to delivering legally and commercially sound solutions".

- Legal 500 Asia Pacific, 2025

Nicola is recognised as a Leading Individual for Singapore, and commended by clients as a "switched on, pragmatic and a great co-counsel when dealing with difficult clients – always a pleasure to be in the trenches together".

- Legal 500 Asia Pacific, 2023 - 2024

Nicola has been recognised by Asian Legal Business in its annual list of Asia's Top Offshore Litigators.

- Asian Legal Business, 2024

Bar Admissions

Jersey
2014

British Virgin Islands
2008

England and Wales
2001

Education

Manchester Metropolitan University (BA)
1991

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Legal 500 Asia Pacific, 2023-2024