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Nicholas Davidson KC is an experienced barrister in **Commercial** practices and Professional Liability.

Nicholas joined Guildhall as a Door Tenant in June 2022, he is a CEDR-accredited mediator.

Expertise

Lawyers Liability

Nicholas has decades of experience of claims against lawyers, both on the claimants' side and on the defendants' side, and this has taken him around the full spectrum of the law and to the highest Courts (e.g. AIB v Mark Redler & Co in the Supreme Court).

In recent years he has been involved in claims relating to problems over executive bonus arrangements, senior employee exit payments, Stamp Duty Land Tax, the administration of a potentially insolvent Estate, the flotation on AIM of an overseas business, loss of an option to acquire a freehold interest, and criticisms of the way in which lawyers have conducted litigation and arbitration. A frequent issue in this area of law is Limitation.

Financial Practitioners Liability

Nicholas also has decades of experience of such claims. This included the remarkable and successful claim by Harlequin Property against accountants Wilkins Kennedy. He is particularly interested in claims against investment professionals (in which predominantly he has acted for claimants rather than defendants), not least the extent to which risks are accurately identified and explained to clients and investments made in line with client expectation. More than 20 years' experience as a D.B. pension trustee reflects his interest in the subject.

Insurance, Corporate Governance & General Common Law

Nicholas has particular experience of issues as to professional indemnity insurance (including experience as an arbitrator), but also other general experience of insurance matters. He has been concerned with matters of corporate governance at the highest level (the executive bonus arrangements at Newcastle International Airport; a top-level governance fracture at one of Europe's largest private companies; the governance of the National Union of Mineworkers, for whom he acted against its former President, Mr Arthur Scargill). There is a wide overlap between his lawyers' liability practice and general commercial, contract-based work.

Education

- Cambridge University (Economics Part I, Law Part II)

Appointments

- Deputy High Court Judge (until 2021)
- Directions Judge, Bar Tribunals and Adjudication Service
- Pension Trustee, Inner Temple Defined Benefit Scheme

Memberships

- Bar European Group
- British Insurance Law Association
- Chancery Bar Association
- Commercial Bar Association
- Financial Services Law Association
- Professional Negligence Bar Association (past Chairman)
- Society for Computers and Law