

Nigel Jones

Director

'Nigel Jones is a really good lawyer who combines technical capability with the ability to create practical solutions.'

(The Legal 500, 2024)



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Nigel has over 15 years' experience as a pensions lawyer including a decade in the pensions practice of a global law firm and four years in a boutique pensions law firm. He advises employers, trustees, lenders, pension providers, public sector bodies and other industry participants on all aspects of pension law (including governance, funding, investment, scheme reconstruction/mergers, regulatory compliance and disputes).

Nigel has a particular specialism in private M&A work; in recent years his expertise has been sourced by City/US law firms for whom he has acted as specialist pensions counsel on complex, high value transaction mandates (including for private equity bidders in competitive auction processes and supporting sell side vendor due diligence exercises).

He also regularly advises on the pensions law aspects of investments, including investment management agreements, custody agreements, investment platform policies and the terms of pooled investment vehicles/products.

Nigel is listed as a Recommended Lawyer in The Legal 500 (2024 edition).

Legal Services

Pensions Law

- Advising a seller in the engineering sector on the disposal of a company and consequent withdrawal from the group's multi-employer defined benefit pension scheme (including drafting and agreeing a 'flexible

apportionment arrangement' and a supplemental agreement regulating the proportion of sale proceeds payable to the pension scheme)

- Advising a sponsoring employer on the concurrent closure of their two defined benefit pension schemes (including negotiating the mechanism and terms of closure with the trustees and documenting the closure)
- Advising an LGPS fund on the pensions law aspects of proposed investments in an infrastructure and private debt fund through a local authority collective investment vehicle (LGPS 'pool')
- Advising a sponsoring employer (and certain connected and associated parties) in relation to regulatory action commenced by the Pensions Regulator (potential exercise of powers to issue a 'financial support direction')
- Advising the trustees of a small self administered pension scheme on the pensions law implications of an inadvertent transfer of legal title in a commercial property held as an investment of the scheme

Sectors