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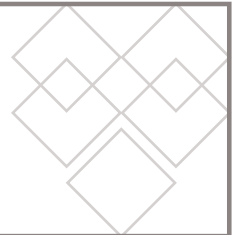
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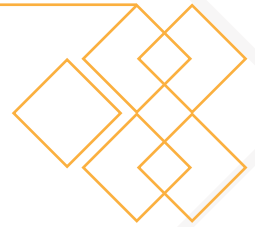
Nick Lees specialises in commercial litigation and advises on a broad range of commercial matters. His experience includes disputes concerning trading relationships, corporate and property transactions, employees, banking and finance, professional negligence, competition damages claims and fraud. Mr Lees also advises in connection with shareholder disputes, partnership disputes and claims concerning directors' duties. His practice encompasses litigation, arbitration and mediation and he has advised clients in regulatory investigations and proceedings before regulatory bodies. He is endorsed by Legal 500, Chambers & Partners and Best Lawyers directories for litigation in the UK.

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**Q&A WITH NICK LEES****Could you provide an insight into how you approach your work? What drives and motivates you?**

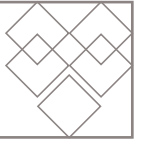
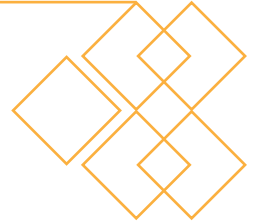
◆ We work hard at Walker Morris, in my team and across the wider firm, to give our clients highly responsive and accessible legal advice. Our work involves complex problems and our role is to distil the complexity in legal disputes and present clients with advice, options and recommendations that are digestible and results oriented. My motivation comes from achieving results with clients. We see a broad range of disputes and work with clients in different sectors and areas of business and each case brings its own unique set of challenges. I think disputes lawyers are fortunate in having broad exposure to the world of business and the different legal challenges which different businesses can encounter. It is fulfilling to work with our clients in helping them to achieve positive outcomes and closure to issues which can be a distraction for them from their day to day business activities.

Looking ahead, what are your career ambitions and aspirations?

◆ I very much enjoy being part of the team at Walker Morris in my professional life and the firm has been a good home for me for 10 years now. I have always been given and continue to be given some fantastic and challenging opportunities here and encouraged at every step along the way to continue growing and developing in my role, which in itself has changed over time. It is my ambition and aspiration to ensure that members of our team are given the same support, encouragement and opportunities that I was given and to continue growing our business in collaboration with the excellent people I work with on a day to day basis.

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**Reflecting on your area of expertise, how do you see this sphere of the market shaping up over the coming months? Are any exciting trends or developments on the horizon?**

◆ As a commercial disputes practitioner, my personal experience is that the wave of supply chain litigation which is expected, as a consequence of the pandemic, has not landed yet. From our discussions with clients and contacts over the last few months we have seen the focus has been on keeping business going and being flexible and seeking to work collaboratively with suppliers and customers rather than enforcing legal rights. However, as conditions tighten further I am expecting clients to experience further ongoing defaults and delays up and down supply chains and to be looking more closely with their lawyers at the levers and mechanisms available to them in their contractual relationships which might be utilised to support commercial positions. I think this will lead to an upturn in disputes which will require careful management to secure the best deal for the client, based on the individual facts of each case, in a cost-effective manner. ■

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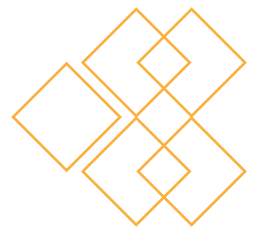
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REPRESENTATIVE ENGAGEMENTS

- ◆ Acted for Perkins Engines Company in substantial proceedings in the Commercial Court with its former distributors in Turkey and Spain and successfully obtained multi-million pound judgments in each case.
- ◆ Acted for clients in a confidential case concerning the settlement of damages for infringements of competition laws following a cartel finding by the European Commission.
- ◆ Acted for a multinational client against a number of senior executives who had been building up a new competitive company while still employed by the client, including obtaining injunctions for springboard relief and to enforce restrictive covenants pending a speedy trial.
- ◆ Successfully defended a property developer in a claim brought by a City Council for £3m in respect of commuted sum payments wrongly claimed under the terms of a section 106 agreement.



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