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Nick helps clients structure, negotiate and execute strategic corporate transactions.

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BACKGROUND

Nick has a Bachelor of Laws Degree (Hons) and a Bachelor of Commerce Degree from the University of Otago. Nick is admitted to practice in Victoria, New Zealand and has passed the New York bar exam.

Prior to joining Herbert Smith Freehills he worked in New York for Cravath, Swaine & Moore, LLP and in New Zealand for Russell McVeagh.

KEY SERVICES

Mergers & Acquisitions
Capital Markets

KEY SECTORS

Energy
Infrastructure

EXPERIENCE

Nick helps clients – mainly in the energy, infrastructure and industrial sectors – structure, negotiate and execute strategic corporate transactions. His diverse experience across multiple sectors and jurisdictions, along with his communication and project management skills, allows him to handle complex transactions in a straightforward, practical manner.

Nick works with corporates, financial buyers and owner-operators on mergers and acquisitions (public and private), joint ventures, capital markets and general corporate advisory work.

His strengths include breaking down and communicating complex legal and commercial issues to project stakeholders, and his practical and disciplined approach to solving legal issues and meeting deadlines. Nick's calm and measured personality also instils confidence in others during complex, stressful or fast-paced transactions.

Recently, Nick has advised on a number of complex cross-border transactions, helped New Zealand-based companies navigate Australian markets, and connected international financial buyers with opportunities in Australian distressed assets.

Nick's experience includes advising:

- the Brookfield consortium in relation to the proposed \$9 billion acquisition of Asciano Limited, and related asset sales;
- EnergyAustralia in relation to its \$1.8 billion sale of the Iona Gas Storage Facility;
- BHP Billiton on its \$14 billion demerger of South32;
- Santos on its \$188 million acquisition of a 50% participating interest in the Northwest Natuna PSC (an Indonesian offshore oil project); and
- TPG Capital in relation to its acquisition of Alinta Energy via a series of debt-for-equity schemes of arrangement.