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Overview

Nick is a partner in our Corporate and Commercial team. He focuses on M&A, helping clients to buy and sell businesses and companies – including those covered by the Takeovers Code. He has experience in advising insurers in relation to the placement of M&A warranty insurance.

He provides advice to many clients on the Financial Markets Conduct Act, New Zealand Stock Exchange issues, start-up related legal issues, franchise law, Pharmac contracts, and on a wide range of commercial contract matters.

He also helps resolve disputes between shareholders and at board level, as well as between parties to a variety of contractual arrangements. He regularly advises both franchisors and franchisees on issues that arise in their business.

Nick advises a wide range of commercial clients, including listed companies, local subsidiaries of multi-national companies and privately held New Zealand companies. He also advises start-up companies wanting to raise capital. He deals with business owners, directors, C-suite executives, and in-house counsel. Nick can advise clients on options for the drafting of contracts that will help them achieve their desired outcomes.

Experience

- **Oyster Bay Marlborough Vineyards Limited:** Advised on its listing on the NZAX and its compliance requirements under the NZAX listing rules. He also appeared before NZX Discipline for the company, successfully defending complaints made by Peter Yealands Investments Limited.
- **Oyster Bay Marlborough Vineyards Limited:** Advised the target company through a highly contested partial takeover offer battle between Delegat's Wine Estate Limited and Peter Yealands Investments Limited. This resulted in New Zealand's first High Court judgment on the Takeovers Code.
- **Jesters' Pies:** Advised on all legal matters including ensuring that its franchise documentation complied with New Zealand law, and the Code of Ethics and the Code of Practice of the Franchise Association of New Zealand. Jesters' Pies has grown to 18 stores across New Zealand in 16 years.

- **Whānau Tahi Limited:** Advised on a significant transaction involving one of New Zealand's leading health technology businesses which had important relationships with the Ministry of Health and the various district health boards in New Zealand. The transaction was strategically important to its work towards improving the livelihood of Maori in New Zealand.

Recognition

- *The Legal 500 Asia Pacific 2019:* Awarded Recommended Lawyer.

Activities and Affiliations

Prior and Present Employment

- Dentons Kensington Swan (formerly Kensington Swan), 1998-Present

Education

- University of Otago, 1989, Bachelor of Laws (LLB), Bachelor of Commerce (BCom)

Admissions and qualifications

- New Zealand, 1990