

*We don't believe in law as usual
For us, law is inspiring...*

Our story

A number of years ago, we decided that we could change the way legal services are delivered. That we could do them better. At gunnercooke, we believe the potential of our clients and our people rests with our ability to free the law and make it work as it should. Today, we attract passionate lawyers and advise with authority: every gunnercooke lawyer has a minimum 10,000 hours practising experience.

Flexibility, transparency and freedom guide everything we do. Flexibility for our people to work how they want. Transparency of cost for our clients because we removed time recordings and billable hours. Freedom for our people and clients to achieve their personal and professional aspirations.

We work with clients that believe tradition is there to be tested, not obeyed. Working together, we help them seek opportunities and push the boundaries of what's possible.

Providing a suite of corporate and commercial legal services, gunnercooke is one of the UK's fastest-growing challenger brands. Proud of what we have achieved, committed to doing more.



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Overview

What he's best at:

Nick is a Corporate Partner based in Leeds, but also operating regularly from both London and the North West. He is particularly valued by corporate clients for his enthusiastic "Can-do" approach, and his knowledge "at the sharp end" having been a CEO himself, and sat on or advised many Company Boards, and for his accessibility and speed of response.

Nick is a very experienced (37 years' call) corporate Barrister, who has spent much of his career as an in-house Counsel working at a senior level in PLCs and in smaller companies, as Legal Director or equivalent. In recent years however he has also been a Chief Executive, raising investment for, and running for 3 years, a tech company (spun out from a University). He therefore has a real insight into the kind of practical legal advice which Directors and managers of companies need.

Who he works for:

All types of companies, large and small but with particular niche specialisms in:

- Tech Companies – especially cleantech, water and energy, pharma research and vetting, and IT and cybersecurity issues.
- Startups and Spin-outs
- M & A

Testimonials

"In our substantial seven-figures sale deal, I discovered that Nick Hawkins is exactly the kind of corporate lawyer we needed. Nick is always approachable, enthusiastic and upbeat. Crucially for us, he and gunnercooke were able to react quickly and effectively to unexpected developments, both in the UK and involving those overseas, and give us timely, and correct, advice. All of the complexities of the deal were handled in a way which not only impressed my team, but also the purchasers' (an S & P 500 leading services firm) business and legal teams, as they openly said, and their external lawyers. Most importantly, Nick was instantly available whenever I needed him, either by phone or email, to give me the answers and advice I needed, and the fixed fee quote was a saving on big law firms because of gunnercooke's lower overheads. I would strongly recommend Nick Hawkins to other CEO's and businesses." – James Hall, CEO.

Experience highlights

- Publicly highly-praised contribution to Professor Jack's Government Review Committee into credit card law, on behalf of 4 major UK clearing banks.
- Urgent advice to major clearing banks' Main Boards as the whole of the UK credit card market was about to face huge disruptive change.
- First lawyer ever successfully to proceed against Consumers' Association "Which?" magazine for Libel, and obtaining fulsome complete published apology to his in-house Company.

Publications:

Regular contributions over many years to many trade, legal and regulatory publications. In recent years featured profile in 2015 in "Leeds and Yorkshire Lawyer" and specialist trade press column, 2008-2012.

Awards:

- Middle Temple (Inn of Court) - Harmsworth Entrance Exhibition & Senior Scholarship