

Mr Nicholas P. Tott 1960 – 2017

Class of 1978

Leaving the High School of Dundee in the 1970s, Nicholas went on to study Law at University before paving a very successful career path. He qualified with Dundas & Lawson before joining Herbert Smith in December 1986, progressing on to becoming a Partner by 1992.

Nicholas, or Nick as he was more often known, was one of the founders of Herbert Smith's London finance division, in later years however, he transferred to the projects team in the corporate division.



Additionally, Nick took a lead role as a key advisor to the UK government in the design and implementation of the Private Finance Initiative (PFI), and latterly, the Public Private Partnership (PPP) for the development of new infrastructure, which has since been adopted as a model all over the globe.

Throughout the course of his very successful career, Nick played a significant role in major projects for clients such as Eurotunnel, London & Continental Railways, London Underground and Transport for London.

Described by his colleagues as a first rate lawyer who was always well respected, trusted and relied upon Nick was also universally liked with an infectious sense of humour and enthusiasm for life. Outside of work, he was a devoted family man, a talented musician, a keen and active member of the Labour Party and Chairman of his local Rotary Club.

Nick passed away suddenly on 5 January 2017, aged just 56, after suffering from poor health for several months. He is greatly missed by all who had the pleasure of knowing him.