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BIOGRAPHICAL DATA

Nick PHILLIPS
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Nationality: British

EDUCATIONAL AND PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS

Legal Practice Course, College of Law, 1992 – 1993;
Solicitor of the Senior Courts of England and Wales, (qualified 1995)
Diploma, Intellectual Property Law & Practice, University of Bristol, 1999 – 2000.

LANGUAGES

English

PRESENT POSITION

Partner, Edwin Coe LLP, London (April 2013 – present)
Specialising in Intellectual Property and Commercial Services; combining contentious and non-contentious IP, IT, data protection, domain name, and commercial contract work.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE BEFORE PRESENT POSITION

Partner / Co-founder, IP & IT Department, Barlow Robbins LLP, co-founded and led the firm's Intellectual Property and Information Technology practice, 2003 – April 2013;
Solicitor, Mayer Brown Rowe & Maw LLP, Intellectual property and commercial work, 2000 – 2003;
Senior Solicitor, Landwell Solicitors, IP and commercial matters, 1998 – 2000;
Solicitor, Needham & Grant, 1995 – 1998;
Trainee Solicitor, Needham & Grant, 1993 – 1995.

MEMBERSHIP IN PROFESSIONAL BODIES

Law Society of England and Wales;
Associate Member, Chartered Institute of Trade Mark Attorneys (CITMA);
Member, International Trade Mark Association (INTA);
Member, Society for Computers & Law.

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AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION

Intellectual Property: trade marks, copyright, passing off, designs, patents, confidential information;
Information Technology: IT contracts, software licensing, e-commerce, outsourcing, AI;
Data Protection: GDPR compliance, data transfer, data acquisition;
Domain Names: registration strategy, portfolio management, dispute resolution (Nominet DRS, UDRP, EURID);
Commercial Contracts: technology, media, commercial services.

EXPERIENCE IN INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

Has extensive experience in both contentious and non-contentious intellectual property matters. Advises clients across a wide range of industries on the protection, exploitation, and enforcement of their IP rights, including:

- Strategic advice to international companies on the enforcement of IP rights, including liaising with national enforcement agencies and implementing watch notices;
- Advising an international ceramics business in relation to High Court copyright infringement proceedings;
- Advising on IP aspects of corporate transactions;
- Bringing and defending cancellation proceedings at the EUIPO (formerly OHIM) and subsequent appeals to the Boards of Appeal and the European General Court;
- Advising on the use and registrability of trade marks and designs worldwide.

Clients range from owner-managed businesses, schools, and charities to listed companies and multinationals.

Recognised in:

The Legal 500 UK (2020, 2022, 2023, 2025, 2026);
WTR 1000 2026;
WIPR Leaders Directory (since 2023);
IP Stars UK Rankings 2026 (Trade Mark Star).

EXPERIENCE WITH RESPECT TO DOMAIN NAMES

Has been appointed by Nominet as an independent Expert for deciding .uk domain name disputes under the Dispute Resolution Service (DRS) since 2004. Has issued over 100 decisions.

Has also handled disputes under ICANN's Uniform Dispute Resolution Policy (UDRP) and EURid's dispute resolution procedures.

Additional domain name experience includes: drafting and advising on domain name transfer agreements; strategic advice on domain name portfolios in connection with corporate transactions and on a standalone basis; and acting for parties in domain name disputes in the English High Court.

MAJOR PUBLICATIONS

Regularly writes articles and blogs on intellectual property and IT law. Recent examples include:

"Who owns my name after I sell my business?" – Financial Times, June 2026;

"The EU's New 'Withdrawal Button': What UK Online Sellers Need to Know" – Edwin Coe blog, June 2026;

"Nick Phillips is an expert in domain name disputes.", The Legal 500 UK, 2023.

EXPERIENCE IN COURT LITIGATION

Has experience of litigation in the English courts in intellectual property and commercial matters, including:

- Acting in High Court copyright infringement proceedings on behalf of an international ceramics business;
- Acting for parties in domain name disputes in the High Court;
- Bringing and defending cancellation and appeal proceedings before the EUIPO Boards of Appeal and the European General Court.

EXPERIENCE IN ARBITRATION

Has experience of advising clients on arbitrations conducted under the ICC Rules of Arbitration.

EXPERIENCE IN MEDIATION

Has represented clients in a number of mediations, covering both intellectual property and general commercial disputes.
