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*"Calm under pressure, unflappable, suave and extremely affable, he is one of [39 Essex Chambers'] stellar senior members"* The Legal 500 2021

*"A living legend: he fully deserves his reputation as one of the top silks of his generation. Highly knowledgeable and absolutely wonderful to work with, he has no weaknesses."* Chambers and Partners 2019

Nigel is ranked and recommended in The Legal 500, Chambers and Partners, and the Chambers 100 in Administrative and Public Law, Environment and Planning, VAT/indirect tax law, and Human Rights and Civil Liberties,

## Areas of expertise

Administrative and Public Law  
Environment and Planning  
VAT/Indirect Tax  
Human Rights and Civil Liberties  
Arbitration

## Environment and Planning

Nigel advises clients on environmental and planning issues covering pollution, waste management, safety, etc. He has recently become increasingly involved with the British Institute of International and Comparative Law (BIICL) in their research into climate change challenges here, and around the world - to view click [HERE](#)

## Cases of note

- *R (on the application of Plan B Earth) v Secretary of State for Transport* [2020] EWCA Civ 214

- *R (on the application of Spurrier) v Secretary of State for Transport* [2019] EWHC 1070 (Admin)
- *R (on the application of Bancoult) v Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs* [2018] UKSC 3, [2018] 1 WLR 973
- *Hysan Development Company Limited v Town Planning Board (Hong Kong)* [2016] FACV Nos 21 and 22 of 2015
- *East Sussex CC v Information Commissioner* (C-71/14) [2016] CMLR 5, [2016] Env LR 12

## Recommendations

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- *"A very experienced, calm and authoritative presence. He has got a breadth of experience that means nothing is ever a surprise, and there's a very assured touch to his advice."* *Excellent strategically.* Chambers and Partners 2021
- *"Formidable. He has an extremely impressive manner and a persuasive way of structuring arguments."* Chambers and Partners 2021
- *"He is well respected, very sensible, measured and focused."* *"A master of VAT law."* Chambers and Partners 2021
- *"Calm under pressure, unflappable, suave and extremely affable, he is one of the set's stellar senior members."* The Legal 500 2021
- *"When he speaks, the court listens: he gets straight to the meat of an argument and is amazing at communicating complicated detail"* Chambers and Partners 2017
- *"He is a very charming individual and good with the court."* *"He's pragmatic and has a strong understanding of local and central government."* Chambers and Partners 2017
- *"Always thoroughly prepared and someone with a fantastic court manner. Able to take difficult matters and pare them down to the essential issues, even with really technical subject matter. Very warm and very good client skills. Excellent legal analysis."* *"An excellent oral advocate and very tactically astute."* Chambers and Partners 2017
- *"A wonderful advocate with the wisdom of experience"* Chambers and Partners 2017
- *"He handles really impressive work and is very robust and unflappable."* Chambers and Partners 2017
- *"In a league of his own and clients love him."* The Legal 500 2016
- *"He is excellent on his feet without the need to be aggressive and always has the ear of the court."* The Legal 500 2016

## Membership and Appointments

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- Judge of the Courts of Appeal of Jersey and Guernsey 2007- 2018
- Deputy Judge of the High Court: 1998 – 2007
- International Arbitrator – 2016 to date
- Admitted to the Belize Bar: 2002 to date
- Called to the Bar of BVI: 2013 to date
- Admitted to the Bar of Hong Kong – various dates
- Admitted to the Bar of Trinidad and Tobago – various dates

## Qualifications

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- LLM, University College London
- LLB, Kingston University

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