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Nick is an education lawyer, executive coach and a member of the firm's board. Recognised as a leading expert in education by The Legal 500 and Chambers for over 10 years, Nick specialises in corporate and governance advice in the education sector.

He has significant experience of advising executive teams and boards in the social housing, corporate and, for well over 10 years, education sectors.

Nick works with boards and executive teams to help them navigate the landscape together with helping them spot and take opportunities. He is regularly used by education clients as an external sounding board on strategic issues, using his expertise to make the complex simple. His clients include some of the largest school trusts in the country.

Over the last 10 years, Nick has contributed regularly to the debate on key issues impacting the sector. He also has excellent relationships with sector bodies such as ASCL, CST and NGA regularly speaking at their conferences and collaborating on joint projects.

Nick was invited to join the board of the Foundation for Education Development, a CIC established to promote a long-term plan for education in England. Its work involves bringing together policy influencers from education, business, politics and beyond.

Expertise

Sectors

Education

Featured experience

Outwood Grange Academies Trust

Supporting a consortium of leading school trusts - Outwood Grange Academies Trust, Harris Federation, Oasis Community Learning and Star Academies – on their successful bid for the DfE's Institute of Teaching tender with the contract providing over £120m of funding.

Greenwood Academies Trust

Working with Greenwood Academies Trust on the commercialisation and development of their innovative cloud-powered EdTech solution for 3-19 education providers through a its subsidiary company, Our Learning Cloud.

Potteries Educational Trust

Facilitating a strategy day for Potteries Educational Trust's board, executive leaders and local governors including providing a "provocation" session on effective governance.

Testimonials

Clients

"Nick has been our client partner since 2018. In all aspects Nick has been responsive, timely and professional. He has quickly gained a knowledge and understanding of our Trust to ensure that advice is relevant and considered. His expertise has also ensured that I have felt confident in the advice provided."

Katy Bradford, COO, Outwood Grange Academies Trust

"I have worked closely with Nick for more than a decade on a vast range of subjects and projects, very often which were at the forefront of thinking in the sector. Nick's insight, deep interest in education and wisdom have proved invaluable in helping me and my organisation successfully navigate numerous challenging issues and capitalise on many opportunities."

Graham Feek, Deputy CEO, Greenwood Academies Trust

"Nick is a brilliant lawyer but more than this he is a kind and thoughtful person who is passionate about education. His thought leadership contributes to making the education sector stronger. His professional generosity is an important feature of his work – he works with a range of national organisations, including the Confederation of School Trusts, and his contributions nationally are well regarded and respected."

Leora Cruddas, CEO, Confederation of School Trusts /CST