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OVERVIEW

Nick Nichola is the former regional managing partner, Australia for K&L Gates who stepped aside from that role at the end of his current term on 30 June 2023. In that role, he oversaw K&L Gates' entry, consolidation and expansion into the Australian legal market.

Nick was previously Managing Partner of the Australian national firm Middletons from 2005 - 2012, during which time he guided the firm through strong growth in the Australian market. Nick's focus remains on ensuring quality service is provided to clients across the Brisbane, Melbourne, Perth and Sydney offices, as well as connecting clients with the resources of the firm's extensive global platform.

Nick previously practiced in corporate and commercial law and advised some of Australia's leading organisations across a range of industries with a particular focus on the telecommunications sector.

ACHIEVEMENTS

- Harvard Business School course "Leading Professional Service Firms," 2011

PROFESSIONAL / CIVIC ACTIVITIES

- AmCham Victorian Council of Governors
- Workplace Gender Equality Agency, Pay Equity Ambassador

EDUCATION

- B.A., Monash University, 1980
- LL.B., Monash University, 1980

THOUGHT LEADERSHIP *POWERED BY HUB*

- 26 November 2013, The Shifting Balance of Global Energy Supply

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

- "Law firm leaders reflect on lessons learned from COVID-19," *Lawyerly*, 3 June 2020
- "75% of K&L Gates' new Australian partners are women who work part-time," *Australasian Lawyer*, 26 February 2020
- "What's important is to have people within the firm who understand that the really critical thing is how they behave as human beings," *Law Management Hub*, 22 March 2018
- "If we build it, will the clients come?," *Lawyers Weekly*, 5 April 2013

NEWS & EVENTS

- 3 July 2023, K&L Gates Names New Regional Managing Partner Following Stepping Aside of Long Time Australia Leader
- 17 April 2023, K&L Gates Adds Partners in Tax and Energy, Infrastructure, and Resources Teams in Sydney
- 27 February 2023, K&L Gates Adds Partner to Real Estate Team in Sydney
- 6 February 2023, K&L Gates Adds Partner to Asset Management and Investment Funds Team in Sydney
- 7 February 2022, K&L Gates Strengthens Australian Safety and Industrial Law Capabilities with Addition of Melbourne Partner
- 1 November 2021, Launch of the K&L Gates Innovate Reconciliation Action Plan
- 18 May 2021, K&L Gates Grows Corporate Practice with Brisbane Partner and Special Counsel Appointments
- 14 December 2020, K&L Gates Adds Sydney Technology Partner
- 24 March 2020, K&L Gates Welcomes Corporate Team in Melbourne
- 29 August 2019, K&L Gates Partners With Sydney Opera House
- 26 November 2018, K&L Gates Adds Leading Real Estate Partner to Melbourne Office
- 30 October 2017, K&L Gates Bolsters Real Estate Practice with Sydney Partner Appointment
- 30 January 2017, K&L Gates Enhances Corporate and Transactional Team with Appointment of Sydney Tax Partner
- 15 December 2016, K&L Gates Recognized Among Australia's Most Innovative Firms
- 1 December 2016, K&L Gates Strengthens Corporate and Transactional Team with Addition of Returning Melbourne Partner
- 15 February 2016, K&L Gates Welcomes Brisbane Real Estate Partner

- 4 December 2015, K&L Gates Continues to Strengthen Brisbane Office with Hire of Partner Trio
- 29 October 2015, K&L Gates Adds Global Leader in Intellectual Property Law as Sydney Partner

MEDIA MENTIONS

- K&L Gates' Managing Partner Nick Nichola: Leading in a Changing Economy, *Thomas Reuters*, 7 February 2023
- K&L Gates head on the last decade's biggest changes and challenges, *LawyersWeekly.com.au*, 11 April 2023
- War for legal talent fires up in the 'engine room', *Australian Financial Review*, 6 July 2023