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Noel Haywood advises principally on domestic, international and cross-border acquisitions and disposals for major corporates and institutional clients.

He advises a number of major corporates including Intertek Group plc, Dignity plc, Finning International Inc, Hewden Stuart plc, 2 Sisters Food Group (incorporating Northern Foods) and Caparo Industries plc.

His main areas of practice are mergers and acquisitions, institutional exits, corporate reorganisations and restructurings, and post-merger integration.

Noel is the head of the Birmingham Corporate team.

## EXPERIENCE

Noel has been seconded to NM Rothschild's investment banking team, where he was involved in a number of buy and sell side mandates for institutional and corporate clients.

## KEY EXPERIENCE

- Acquisition of International Inspection Services Ltd (INSPEC) for £40 million by Intertek Group plc
- Disposal of R. Griggs Group Limited (the licensee of the Dr Martens brand) to Permira for £300 million (acting for the shareholders)
- Acquisition of Matrix, the UK market leader in energy management and energy efficiency services for commercial buildings, by E.ON Connecting Energies (ECT)
- Acquisition of Yew Holdings Limited for £58.3 million by Dignity plc and associated equity fund raising
- Acquisition of Moody International for £450 million by Intertek Group plc
- Acquisition of the UK poultry and red meat processing operations of Vion Holdings by 2 Sisters Food Group
- Acquisition of the Brookes Avana Businesses from Premier Foods for £30 million by 2 Sisters Food Group
- Acquisition of the Japanese EMC businesses of Akzo Nobel by Intertek Group plc

## RELATED SERVICES

- Corporate
- Mergers and Acquisitions

## RELATED SECTORS

- Energy and Natural Resources
- Industrials
- Consumer Goods, Food and Retail

- Acquisition of the UK and US steel 'tube' and steel 'strip' divisions of Tyco International by Caparo Industries plc
- Disposal by Finning International Inc of Hewden Stuart plc to Sun Capital

## AREAS OF EXPERIENCE

- Mergers and acquisitions
- Institutional exits
- Corporate reorganisations and restructurings
- Post-merger integration

## CREDENTIALS

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### Professional Qualifications

- Solicitor of the Senior Courts of England and Wales

### Recognitions

- Clients testify that Noel Haywood "*does a good job of giving us what we need, when we need it.*" - *Chambers & Partners* 2018

### Memberships

- Law Society
- The England Rugby Supporters Club

## INSIGHTS

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### Publications

#### **Beauty trends: Five key M&A deals**

20 MAY 2019

The beauty industry, much like the wider fashion industry with which it often works hand in hand, thrives on its promise to sell the tools for individual enhancement and expression. Trends, as they exist in beauty, are often limited to certain demographics, and dramatically different products, looks and regimes are typically trending at the same time.

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## NEWS

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#### **DLA Piper advises 2 Sisters Food Group on the sale of its sandwich business to Samworth Brothers**

31 OCT 2018

DLA Piper has advised 2 Sisters Food Group on the sale of its Manton Wood sandwich business to Samworth Brothers.

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#### **DLA Piper advises 2 Sisters Food Group on the sale of its red meat business to Kepak Group**

30 JUL 2018

DLA Piper has advised Boparan Holdings Limited, the parent company of 2 Sisters Food Group, a leading UK food company, on

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the sale of its red meat business (2 Sisters Red Meat Limited) to Irish-based meat producer, Kepak Group.

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### **DLA Piper advises on the sale of cyber security provider Nettitude to Lloyd's Register Group**

21 MAR 2018

DLA Piper has advised the shareholders of Nettitude, a market-leading provider of cyber security services, on its sale to Lloyd's Register Group ("LR"), one of the world's leading providers of professional services for the engineering and technology sectors.

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