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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.

- Corporate
- Mergers and Acquisitions
- Energy and Natural Resources
- Industrials
- Consumer Goods, Food and Retail

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
- 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

#### Committing to measurable ESG initiatives in the Food & Beverage Sector: Doing well by doing good

24 May 2022

With 73% of the world's largest companies in the Food & Beverage Sector having a sustainable development target, only a quarter of these are setting time-bound targets and the remaining 27% have no sustainability strategy, according to the World Benchmarking Alliance.

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### Events

### Previous

#### Evolution of the global grocery market during and after COVID-19

21 July 2020

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