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Education

09/1991 - 05/2001

The Grammar School - Nicosia
A-Levels, School Leaving
Certificate (Apolytirion)

09/2001 - 05/2004

University of Leicester - UK
LLB. Law, Higher 2:1

09/2005 - 05/2007

University of Leicester - UK
LLM. EU Law (Commercial) Law
with Merit

05/2005

Cyprus Bar Association - Nicosia
License to Practice Law

05/2018

**Society of Trust & Estate
Practitioners** - UK
Trust & Estate Practitioner (TEP)

2019

**Cyprus Securities & Exchange
Commission**
Anti-Money Laundering
Compliance Officer

05/2017

**Insolvency Department - Registrar
of Companies** - Cyprus
Insolvency Practitioner

Memberships

Cyprus Bar Association
Nicosia Bar Association
Society of Trusts & Estate
Practitioners, UK

Professional summary

Born and raised in Johannesburg, South Africa. She obtained her LLB and LLM (EU law) from the University of Leicester.

Nicky is a certified Trusts & Estates Practitioner (TEP - STEP UK, Vice – President of the Board of Directors of STEP Cyprus (Society of Trust & Estate Practitioners), a certified AML Compliance Officer from the Cyprus Securities & Exchange Commission and licensed Insolvency Practitioner. She is an active member of two committees of the Cyprus Bar Association, the Companies Committee and Intellectual Property Committee.

In 2019, Nicky established the law firm N. Xenofontos LLC, of which she is the Managing Partner. The firm is a boutique, business centric law firm, specialising in corporate, commercial law, intellectual property, insolvency and restructuring, trusts and estates, compliance, regulatory, privacy law and fiduciary appointments.

Major areas of expertise and practice include the setting up and administration of trusts, general legal advice and opinions, estate and inheritance planning, intellectual property corporate insolvency / restructuring, general corporate and commercial law. Another major area of practice and expertise is compliance, anti-money laundering and regulatory matters having advised major corporations and governmental authorities as well as private clients and firms on their AML, compliance and regulatory matters.

Apart from the above, Nicky is a legal trainer-lecturer on her areas of expertise and regularly holds seminars through the firm's legal training centre - NextStep Legal Training Centre accredited by the Cyprus Bar Association for Continuous Professional Development and also provides in-house training to law firms, accounting and audit firms.

In November 2022, Nicky was appointed by the Ministry of Finance of the Republic of Cyprus to serve as a non-executive member of the Board of Directors of the semi-governmental owned House Financing Corporation.

Work history

11/2019 - Current

N. Xenofontos LLC | Nicosia

Founder - Managing Partner

Major areas of expertise and practice include trusts, estate and inheritance planning, corporate insolvency / restructuring, intellectual property law, general corporate and commercial law, advising on compliance, regulatory matters, undertaking AML compliance for professionals within the legal and audit industry, drafting of AML Manuals, due diligence questionnaires and risk assessments as well as providing general legal advice and legal opinions. Main area of expertise is trust law, acting as trustee/protector and counsel for corporate and individual clients.

The law firm has established a legal training centre, NextStep Legal Training, accredited by the Cyprus Bar Association for providing seminars and webinars to legal professionals on a range of legal topics for continuous professional development credits.

09/2014 – 11/2019

Abacus Limited | Nicosia

Internal Legal Counsel

Head of Trusts and Liquidations

Key role acting as general internal legal counsel for corporate and private clients. Main areas of expertise and advice on trust establishment, management, administration, succession and inheritance planning/restructuring, general corporate and commercial law matters, insolvency, restructuring, contractual, transactional drafting and review, legal due diligence, client risk assessments, new client on-boarding.

05/2007 - 12/2019

Kinanis LLC | Nicosia

Advocate

Responsible for all private client matters ranging from inheritance, succession, drafting and review of real estate contracts, legal due diligence, legal opinions, formation and management of trusts, registration and defending oppositions on intellectual property matters, general corporate, commercial law matters and transactional contractual drafting.

09/2005 - 06/2006

Markides, Markides & Co | Nicosia

Trainee Advocate

- Trained in various legal fields such as drafting of pleadings, attending first instance court appearances, intellectual property to develop understanding and expertise of the legal industry.