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Nicolai is a partner in Plesner's Corporate Finance team, bringing over two decades of expertise in mergers and acquisitions, capital markets, and venture capital. His legal acumen and strategic insight have made him a trusted advisor to private equity and venture funds, investment banks, and publicly traded companies.

PRACTICE AREAS

Capital Markets
M&A

Nicolai's experience includes handling some of the most significant and complex transactions in the financial sector. He also advises listed companies on disclosure requirements and corporate governance, ensuring they navigate regulatory landscapes with confidence.

Nicolai has been with Plesner for over 24 years and served as Managing Partner from 2009 to 2014, playing a key role in shaping the firm's strategic direction and fostering a culture of excellence. Later Nicolai has served as chairman of the board of Plesner and is currently again on the board. He has a Master's degree in Law from the University of Copenhagen and an MBA from the University of Oxford, combining rigorous legal analysis with business insight to offer clients comprehensive solutions. In addition, Nicolai teaches financial services regulation at Copenhagen Business School.

Nicolai is known for his excellent negotiation skills and strong client relationships. His approach is characterised by accessibility, proactive thinking, and a pragmatic outlook, consistently praised by clients. Recognised as a leading lawyer in capital markets and M&A, he continues to enhance Plesner's reputation for delivering outstanding legal services.

Nicolai values teamwork and the exceptional results that come from united expertise. Leading multidisciplinary teams, he consistently achieves successful outcomes for clients. His commitment to making a difference and understanding what truly matters in business define his approach.

Nicolai remains dedicated to guiding clients through critical transactions with integrity, clarity, and exceptional legal insight.

Selected cases

- Advised PenSam Pension Forsikringsaktieselskab on sale of PenSam Bank to Arbejdernes Landsbank
- Advised Sampo on share exchange offer to Topdanmark's shareholders
- Advised AIP on sale of 50% stake to Storebrand
- Advised Novonesis on sale of parts of its Lactase Enzymes Business to Kerry Group
- Advised PenSam Pension Forsikringsaktieselskab on sale of PenSam Forsikring to Gjensidige
- Advised AnaCap on sale of insurance company Sundhedsgruppen to Topdanmark A/S
- Advised Sanistål on Ahlsell's takeover offer to Sanistål's shareholders
- Advised Tryg on sale of the insurance company Codan (Danish business) to Alm. Brand
- Advised Tryg on takeover offer to RSA Insurance Group's shareholders
- Advised Tryg on its DKK 37bn rights issue
- Advised owners of Qvartz on sale to Bain & Company
- Advised AnaCap on acquisition of insurance company Sundhedsgruppen
- Advised Nordea Bank AB on sale of Nordea Ejendomsinvestering to DEAS
- Advised Nordea Life on sale of 25% and majority stake in Nordea Liv & Pension to NLP
- Advised Sampo on mandatory tender offer to Topdanmark's shareholders

Ratings

2018 - 2026 **IFLR1000**

Nicolai Ørsted is listed as a Leading Lawyer (Highly Regarded) as regards Capital Markets and M&A.

2026 **Legal 500**

Nicolai Ørsted is recommended as regards Capital Markets and Commercial, Corporate and M&A.

2025 **Legal 500**

Nicolai Ørsted is recommended as regards as regards Commercial, Corporate and M&A. Further, he is recommended as Capital Markets.

"Nicolai Ørsted is flexible and provides commercially sound advice with a client-oriented approach and well-balanced legal considerations"

2023 - 2024 **Legal 500**

Nicolai Ørsted is recommended as regards Commercial, Corporate and M&A. Further, he is recommended as regards Capital Markets.