

## David Hull

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## About David

David Hull is a partner in the Corporate Practice. He has more than 35 years of experience as a corporate and business transactional lawyer, specifically in mergers and acquisitions for both publicly listed and private companies. David handles cross-border issues, sophisticated financings and joint ventures.

David also has developed a niche M&A sports law practice advising on the corporate and commercial aspects of UK football transactions.

## Experience

- Advising Sheffield Wednesday Football Club in relation to arbitral and disciplinary proceedings, including an appeal between the EFL and the club relating to the sale of Hillsborough stadium and the EFL Profit and Sustainability Rules.
- Advising International Entertainment Corporation, a company listed on the Hong Kong Stock Exchange, on the purchase of Wigan Athletic Football Club from David Whelan and his family.
- Advising financial services investment bank Raymond James Financial Services on the acquisition of German corporate boutique Mummert & Co.
- Advising owner Dr Tony Xia on the sale of a majority interest in Aston Villa Football Club to Nassef Sawiris and Wes Edens.
- Advising the shareholders of Wolverhampton Wanderers, Steve Morgan and Bridgemere UK Plc on the sale of the Championship Football Club to Chinese conglomerate Fosun Group.
- Advising Venkateshwara Hatcheries plc on the acquisition through its subsidiary Venky's London Limited of 99.9 percent of the share capital of the Premier League football club Blackburn Rovers Football & Athletic plc in England.
- Advising UK Football Investments LLP and principal shareholder Milan Mandaric on the sale of English championship football club Leicester City Football Club Limited to Asia Football Investments Pte Limited, a Thailand-based consortium led by Aiyawatt Raksriaksorn.
- Advising UK Sports Investments Limited, backed by Dr. Thaksin Shinawatra, former Prime Minister of Thailand, on the recommended takeover of Premier League football club Manchester City plc in England.

- Advising UK Sports Investments Limited on the sale of Manchester City Limited to Abu Dhabi United Group Limited, a company controlled by Sheikh Mansour of Abu Dhabi.
- Advising Premier League football club Aston Villa plc on its recommended takeover by RAL, backed by Randy Lerner.
- Advising UK-listed Fortune 500 company Jabil Circuit, Inc. on the cross border acquisition of the printed circuit board business of Marconi Communications Limited.
- Advising Jabil Circuit, Inc. on the cross border acquisition of the PBX business of Alcatel Communications S.A.
- Advising Harvard International plc on a cross-border joint venture acquisition with Beko Elektronik A.S. of the multimedia business of Grundig from administration.
- Advising Harvard International plc on the disposal of its medical division, property portfolio and move to AIM.
- Advising Harvard International plc on the disposal of its leisure division to management backed by Rutland Partners LLP.
- Advising UK Football Investments LLP and principal shareholder Milan Mandaric on the acquisition of League 1 football club Sheffield Wednesday Football Club from Sheffield Wednesday plc.
- Advising the shareholders on the sale of Raleigh Cycles Limited to the Dutch listed public company Accell for £62 million.
- Advising the shareholders of JAOtech Limited on the sale of the company to the Belgium listed public company Barco.
- Advising Uniserve Holdings Limited on a number of acquisitions including Wilgo Freight Services Limited and Metro Shipping Limited.
- Advising Raymond James Financial Services Limited on the acquisition of Killick and Co.
- Advising Group 1 Automotive Inc on a number of BMW and Mini motor dealership acquisitions in the UK.
- Advising Flex-N-Gate on the purchase of Premier League football club Fulham Football Club Limited from Mohamed Al Fayed.
- Advising Mayerton Holdings Limited on the sale of its refractory brick manufacturing facility in the PRC to the Brazil-based company Magnesita Refractorios.
- Advising the shareholders of Coopers of Stortford limited on the sale of the company to Damartex SA for £25 million.
- Advising Assured Partners, Inc on the acquisition of Paul Napier limited.
- Advising Edgewater Capital Partners on the cross border purchase of PolyAd Services from BASF for US\$60 million.
- Advising the shareholders of Boardman Bikes Limited and Boardman International Limited on the sale of the companies to Halfords Limited.
- Advising UK Football Investments LLP and principal shareholder Milan Mandarić on the sale of Championship Football League club Sheffield Wednesday to Thai businessman Dejphon Chansiri whose family is the owner of one of the world's largest producers of seafood and the world's biggest producer of tuna.
- Advising New York based hedge fund Knighthead Capital on the purchase of a 45% equity stake in Championship football club Birmingham City and full ownership of St Andrews stadium (now renamed St Andrews @ Knighthead Park) through its affiliate Shelby Companies Limited.

## Credentials

### Education

- University of Sheffield, LL.B., Honors, 1983

### Admissions

- England and Wales, 1986

## Recognitions

- Named one of the "Top 30 Regional Corporate Heavyweights" by *Legal Business*, awarded Birmingham Lawyer of the Year by Birmingham Law Society and twice recognised by *The Lawyer* in the "Hot 100"
- Recommended in *The Legal 500 UK* 2017 for M&A – mid-market, £50m-£250m; Sport
- Recommended in *The Legal 500 UK* 2015 for Sport
- Recognised by *Chambers*, *Legal 500*, *Corporate Counsel* and *European Lawyer* as a leading expert on Corporate Finance and Sports Law
- Named a "Super Lawyer" for Corporate Finance, Mergers and Acquisitions in 2013, 2014 and 2015 by *Super Lawyers London*

## Expertise

### Services

- Corporate

### Industries

- Sports & Entertainment

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