Appendix – My Curriculum Vitae

Nicholas Leech, Independent Financial Adviser, Chase De Vere

Education

1980 - 1986	Oldham Hulme Grammar School for Boys
1986 - 1989	Oldham Technical College - Part Time
1989 - 1992	De Montfort University - Law Dept

Professional Qualifications

1989	Banking Certificate
1994	Financial Planning Certificate (FPC)
1998	Advanced Financial Planning Certificate (AFPC)

i. G60, Pensions
ii. K10, Retirement Options

2010	CF8, Long Term Care
2011	R01, Financial Services, Regulation and Ethics
2011	R02, Investment Principles & Risk
2011	Diploma Financial Planning Level 4 (Dip PFS)
2012	R04, Pensions and Retirement Planning
2013	Accredited Mediator to international standards - London School of Mediation

Continued Professional Standing issued by The Personal Finance Society / CII annually
EFPA European Financial Advisor - EFA
Member National Expert Witness Association (NEWA)
Expert Witness Publishing - Member
APIL 1st Tier Expert Witness

Other Relevant Qualifications / Professional Positions

1992	LLB (Hons) 2:1
2012 - 2021	Chair Trustees Nestor Foundation
2013 - 2021	Chair Nestor Investment Management Committee

Awards & Honours

Shortlisted for North West Leadership Awards Finance Leader of the year and Mentor of the year in 2025 & 2026.

Employment History

2021 – Present

Independent Financial Adviser, Chase De Vere

Relevant experience is outlined below: -

- Advice provided to claimants and defendants in personal injury and clinical negligence related cases.
- Expert witness reports provided in approximately 500 cases during the last 20+ years.
- Prepare Investment / pension loss expert reports.
- Pension transfer specialist / regulatory supervisor
- Advise claimants / trustees on the uses of Personal Injury Trusts and interaction with state benefits.
- Appointed by the Court of Protection to provide independent financial advice to Patients / Protected Parties / Deputies - investment advice responsible - £250m+
- Regularly publishes articles / notes and provides seminars to the legal profession

- Contributor to Ch 20 Clinical Negligence 4th Edition - Powers Harris Burton.
- Advise clients on investment solutions for 25 years+
- Development of structured settlement / periodical payment and bespoke investment funds / solutions for personal injury victims.
- Undertakes quarterly performance / risk due diligence

2005 - 2021
Director / Co-founder **Nestor Financial Group Limited** (formerly Nestor Partnership LLP), fee based Independent Financial Advisers. From October 2020, Nestor Financial Group Limited is a wholly owned subsidiary of Chase de Vere IFA Group Plc.

2007 – 2021
Director / Co-Founder – Nestor Accountancy Services Ltd

Jan 1998 - Apr 2005
Frenkel Topping Ltd - Senior Consultant/Business Manager

Dec 1996 - Dec 1997
J Charcol - Consultant Independent Financial Adviser / Mortgage Broker

Jan 1993 - Dec 1996
Lloyds TSB - Financial Services Consultant

Dec 1986 - June 1989
Lloyds TSB - Bank Clerk

Volunteer Roles
2026 - Current
The Manchester Golf Club - Captain
2025 – 2025
The Manchester Golf Club – Vice Captain
2017 – 2020
The Manchester Golf Club – Treasurer
2005 – 2020
The Manchester Golf Club - Green Committee Member
2005 – 2011
The Manchester Golf Club - Chair of Green