

## Nixon Williams Case Study MAKJO Ltd.

An accountant should be more than just a number cruncher. They should be a partner, a confidante, and a guide. At Nixon Williams we never forget that running your own business can be lonely, and so our aim is to work with our clients as a trusted advisor, always on hand to help you manage the financial side of your limited company as effortlessly as possible. And our clients tell us that we're doing a great job of meeting those aims!

**Name:** Michelle Jacobs      **Role:** PMO  
**Time contracting:** 10 years      **Location:** London



### What we do

Michelle returned to contracting three years ago after taking a break to have children. It was very important to her to find an accountant that could help her get up to speed with the changes in legislation that had taken place in the interim, as she explains. "The landscape had definitely altered considerably in the nine years I was away from contracting, particularly in relation to things like IR35. So I needed someone who could literally hold my hand and guide me through the process."

"I had read a number of testimonials on various contractor sites before I decided on Nixon Williams, and I particularly liked the realistic take home amounts which were stated in their calculators. I chose them as I had tested out a few of the other contractor calculators, and whilst Nixon Williams' projected take home pay was lower than all of them, that is because they made allowance for some annual leave – whereas other companies' calculators were based on working 5 days a week, 52 weeks a year! It just seemed more honest."

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### Benefits for contractors

Setting up a limited company and dealing with all of the various requirements from HMRC can seem daunting, even if you have worked in contracting previously, as was the case for Michelle. "I like having

a dedicated accountant who is always at the other end of the phone,” she continues. “Our relationship is excellent and they have helped me every step of the way - from setting up the company to filling out tax returns and claiming expenses.”

“Nixon Williams provide me with a lot of different templates and so on, which makes keeping my records so much easier. They also help to lower my overall tax bill by pointing out allowances I haven’t made use of, and various other things I can claim. Any concerns or questions I do have are answered not only in a timely manner, but also in a way that someone who is not a tax expert would understand. I can’t recommend them highly enough.”

### Why choose to go contracting?

Michelle had already been contracting for seven years before she took a nine year career break to have children – so it wasn’t a difficult decision to go back to the world she knew and loved, as she confirms. “The kids were all at school and it was time for me to re-establish myself in the workplace. Contracting had always been my choice as the higher rates of take home pay are great, and I like avoiding the office politics as well.”

“My main piece of advice to anyone considering going contracting is to get a good accountant. If you do that then there is always someone on hand to help you, who knows your background and circumstances. It’s very important having that relationship with someone who knows you well and has your best interests at heart – someone just like Nixon Williams!”

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### Want to know more?

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