

# Lateral Partner Moves in London

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◆ **Andrews Kurth Kenyon**

Texas headquartered firm Andrews Kurth Kenyon welcomes energy transactional lawyer James Comyn in the Business Transactions section. Comyn, who previously served as managing partner of Shearman & Sterling's Abu Dhabi office, has a practice guiding clients through complex, international mergers and acquisitions, joint ventures and minority investments.

◆ **ARC Pensions Law**

Niche firm ARC expands its practice with the hire of Jane Kola from Gowling WLG. Kola specialises in defined contribution pension schemes.

◆ **Ashurst**

Ashurst has made moves to re-strengthen its City finance offering as it develops its European high-yield offering with the hire of Allen & Overy senior associate Tamer Bahgat as a partner. Bahgat is primarily responsible for working on leveraged buyouts, refinancings and dividend recapitalizations transactions.

◆ **Berwin Leighton Paisner**

Berwin Leighton Paisner has appointed Reed Smith data protection partner Kate Brimsted, and Osborne Clarke corporate tax consultant Mark Brailsford, as partners. Brimsted will head BLP's Data and Cyber Security practice whilst finance tax expert Brailsford will be tasked with growing BLP's tax advisory capability in the finance arena.

◆ **Bevan Brittan**

Bevan Brittan has hired social housing partner Neil Brand from Clarke Willmott. The move is part of Clarke Willmott's loss of the bulk of its social housing team.

◆ **Boies Schiller & Flexner**

US litigation firm Boies Schiller & Flexner has hired Herbert Smith Freehills' global head of Public International Law Dominic Roughton to join its London office. Roughton specialises in the energy and mining sectors and has previously worked on international boundary disputes, sovereignty, treaty negotiations and interpretation and investor state dispute resolution procedures.

◆ **Boodle Hatfield**

Boodle Hatfield has strengthened its Corporate team with the appointment of Jane Ireland. Ireland joins from Ashford and specialises in mergers & acquisitions, disposals, joint ventures and reorganisations.

◆ **Bristows**

Bristows has hired intellectual property lawyer Simon Clark and trade mark attorney Ian Gruselle as partners alongside seven other lawyers and support staff from Berwin Leighton Paisner (BLP). Clark, who was head of BLP's Intellectual Property Group, specialises in all aspects of intellectual property law, including copyright and design rights, patents, trademarks, passing off and breach of confidence. Gruselle was head of the Brand Management and Trade Marks Group and advises on trademarks and designs.

◆ **Browne Jacobson**

Browne Jacobson is continuing to grow its technology sector expertise in the City with the appointment of corporate finance partner Jon Snade. Snade joins the firm from Irwin Mitchell in London and has a particular specialism within the technology sector.

#### ◆ Brown Rudnick

Brown Rudnick has expanded its Cross-Border/International Transactions and Finance practice with the appointment of King & Wood Mallesons acquisition finance associate Agnes Abosi as a partner. The firm has also strengthened its International Arbitration team with the hire of Pinsent Masons partner Virginie Colaiuta who will continue with her focus on construction and energy disputes and bilateral and multilateral investment treaty disputes.

#### ◆ Capsticks

Capsticks sees a bolster of its Social Housing Group with its hire of social co-housing heads, James Howard, Chimi Shakohoxha and partner Jonathan Hulley from Clarke Willmott. Howard and Shakohoxha specialise in commercial property, whilst Hulley focuses on property litigation.

#### ◆ Clarkslegal

Clarkslegal has hired Ruth Wilkinson as partner in its Construction and Engineering Group from CMS. Wilkinson specialises in construction industry dispute resolution and related advisory work.

#### ◆ Clarke Willmott

Clarke Willmott has appointed Hannah Langford as social housing partner from Clarion Housing where she was a property and contracts associate. Langford specialises in development and regeneration.

#### ◆ Clyde & Co

Clyde & Co has hired Terry Saeedi to its Pensions team. Saeedi joins from Gordons where he has specialised in pension's law for over 20 years. His sector experience includes financial services, transportation and utilities.

#### ◆ Covington & Burling

Project finance partners Ben Donovan and Agnieszka Klich have joined Covington & Burling from Chadbourne & Parke. Donovan specialises in project development and finance in oil and gas. Klich focuses on renewables, power, water, oil, gas and mining projects. In addition David Miles joins from Allen & Overy Peerpoint, where he was a Consultant. Miles advises on general lending, leveraged, real estate finance and asset finance. These moves bolster Covington & Burling's project finance Group.

#### ◆ DAC Beachcroft

DAC Beachcroft has appointed Nick Fothergill as to its London Corporate team. Fothergill joins the firm from Watson Farley & Williams in London and has extensive experience advising on mergers and acquisitions, joint ventures, corporate reorganisations, commercial contracts, private equity/infrastructure transactions and general company law matters. The firm has also added to its Safety, Health and Environment team with the appointment of Kirsty Gomersal from Clyde & Co. Gomersal specialises in complex environmental, health and safety defence work.

#### ◆ Debevoise & Plimpton

US firm Debevoise & Plimpton welcomes leading private funds regulatory lawyer Patricia Volhard who will be operating out of its Frankfurt and London offices. Volhard, joins from Pöllath + Partners where she was a partner in Frankfurt advising private funds on a range of regulatory issues.

#### ◆ Dechert

Dechert has appointed Robert Bradshaw as partner in its Banking and Finance department. Bradshaw joins from Kirkland & Ellis and focuses on cross-border financing transactions, including

leveraged and acquisition financing, refinancing and restructurings.

#### ✦ Dentons

Dentons has hired Celyn Armstrong and Cameron Half as partners in its Financial Disputes and Contentious Regulatory and Capital Markets practices respectively. Armstrong joins from Linklaters where he was counsel in its Financial Regulation Group. He has extensive experience advising banks, insurers, investment managers, financial markets intermediaries and other regulated firms. Half joins from Allen & Overy in London, where he was counsel. He is a senior US securities lawyer representing underwriters, lead managers and corporate and sovereign issuers and shareholders on equity and debt capital markets transactions.

#### ✦ Dorsey & Whitney

International law firm Dorsey & Whitney welcomes Bob Cordran into its Employment department. Cordran, who was formerly a partner at Marriott Harrison LLP, is an experienced employment lawyer having advised clients across a wide variety of industries including retail, media, professional services, healthcare, financial services and technology.

#### ✦ DWF

DWF continues to drive growth in London in its Arbitration and Litigation practice with its hire of arbitration partner Richard Twomey from Pinsent Masons. Twomey has 15 years of experience in international dispute resolution.

#### ✦ Edwin Coe

Formerly at Rosenblatt Solicitors, Nik Haria has joined Edwin Coe as Head of Construction. He deals with both contentious and non-contentious construction matters, frequently

dealing with property development disputes and adjudications.

#### ✦ Enyo Law

Litigation specialist Enyo Law has launched Tax and Insolvency practices, with the hires of Fiona Walkinshaw and Louise Bell. Walkinshaw joins from Deloitte where she was head of corporate tax disputes for six years. Bell joins from Olswang ahead of the firm's tripartite merger with CMS Cameron McKenna and Nabarro, and has a particular expertise in insolvency disputes.

#### ✦ Farrer & Co

Farrer & Co has hired Berwin Leighton Paisner intellectual property partner Ian De Freitas. He is the latest partner to leave the firm's IP practice following a restructuring that sees the firm pull out of trade mark licensing and disputes work. His practice focuses on IP, IT and data matters that involve litigation and regulatory investigations.

#### ✦ Fieldfisher

European law firm Fieldfisher has further strengthened its Personal Injury and Medical Negligence team with the addition of associate Jane Weakley who joins as partner. Weakley originally trained at Fieldfisher and is re-joining from Irwin Mitchell. In addition Dougall Molson who was formally the Paris Head of Finance at Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer has joined Fieldfisher's Finance practice. Dougall specialises in complex structured finance, commodity finance, capital markets and derivatives.

#### ✦ Fladgate

Fladgate welcomes Neal Todd and Seetal Modi into its Tax and Finance departments respectively. Todd joins from Berwin Leighton Paisner as head of the Tax department and has extensive experience in M&A, structured and

asset finance and general corporate tax planning. Modi joins from Sidley Austin, where he was an associate, and advises on a broad range of loan and capital markets debt secured by a variety of underlying assets, in particular real estate and renewable energy.

◆ **Forsters**

A team acquisition for Forsters sees Private Client head Anthony Thompson join alongside fellow Gowling WLG partners Catharine Bell, Nicholas Jacob, and Daniel Ugur. All previously worked at legacy firm Lawrence Graham before its merger with Wragge & Co and Gowlings. The partners will be joined by 10 lawyers and five staff members.

◆ **Fox Williams**

Fox Williams has hired Guy Morgan as a partner in its Capital Markets Group from Stephenson Harwood where he was a senior associate. Morgan focuses on equity capital markets transactions, takeovers and advising institutions on domestic and cross-border corporate finance transactions.

◆ **Freshfields**

The Serious Fraud Office's joint-head of bribery and corruption, Ben Morgan, has been hired by Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer as partner. Morgan joins the Corporate Crime and Global Investigations practice and has experience in high profile cases, such as the SFO's first deferred prosecution agreement in 2015. His hire sees the practice grow to five partners.

◆ **Gordon Dadds**

Gordon Dadds has hired Michael McCarthy into its Insolvency/Restructuring practice. McCarthy joins from Kennedys and focuses on both contentious and non-contentious insolvency matters as well as restructuring, principally

advising insolvency practitioners and financial institutions. The firm has also hired Andrew Tait as a partner in the betting and gaming practice area from his position as group general counsel & chief compliance officer at internet gaming company Mansion Group.

◆ **Gowling WLG**

Michael Darowski has been appointed as a partner in Gowling WLG's Disputes Resolution Group from Hogan Lovells where he was counsel. Darowski has 15 years of experience in arbitration and specialises in litigation in the energy sector.

◆ **Gunnercooke**

Gunnercooke has hired Peter Bohm from Bates Wells Braithwaite. Bohm specialises in transactional M&A work in private companies, representing buyers and sellers. Bohm also focuses on commercial contracts, joint ventures, mergers and partnership agreements.

◆ **Hausfeld & Co**

Competition litigation lawyer Scott Campbell rejoins Hausfeld & Co from Stewarts Law. Campbell has extensive experience of acting on behalf of corporate claimants in a range of complex, multi-jurisdictional commercial disputes arising out of infringements of EU and UK competition law.

◆ **Hill Dickinson**

International law firm Hill Dickinson continues to strengthen its National Health practice with the appointment of commercial partner Jessica Kohler. Kohler joins from Capsticks where she advised health and social care clients across the full range of their commercial, contractual, funding and procurement needs.

◆ **Hodge Jones & Allen**

Hodge Jones & Allen has appointed former Head of Family Jeetesh Patel from Rollingsons Solicitors. Patel has more than 15 years' experience advising on matrimonial and family law matters representing high net worth individuals.

◆ **Holland & Knight**

Aviation finance lawyers William Coleman and Victoria Koob have joined Holland & Knight's Transportation Finance practice as partners. Coleman who was senior counsel and Koob who was a senior associate both join from Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer. They have a broad range of asset finance experience, including cross-border asset finance and leasing structures, with a focus on the aviation industry.

◆ **Holman Fenwick Willan**

Holman Fenwick Willan continues to expand its Construction and Commodities practices with the appointment of Ben Mellors and Adam Topping respectively. Mellors, who joins from Beale & Company Solicitors, has experience working on disputes relating to projects in the Middle East and Africa. Topping who joins from Cadwalader, Wickersham & Taft, where he was special counsel, has expertise in regulatory and transactional matters across a range of commodities.

◆ **Kennedys**

Kennedys has hired experienced marine insurance and shipping partner, Deug Rong Lee to its international marine insurance practice. Lee joins from Clyde & Co where he was counsel. Lee specialises in litigation and arbitration relating to shipbuilding and offshore construction.

◆ **Latham & Watkins**

Latham & Watkins continues to bolster its regulatory capabilities with the hire of Daniel Csefalvay, a financial regulatory partner from Linklaters. Csefalvay's practice has largely been focused on advising on complex domestic and cross-border financial regulatory and transactional matters. The firm also expands its litigation team with the hire of Olswang's Ian Felstead. Felstead specialises in commercial, media and regulatory litigation and has acted on high profile matters such as for News Group Newspapers regarding the hacking scandal.

◆ **Linklaters**

Linklaters has hired Sarah Mook as a partner in the firm's Restructuring team. Sarah joins from Goldman Sachs where she was a managing director. Her areas of expertise include special situations and company side advisory, financing, equity, distressed M&A and capital structure solutions.

◆ **Marriott Harrison**

Marriott Harrison has added to its IP and Real Estate teams with Alex Denoon, Julian Hitchcock and Nick Smith. Life Sciences experts Denoon and Hitchcock practised together at Denoon Legal and specialise in advising pharmaceutical and medical technology companies on IP matters. Smith joins the real estate team from Thor Lion, specialising in development and secured lending.

◆ **McDermott Will & Emery**

McDermott has expanded its restructuring and insolvency offering by hiring Alan Gar from Simmons & Simmons. Gar has substantial experience in advising financial institutions on restructuring and insolvency matters.

- ◆ **Mishcon de Reya**

Mishcon de Reya gains another commercial disputes partner as Genevieve Quierin joins from Humphries Kerstetter. Quierin has a broad practice with a focus on complex commercial litigation, regulatory investigations, professional negligence claims and competition litigation. The firm has also hired two Berwin Leighton Paisner partners: restructuring & insolvency specialist David Leibowitz joins after nearly 30 years at BLP and Joanna Lampert bolsters the property litigation practice.
- ◆ **Morgan Lewis & Bockius**

Morgan Lewis & Bockius has strengthened its White Collar practice with Norton Rose Fulbright's global co-head of investigations, Chris Warren-Smith and disputes partner Melanie Ryan. Warren-Smith will lead Morgan Lewis's White Collar, Corporate Investigations and Sanctions Practice and advises on financial crime, fraud, compliance, regulatory and corruption issues. Ryan specialises in commercial litigation and advises corporates, financial institutions and professionals on investigations and regulatory enforcement issues.
- ◆ **Morton Fraser**

Leading Scottish law firm Morton Fraser has enhanced its business banking expertise and links to the City of London with the appointment of Ross Caldwell in the Banking & Asset Finance team. Caldwell joins from Taylor Wessing and specialises in advising lenders, borrowers and sponsors in complex financing transactions.
- ◆ **New Quadrant Partners**

New Quadrant Partners has hired Marilyn McKeever into its Tax practice. She joins from Berwin Leighton Paisner and specialises in international and UK estate tax planning, including personal and trust taxation.
- ◆ **Paul Hastings**

Paul Hastings has hired corporate crime and investigations partner Simon Airey to lead its new White Collar Crime and Corporate Investigations practice in London. Airey formally led DLA Piper's tax investigations team where he focussed on regulatory, criminal and civil litigation, money laundering, fraud and bribery.
- ◆ **Paul Weiss Rifkind Wharton & Garrison**

Paul Weiss makes a very rare move with the hire of Alvaro Membrillera to its Corporate Group from Simpson Thacher & Bartlett. Membrillera focuses on private equity mergers and acquisitions and high-yield offerings for underwriters and private equity sponsors in Europe and Latin America.
- ◆ **Pattinson & Brewer**

Barrister and counsel, Elizabeth George has joined Pattinson & Brewer as partner and head of employment from Leigh Day. George specialises in discrimination.
- ◆ **Proskauer Rose**

Proskauer Rose has appointed Paul Lucas from Linklaters where he was counsel. His specialisation includes UK and international banking transactions, hospitality and advising financial institutions and private equity sponsors on real estate finance.
- ◆ **Rosenblatt Solicitors**

Former Edwin Coe partner, Stuart Nash has been appointed by Rosenblatt Solicitors to its Construction Group. Coe specialises in property development and dispute resolution with experience in ICC, LCIA and AAA arbitrations.
- ◆ **Shakespeare Martineau**

Shakespeare Martineau welcomes Bruce Jury, John Archer and Paul Spibey into its Commercial



Property, Banking & Finance and Finance & Disputes practices respectively. Jury and Archer both join from Moore Blatch. Jury has experience in all aspects of real estate law and Archer advises lenders, borrowers and investment managers on the financing of real estate. Spibey joins from Mills & Reeve and focuses on advising banks, fund managers and building societies on a range of issues, including mis-selling of financial services products, fraud and insurance related issues.

#### ◆ Shoosmiths

National law firm Shoosmiths has expanded its venture capital offering with the appointment of corporate lawyer Steve Barnett from US firm Orrick where he was special counsel. Barnett advises high-tech and fast growth companies at all stages of their development, from seed, angel and venture capital financings through to exit. He also regularly acts for investors in these companies.

#### ◆ Simmons & Simmons

Simmons & Simmons hires three partners this round up – former Head of Construction Disputes at Bond Dickinson, Emily Monastiriotis, joins the International Dispute Resolution team. Monastiriotis specialises in construction disputes from an insurance perspective (professional risks) as well as pure construction (mainly contractor focused). Olswang's former interim CEO Michael Burdon joins Simmons' IP Litigation practice and capital markets lawyer Amer Siddiqui joins from Clifford Chance where he was a senior associate. Siddiqui advises on a range of securitisation and asset backed finance.

#### ◆ Stewarts Law

Stewarts Law has appointed Matthew Knowles and Kenny Henderson into its International Arbitration and Competition Litigation Groups

respectively. Knowles was director of litigation funding at Harbour Litigation Funding and has litigation experience from both an advisory and client perspective. Henderson was of counsel at Covington & Burling and has represented multinational clients in a wide range of competition related litigation. Both join as partners.

#### ◆ Thrings

Thring has expanded its Private Client Group with the return of Stuart Crippin as partner from his position as managing associate at Mishcon de Reya. Crippin has previously worked at Thrings and specialises in personal taxations and wealth planning across the UK and offshore.

#### ◆ Veale Wasbrough Vizards

Veale Wasbrough Vizards' merger with leading healthcare practice Lockharts sees Paul Werrell join its Healthcare team where he deals with a mixed caseload of contentious and non-contentious work.

#### ◆ Wallace

Employment lawyer Daniel Isaac joins Wallace from Withers. Isaac advises individuals and organisations on workplace relationships involving employment law, partnership law or shareholders' rights.

#### ◆ Weil Gotshal & Manges

Baker & McKenzie infrastructure and real estate finance specialist Paul Hibbert joins Weil Gotshal & Manges. His expertise covers leveraged finance, structured finance, real estate finance and general corporate banking with particular focus on advising both sponsors and lenders on significant financings of real assets. Hibbert's hire is part of a continued push by Weil to grow the firm's real assets platform.



✔ **White & Case**

Finance partner Chris McGarry joins White & Case from Ropes & Gray. McGarry will become a member of the Capital Markets practice and support the structured finance team in London.

✔ **Winckworth Sherwood**

Winckworth Sherwood has boosted its Real Estate team with the appointment of Andrew Kinsey from Rosenblatt where he was head of Real Estate. Kinsey specialises in all aspects of the acquisition, development, financing, management and disposal of high-value commercial and residential real estate.

✔ **Winston & Strawn**

US firm Winston & Strawn continues the expansion of its London office with the hire of Angus Duncan. Duncan, who was previously at Cadwalader Wickersham & Taft, advises on the securitisation of a range of assets including loans, consumer assets, trade receivables, commercial real estate and hedge fund interests.

✔ **The Specialist Partner Team**



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