

# Lateral Partner Moves in London

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 March – April 2016

◆ **Addleshaw Goddard**

The firm hires Ian Hindhaugh and Elvan Hussein. Hindhaugh moves as partner from Jones Day and specialises in real estate investment and development projects. Hussein is made up to partner in the corporate department, joining the firm from Allen & Overy where she was a senior associate.

◆ **Arnold & Porter**

Seasoned litigator Hilton Mervis joins the London office of this US firm from King & Wood Mallesons. Mervis focuses on international commercial litigation and becomes the firm's head of the commercial dispute resolution group for Europe.

◆ **Ashfords**

Employment lawyer Vanessa James moves to the firm from SA law where she was partner. Vanessa has expert sector knowledge in housing, homelessness, healthcare and contract/travel caterers.

◆ **Ashurst**

The firm bolsters its TMT practice and real estate practice with four partner hires in total. Nick Elverston and Amanda Hale both moves as partners from Herbert Smith Freehills, and focus on commercial, transactional and regulatory matters within the TMT sector. Elverston, previously a partner at Clifford Chance, was head of Herbert Smith's global TMT group. Darren Rogers and Patrick Williams both move to the firm's real estate department from King & Wood Mallesons. Rogers originally became partner at legacy SJ Berwin in 2010, while Williams was made up just under a year ago. Both partners specialise in investment transactions, joint ventures and general development work.

◆ **Baker Botts**

Paul Exley joins the London office of the Houston-headquartered firm from Jones Day. Exley has extensive experience in international and domestic transactional work with particular focus on cross-border M&A in the energy sector.

◆ **Baker & McKenzie**

The international firm makes its second major hire from Barclays Bank. Nicola Northway, Managing Director of the competition team at Barclays, moves to make partner in the firm's EU, competition and trade practice group. Northway's start date is yet to be confirmed.

◆ **Berwin Leighton Paisner**

The firm hires Edward Coulson and Ania Farren. Coulson returns to the firm as partner in the litigation and corporate risk practice. Coulson was previously a senior associate at the firm before leaving to make partner at Hausfeld in 2015. Farren is made up to partner in the firm's international arbitration practice, and joins from K&L Gates where she was special counsel in the international arbitration group.

◆ **Boies, Schiller & Flexner**

The firm strengthens its international disputes and regulatory practice with the hire of Matthew Getz. Getz moves to the London office of the US firm from Debevoise & Plimpton, where he was international counsel in the firm's white collar & regulatory defence group and IDR group.

◆ **Browne Jacobson**

Two hires for the national firm. Patent litigator Kathleen Fox Murphy is made up to partner, joining from Taylor Wessing where she was a consultant. Data protection and privacy lawyer Mark Gleeson joins from Squire Patton Boggs, where he led the UK data privacy and cyber team.

◆ **Carpmaels & Ransford**

The firm specialising in intellectual property hires David Wilson and Jake Marshall. Wilson joins from Herbert Smith Freehills and advises on technical issues within the life sciences sector and chemical industries. Marshall has particular focus on the life sciences and technology sectors and is made up to partner, moving from Arnold & Porter where he was counsel in the intellectual property team.

◆ **Cleary Gottlieb Steen & Hamilton**

The New York-based firm hires Allen & Overy's head of non-contentious financial services regulation, Bob Penn. Penn specialises in advising banks, asset managers, market infrastructure providers and financial institutions on national and international regulation.

◆ **Clifford Chance**

The magic circle firm hires the UK Competition and Market's Authority (CMA) Director of Mergers, Nelson Jung. Jung returns to the firm as a partner having previously been a senior associate, leaving in 2010 to become director of mergers at the Office of Fair Trading, prior to his post at the CMA.

◆ **DAC Beachcroft**

The firm hires two partners to join the real estate department of the London office. James Ross joins from Ashurst where he was a senior associate and specialises commercial development and investment. Nick Marshall, specialising in investment and corporate real estate, joins from EMW Law where he was partner and head of real estate in London.

◆ **Dechert**

The international firm builds its white collar crime team in London with the hire of Matthew Cowie. Cowie moves from Skadden Arps where he was counsel in the corporate investigations practice.

◆ **Dentons**

Two partner hires for the firm. Daren Allen, partner and head of corporate crime & investigations team at Berwin Leighton Paisner, joins the firm's London office. Allen's move is following the firm's hire of BLP's former head of corporate finance in December 2015. Patent litigation specialist, Campbell Forsyth also joins the firm from King & Wood Mallesons. Forsyth has particular focus on the telecommunications, electronics and life science industries and was previously a partner at Olswang.

◆ **DLA Piper**

The firm boosts the funds practice at the firm with the hire of Andrew Wylie. Wylie joins from Nabarro where he was partner and head of the firm's alternative investment funds practice.

◆ **Druces LLP**

The London-based law firm hires Robert Macro and Neil Morris who both join from Penningtons Manches. The hires mark the launch of the firm's international wealth and fiduciary practice. Macro, who specialises in complex international and domestic tax planning, will become head of the firm's new practice.

◆ **Edmonds Marshall McMahon**

Private prosecution specialist firm hires Sofie Hoffman from Boodle Hatfield. Hoffman has over ten years in heavyweight litigation, specialising in trust, asset tracing and fraud claims.

◆ **Eversheds**

Two hires for the national firm. Jonathan Leach joins the firm as an international arbitration partner in its commercial dispute resolution practice. Leach moves from the Singapore office at Hogan Lovells where he led the South-East Asian international arbitration practice. Sebastian Orton joins as a partner from Jones Day. Orton has extensive experience advising both private and public companies and financial institutions, and will enter the firm's corporate group.

◆ **Fieldfisher**

Simon Sloane joins the firm's London office from Reed Smith, where he was a partner based in the Singapore office. Sloane is an international arbitration specialist with particular focus on the energy, construction, hotel and leisure, and insurance industries.

◆ **Garrigues**

The Madrid-headquartered firm hires Winston & Strawn's co-head of international arbitration, Joe Tirado. Tirado, whose practice is largely centred around Latin American disputes, becomes the firm's

co-head of international arbitration in the London office. Tirado was previously head of international arbitration at Norton Rose.

◆ **Gateley**

The firm hires Chris Fanner as partner and head of corporate lending and leveraged finance in London. Fanner moves from King & Wood Mallesons and was previously partner at legacy Herbert Smith.

◆ **Gibson Dunn & Crutcher**

The US-headquartered firm hires James Perry from Ashurst. Perry is a regulatory and transactions lawyer with particular focus on the financial services and insurance industries.

◆ **Goodwin Procter**

Gretchen Scott joins the Boston-headquartered firm from King & Wood Mallesons as partner. Scott advised on all aspects of commercial contracts and joins the hospitality and leisure practice in the London office.

◆ **Hausfeld**

John McElroy joins the firm as partner from Quinn Emanuel where he was a senior associate. McElroy has a broad spread of litigation experience with particular focus on financial disputes.

◆ **Ince & Co**

The firm re-hires its global head of shipping, Faz Peermohamed, from Norwegian Hull Club. Peermohamed joined the firm's client, Norwegian Hull Club, as CEO in January 2016. Peermohamed has spent a total of 22 years at Ince & Co and headed the firm's shipping practice prior to his departure.

◆ **Irwin Mitchell**

The firm hires Akhil Sharma, as a partner, from legacy Wragge Lawrence Graham & Co where he was legal director. With particular focus on international corporate banking, Sharma joins the London banking and finance team of the firm and is the lead finance lawyer for the firm's India desk.

◆ **Jones Day**

Rebecca Swindells joins the firm from Fieldfisher as a partner. Swindells has extensive experience in intellectual property and heads up the firm's non-patent IP litigation practice.

◆ **King & Wood Mallesons**

The firm hires Greg Stonefield from Mayer Brown, to bolster its London capital markets practice. Stonefield is an M&A and ECM specialist with wide sector expertise, and was previously a partner at White & Case.

◆ **Lewis Silkin**

Commercial technology lawyer Natalie Moreno joins the firm from Charles Russell Speechly's. Moreno has over 20 years' experience in advising clients on international technology and data projects in the European Union.

◆ **Linklaters**

The firm hires Mark O'Neill and Peter Golden as partners in the London office. O'Neill is an experienced finance lawyer and joins the firm one year after leaving Allen & Overy in February 2015, where he was a former head of real estate finance. Private client and trusts lawyer, Golden moves from Forsters and becomes head of the UK trusts practice.

◆ **Mayer Brown**

The firm hires Guy Wilkes from the Financial Conduct Authority and two finance partners from Dentons. Wilkes leaves his post as head of department in retail and regulatory enforcement at the FCA, and joins the firm's financial services regulatory & enforcement practice. Tom Eldridge and Liz Soutter both join the firm's banking and finance practice from Dentons. Eldridge has experience advising lenders and borrower/sponsor clients on a range of project and export finance transactions; while Soutter is a highly-experienced funds lawyer, specialising in debt financing and asset management.

◆ **Mishcon de Reya**

David Rose joins the firm from King & Wood Mallesons, where he was head of intellectual property in Europe and specialises in trade mark, patent, copyright and design litigation.

◆ **Morrison & Foerster**

The firm boosts its London corporate offering with the hire of Andrew Boyd and Gary Brown, both from Latham & Watkins. The pair, who were previously associates, are made up to partner and strengthen the firm's corporate and M&A practices. Boyd's practice focuses on UK and international cross-border M&A; while Brown has extensive experience advising on transactions involving financial institutions.

◆ **Payne Hicks Beach**

Corporate lawyer Max Baird-Smith joins the private client and commercial client specialist firm from BDGS Associés. Baird-Smith leaves Paris and joins as a partner in the company and commercial department of the London-based firm.

◆ **Pinsent Masons**

Andrew McMillan joins the firm from Simmons & Simmons, where he was partner and former head of the TMT practice. McMillan has a wealth of experience advising TMT corporates, investments banks and private equity houses and was previously partner and head of the communications practice at Ashurst.

◆ **Quinn Emanuel Urquhart & Sullivan**

The California-headquartered firm hires Kate Vernon as a partner in the London office, from DLA Piper. Vernon was head of competition for the UK at DLA Piper and specialises in all aspects of competition law, with particular focus on contentious and litigious work.

◆ **Sidley Austin**

James Crooks joins the London office of the US firm as a partner from Willkie Farr & Gallagher. Crooks specialises in debt finance and leveraged finance with significant experience in private equity, capital

markets and debt restructuring transactions, and was previously a partner at Kirkland & Ellis.

◆ **Squire Patton Boggs**

Andrew Herring joins the London office of the US firm as a partner from DWF. Herring is an experienced transactions lawyer, advising both private and public sector clients in the transportation and energy industries.

◆ **Stephenson Harwood**

The firm hires corporate lawyer Anthony Clare from Ashurst. Clare advises on a broad range of corporate matters including M&A, joint ventures and equity capital markets, and has particular sector strength in biotechnology and life sciences.

◆ **Stevens & Bolton**

A magic circle partner hire for the Guildford-based firm. David Steinberg moves from Clifford Chance where he was partner and joint leader of the firm's insolvency and restructuring group in London. Steinberg will start at Stevens & Bolton in early June and will become co-head of its restructuring and insolvency team.

◆ **Stewarts Law**

James Price joins the litigation specialist firm from Farrer & Co. Price has broad experience acting for private clients, corporations, financial institutions and trustees, and joins as head of a new trust litigation practice at the firm.

◆ **Taylor Wessing**

Angus Miln joins the firm from Bird & Bird as partner in the corporate technology department. Miln specialises in venture capital and private equity transactions in technology, life sciences and cleantech sectors.

◆ **Travers Smith**

The firm hires Edward Smith from K&L Gates. Smith focuses on non-contentious insolvency work and business recovery, and joins the firm's the restructuring and insolvency practice.

### White & Case

Two partner hires for the firm's London office. Lindsey Canning is made up to partner in the firm's global intellectual property practice, moving from Freshfields, where she was counsel. Canning has extensive experience advising clients on matters involving M&A transactions, IPOs and joint ventures. Jonathan Parry strengthens the firm's ECM practice, moving as a partner from Ashurst. Parry has advised on high-profile IPOs and M&A transactions, acting for clients including UK and US-based investment banks and funds. Parry's start date at the firm is to be confirmed.

### Winckworth Sherwood

The firm hires Anita Rai and Jodie Campbell as partners. Employment lawyer Rai, joins the firms expanding employment practice from Taylor Vinters and specialises in senior board level disputes, restrictive covenants and team moves. Real Estate lawyer Campbell, joins the residential development team from Howard Kennedy, where she was partner and head of its residential and investment team.

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