


Lateral Partner Moves in London



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◆ Addleshaw Goddard

Angus Gill, who was of counsel in the finance department at Hogan Lovells, joins the London banking team at Addleshaw Goddard as a partner.

◆ Allen & Overy

The firm fortifies its real estate finance practice with the appointment of structured finance specialist Lucy Oddy. Oddy joins from Latham & Watkins to advise on a broad range of structured finance and securitisation transactions.

◆ ARC Pensions Law

This roundup sees Anne-Marie Winton join recently established boutique law firm ARC Pensions Law. Winton, a specialist with almost twenty years' experience of commercial pensions transactions, joins from Nabarro.

◆ Baker & McKenzie

Baker & McKenzie welcomes data protection specialist Dyann Heward-Mills to its privacy practice. Heyward-Mills leaves his role as in-house global senior privacy counsel at GE Capital.

◆ Berkeley Law

Leading trusts and private client lawyer Edward Stone has been recruited to boutique legal and advisory outfit Berkeley Law. Stone leaves Collas Crill, where he acted as London head, to join the international/ UK tax and structuring practice.

◆ Bird & Bird

Bird & Bird makes its first lateral partner hire this year with the addition of privacy partner James Mullock. Previously at Osborne Clarke, Mullock brings expertise in data protection and cyber risk.

◆ Brechers Solicitors

Boutique real estate law firm Brechers Solicitors welcomes two partners. Meera Jansen joins as a banking and finance partner from DMH Stallard, with a focus on general banking, restructuring and insolvency matters. Richard Gilchrist also joins as

head of property finance, following eleven years at Glovers Solicitors.

◆ Brown Rudnick

Brown Rudnick has hired its first employment partner into the London office. Nicola Kerr joins the firm from King Wood & Mallesons where she was European head of employment.

◆ Clifford Chance

Bringing a focus on public and private international law, Jessica Gladstone joins the disputes practice of this magic circle firm. Formerly at Debevoise & Plimpton, Gladstone leaves her role as international counsel and joins Clifford Chance as a partner.

◆ Clyde & Co

Richard Power, formerly arbitration co-head at Berwin Leighton Paisner, joins the global arbitration practice at Clyde & Co.

◆ CMS Cameron McKenna

Milbank, Tweed, Hadley & McCloy senior associate Satyen Dhana joins the competition team at CMS Cameron McKenna as a partner. Dhana advises on all aspects of competition and EU law.

◆ Cooley

This roundup marks the 24th lateral partner hire at Cooley's London office. Executive compensation and equity incentive specialist Paula Holland joins the London office from WilmerHale.

◆ Crowell & Moring

A head of practice announcement for Crowell & Moring this roundup. Jonathan Lisle begins his role as head of corporate, moving from DLA Piper. Lisle is an M&A specialist and has particular experience in healthcare.

◆ Dechert

The hire of Paul Fleming, from DLA Piper, fortifies the firm's litigation offering in London. Fleming spent twenty years at DLA Piper and his focus areas include insolvency, asset tracing and recovery.

◆ Dentons

Dentons makes two significant hires; Tracey Sheehan joins the telecoms practice from Taylor Wessing where she was head of telecoms and secondly, debt and equity capital markets partner Nikolas Colbridge joins the firm from Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom.

◆ Dorsey & Whitney

Dorsey & Whitney makes a major hire this roundup with the recruitment of private equity partner Fabrizio Carpanini. Carpanini departs his role as international head of corporate at Olswang. The firm has also recruited Rajan Shori as head of real estate finance from Howard Kennedy.

◆ DWF

John Benjamin joins from White & Case to strengthen this national firm's corporate offering. Benjamin, promoted from counsel to partner, brings expertise in intellectual property, technology and data protection.

◆ Fieldfisher

Fieldfisher bolsters its finance practice with the hire of project finance specialist Matthew Hinxman from Baker Botts, where he was special counsel.

◆ Excello Law

Virtual law firm Excello Law benefits from the demise of Scottish firm McClure Naismith with the hire of project finance specialist Ashok Gosh. Gosh joins the firm as it approaches its sixth months in partnership with US counterpart Rimon.

◆ Eversheds

Stuart Wortley, formerly head of real estate litigation at Pinsent Masons, joins Eversheds' real estate disputes practice.

◆ Forsters

Litigation lawyer Ben Walton has joined the disputes resolution practice at Forsters as a partner from Jones Day, where he was an associate.

◆ Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher

Two significant capital markets hires were announced. Both Chris Haynes and Steve Thierbach join from Herbert Smith Freehills, where US qualified Thierbach was head of capital markets.

◆ Hausfeld

Senior associate Anna Morfey joins boutique claimant competition litigation firm Hausfeld as a partner from Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer. Morfey's practice covers all areas of contentious and non-contentious European and competition law.

◆ Herbert Smith Freehills

A singular hire this autumn for Herbert Smith Freehills. US qualified capital markets partner Tom O'Neill joins from King & Spalding to head up the US securities practice. O'Neill was previously a partner at Linklaters in London.

◆ Holman Fenwick & Willan

With a focus on insurance, reinsurance and financial institutions, Christopher Cardona joins Holman Fenwick & Willan. Cardona was previously an insurance partner at Chadbourne & Parke. The firm also welcomes banking and asset finance partner Stephen Marais from Ince & Co.

◆ Jenner & Block

This Chicago headquartered firm has appointed solicitor-advocate Charlie Lightfoot, from White & Case, to the newly established London office. As head of litigation and arbitration, Lightfoot brings expertise on cross border disputes.

◆ K & L Gates

Giles Bavister joins the tax practice group from King & Wood Mallesons, advising on a range of real estate transactions.

◆ Katten Muchin Rosenman

US firm Katten Muchin Rosenman launches its London employment team with the hire of Christopher Hitchins, who joins the firm from Lewis Silkin.

King & Spalding

US qualified structured finance and derivatives specialist Thomas Jones joins King & Spalding from magic-circle firm Allen & Overy. This is the fourth hire for the London office this year.

King Wood & Mallesons

An addition to King & Wood Mallesons' banking practice as Lorraine Vaz joins the leveraged finance group from Clifford Chance, where she was a director in the leveraged finance practice.

Kirkland & Ellis

The firm has added private equity partner Roger Johnson to its ranks. Johnson departs Linklaters, where he was head of private equity in the Nordic region.

Lewis Silkin

Digital media specialist David Deakin joins the media, brands and technology team. He was previously a legal consultant at Wiggin.

Macfarlanes

The firm boosts its real estate practice with the notable hire of Gerald Kelly. Kelly, the first lateral hire for Macfarlanes this year, is set to move from Ashurst where he has been partner since 2001. Kelly has a broad focus on all aspects of the real estate market.

Maclay Murray & Spens

One of the Scottish "Big Four", Maclay Murray & Spens, bolsters its London practice with the hire of McClure Naismith litigator Philip Sewell.

Marriott Harrison

The firm ramps up its presence with four lateral hires this September. A team of three corporate focused partners join from the now defunct McClure Naismith; Jim Mackie, Nils Reid and Andrew Williamson. Banking and debt finance partner Brett Israel also joins the firm from Wragge Lawrence Graham & Co, specialising in insolvency and recovery.

Michelmores

Michelmores has recruited its first London-based employment partner this October. James Townsend joins from B P Collins and offers broad advice on all areas of employment law, with particular expertise in retail matters.

Mishcon de Reya

Another practice head hire this roundup. Anita Rivera joins Mishcon de Reya as head of planning. Rivera was previously head of planning at DAC Beachcroft.

Osborne Clarke

A new hire for the litigation team. Business crime specialist Jeremy Summers joins from Slater and Gordon, where he was head of business crime and regulation.

Pearl Cohen Zedek Latzer Baratz

Israel's largest patent firm ("Globes" Dun's 100 patent attorney rankings 2015) Pearl Cohen expands its London offering. Patent Litigator David Sant joins from Bird & Bird, where he was a senior associate, to launch the European Patent Litigation group.

Pinsent Masons

There have been two partner hires at Pinsent Masons. Reg Dhanjal joins the Legal 500 ranked TMT practice from DAC Beachcroft. He will advise on all aspects of telecoms, IT and outsourcing. The hotels practice also welcomes hospitality and leisure specialist Nick Skea Strachan from Berwin Leighton Paisner.

PwC Legal

In the same vein as previous roundups, partner expansion continues for PwC Legal. John Amberton, formerly senior associate at Baker & McKenzie, joins the international business reorganisations team as a partner.

◆ Ropes & Grey

Competition lawyer Ruchit Patel joins Ropes & Grey as the first London-based antitrust partner. Patel leaves Cleary Gottlieb Steen & Hamilton, where he was a senior associate.

◆ RPC

The firm has recruited Matthew Griffith from in-house general counsel at Worldpay. Griffith has over 20 years experience in a range of commercial and insurance matters, both at in-house and private practices. He was previously a partner at Sidley Austin in London and will join the corporate insurance and financial services team.

◆ Scott + Scott

This roundup witnesses the opening of the first European office for US law firm Scott + Scott. Belinda Hollway, formerly a senior associate at Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer, has been recruited to lead the London office. Hollway has varied contentious competition experience including; cartel investigations, damages litigation and domestic regulatory investigations.

◆ Shearman & Sterling

A significant hire to consolidate Shearman and Sterling's global M&A practice. Corporate partner Frank Miller joins after 16 years at Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer, where he was an M&A partner and co-head of the firms' TMT group.

◆ Signature Litigation

Niche commercial litigation firm Signature litigation has recruited Julian Connerty from Clyde & Co. Connerty joins the firm as a litigation and arbitration partner, citing conflict issues over RBS litigation as a reason for departure.

◆ Simmons & Simmons

Contentious IP specialist Mark Heaney departs Baker Botts for Simmons & Simmons. Heaney brings a variety of expertise in copyright, patent law and general IP matters.

◆ Steptoe & Johnson

Investigations partner John Rupp moves to US firm Steptoe & Johnson this autumn after forty years at Covington & Burlington. His new role will concentrate on international regulation/compliance and FCPA/Anti-corruption matters.

◆ Stewarts Law

Stewarts Law expands its arbitration practice with the addition of Thomas Williams from Foot Anstey, where he was head of disputes.

◆ Taylor Wessing

In a move to strengthen the newly launched corporate crime and fraud unit, Taylor Wessing has hired David McCluskey. He joins as the third co-head of the unit, following 17 years at Peters & Peters.

◆ Thomas Cooper

Two hires this October; Nick Humphreys bolsters the employment practice, joining from Hill Dickinson and corporate partner Sharon Fryer joins from PwC Legal, following almost 15 years at the firm.

◆ Trowers & Hamlins

A move to partnership from senior associate for Kashif Siddiqui, who joins Trowers & Hamlins from DLA Piper. Siddiqui's practice area includes cross border M&A work and restructurings.

◆ TWM Solicitors

Following the administration of veteran Scottish law firm McClure Naismith, Mark Parkhouse joins TWM Solicitors as head of insolvency and restructuring.

◆ Watson Farley & Williams

A quartet of hires announced this roundup. Joe McGladdery joins the maritime team from Norwegian law firm Wikborg Rein, specialising in LNG markets and offshore matters. Jeremy Robinson's arrival from Hill Dickinson bolsters the competition team. Andrew Savage joins the corporate team as partner from senior associate at Norton Rose Fulbright. And finally, Nigel Taylor joins

the London corporate practice from Clyde & Co.

Wedlake Bell

Rosalyn Breedy has been hired into the corporate team at Wedlake Bell from Forsters. Her focus areas are financial regulation and compliance.

White & Case

A trio of hires for White & Case. Jonathan Pickworth joins from Dechert, launching the firm's city based white collar crime team. The corporate practice also welcomes Kenneth Barry and Caroline Sherrell to bolster its private equity capabilities. Barry moves from one US firm to another, leaving his role as senior associate at Debevoise & Plimpton. Sherrell departs Clifford Chance following 9 years at the firm, making partner in 2012.

Willkie Farr & Gallagher

This roundup concludes with a hire into Willkie Farr & Gallagher's corporate and financial services group. Corporate insurance specialist Andy Tromans joins from Clyde & Co, bringing over 15 years of expertise to the corporate insurance transactional team.

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