

Lateral Partner Moves in London

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✦ **Allen & Overy**

The magic circle firm has fortified its private equity offering with the hire of Ashurst's former global head of corporate, Stephen Lloyd. Lloyd will co-head the private equity sector group at the firm.

✦ **Ashurst**

The international firm has brought in Francis Kucera to boost its finance practice. Kucera will start in March 2014 and brings DCM expertise in his transfer from Linklaters, where he was co-managing partner of the firm's Warsaw office.

✦ **Berwin Leighton Paisner**

The addition of real estate expert Karen Friebe from DLA Piper strengthens the firm's capability in this area. Friebe formerly held the position of global co-chair of the hospitality and leisure group at DLA Piper.

✦ **Blake Laphorn**

The hire of Robert Lyons from Shepherd and Wedderburn enhances this firm's London corporate practice.

✦ **Bracewell & Guiliani**

This US firm has bolstered its London energy practice with the lateral hire of construction expert Tracy London from Clifford Chance.

✦ **Carey Olsen**

Emma Russell, formerly a senior associate at King & Wood Mallesons SJ Berwin, has joined this specialist offshore firm as a partner. Russell brings expertise in corporate financing with an offshore focus.

✦ **Chadbourne & Parke**

The recruitment of Nikolai Mikhailov marks a strengthening of the US firm's capital markets practice. With geographical specialisms including Russia, CIS and Central/Eastern Europe, Mikhailov will be an international partner spending time in both London and Moscow. He joins from Clifford Chance.

✦ **CMS Cameron McKenna**

Returning from Osborne Clarke to the firm that he departed in 2011, the hire of Keith Webster marks a strengthening of the firm's pensions offering. Webster's focus is on investment and liability management.

✦ **Collyer Bristow**

Jonathan Wiese joins from Ashfords to strengthen the firm's real estate offering. Wiese brings a wide range of commercial property expertise.

✦ **Davis Polk & Wardwell**

The elite US firm has announced the hire of Nick Bernham into its finance practice. He joins from Ashurst and brings expertise in banking and leveraged finance.

✦ **Debevoise & Plimpton**

With a focus on contentious energy and infrastructure matters, the hire of Tony Dymond from Herbert Smith Freehills has added to this US firm's London litigation practice.

✦ **Dentons**

Bryan Johnston, a senior associate at Clifford Chance, joins the firm as a partner with a focus on real estate litigation to strengthen its offering in this area.

✦ **DLA Piper**

The addition of former Clifford Chance and US qualified aviation finance expert, Tony Lopez, into its London office strengthens this firm's structured finance practice.

✦ **Eversheds**

To consolidate its tax offering, the firm has announced the hire of Giles Salmond from Deloitte. A specialist in indirect tax litigation, Salmond will head the VAT disputes and indirect taxes practice.

✦ **Fasken Martineau**

The Canadian firm has announced a double hire into its finance practice this month. Elizabeth Uwaifo joins from Sidley Austin, where she was a partner in the firm's London finance group, and brings expertise in derivatives and structured finance. Francis Nwokedi joins from UniCredit Bank, also focusing on structured finance.

✦ **Field Fisher Waterhouse**

The hire of Rhodri Pazzi-Axworthy marks a strengthening of this firm's real estate offering. Pazzi-Axworthy joins from Nabarro and will start in January 2014.

✦ Fladgate

A flurry of strategic hires announced for the London-based firm. Bolstering its corporate practice, M&A specialist Ian Brent joins from DAC Beachcroft and Marc Sosnow joins from Teacher Stern, where he was co-head of the firm's hotels practice. Alan Woolston, former head of construction and projects at Field Fisher Waterhouse, strengthens its construction capability.

✦ Hill Dickinson

A string of hires announced for the firm this round-up. Richard Creamer joins from Hempsons to strengthen the firm's insurance practice, bringing expertise in the medical/dental sector. Louise Millington-Roberts, departing from Kerman & Co, consolidates the firm's regulatory offering. The addition of Claire Wheatley from Blake Laphorn highlights the firm's fortification of its finance practice. Wheatley's focus is on acquisition finance, corporate banking and capital markets.

✦ Hogan Lovells

Two strategic hires announced for this international firm. Louise Moore returns to the firm to add to its corporate offering, having left for Herbert Smith Freehills in 2007. Moore brings expertise in energy, natural resources and infrastructure. Mark Jones joins from Norton Rose Fulbright to consolidate the firm's competition practice. Jones was part of Norton Rose Fulbright's firm-wide supervisory board.

✦ Katten Muchin Rosenmann

This US firm has strengthened the financial services capability of its London office with the hire of Barry Breen, a US qualified lawyer from Sidley Austin.

✦ Keystone Law

Lawrence Abramson has been recruited as a litigation specialist, his focus being on music, television, film, sports and publishing. He joins from Fladgate and will start in January 2014.

✦ Lee & Thompson

This media and entertainment firm has recruited Sam Tatton-Brown from Davenport Lyons. Tatton-Brown specialises in finance matters in the TV and film sector.

✦ Macfarlanes

The silver circle firm has announced the hire of Scott Brodsky as a commercial partner specialising in projects, international energy and infrastructure. Brodsky joins from Baker & McKenzie where he was co-managing partner of its Johannesburg office.

✦ Mayer Brown

The US firm demonstrates its commitment to employment with the hire of Stefan Martin from Allen & Overy. Martin brings expertise in executive benefits and discretionary bonuses.

✦ Mishcon de Reya

The firm has made two new appointments. John Skoulding joins from SJ Berwin to consolidate the firm's tax offering. Ursula Danagher, a family lawyer specialising on financial issues, joins from Memery Crystal, where she was head of the firm's family offering.

✦ MJ Hudson

Senior associate Karma Samdup joins this boutique investments firm as a partner from CMS Cameron McKenna. Samdup will head the firm's venture capital practice.

✦ Paul Hastings

To bolster its London real estate offering this US firm has announced the hire of David Ryland, a commercial property expert from SJ Berwin.

✦ Ropes & Gray

Brenda Coleman joins from fellow US firm Weil Gotshal & Manges to fortify the firm's London tax offering with her corporate tax focus.

✦ Squire Sanders

A double strategic hire revealed for the firm this roundup. Gary Paddison and senior associate Rachel Orton both join as partners from DLA Piper to strengthen the firm's real estate offering. Both will start at the end of the financial year.

✦ Stewarts Law

In a move that consolidates their family offering, the firm has hired Nicola Wager from Penningtons Manches. Wager brings expertise in high-net-worth individuals, offshore trust structures and tax issues.

✦ **Sullivan & Worcester**

The US firm has announced two hires into its finance practice. Mark Norris joins from Squire Sanders and specialises in credit, trade and commodity and acquisition finance. Simon Cook joins from Dentons and focuses on structured finance and emerging markets.

✦ **Watson Farley & Williams**

Joe Levin joins from Wragge & Co to bolster this firm's project finance capability. Levin specialises in reserve-based lending and was formerly a director in the energy and infrastructure finance team at Wragge & Co.

✦ **Wedlake Bell**

The hire of Suzanne Gill, a commercial property expert focusing on office, retail and telecoms premises, from Pinsent Masons strengthens this firm's real estate practice.

✦ **Wiggin**

Medwyn Jones has joined from Harbottle & Lewis to consolidate the film and TV offering at this media boutique.

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