

# Lateral Partner Moves in London



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◆ **Andrews Kurth**

Two strategic hires for the Houston based firm in the arbitration practice; Melanie Williams, who will join as head of international arbitration, and Markus Esly, a senior associate, were both hired from Chadbourne&Parke.

◆ **Ashurst**

The international firm boosts its energy practice with the hire of Michael Burns from Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer. Burns was counsel at the magic circle heavyweight and brings sector expertise in power, oil and gas.

◆ **Baker & McKenzie**

The international firm has strengthened its acquisition/leverage finance offering with the hire of Clifford Chance senior associate Paul Hibbert.

◆ **Bingham McCutchen LLP**

The hire of competition expert Frances Murphy marks an expansion for the US firm's London office. Murphy joins from Jones Day, where she was London head of antitrust.

◆ **Boies Schiller & Flexner**

The firm has recruited Natasha Harrison from Bingham McCutchen LLP. A specialist in financial litigation/arbitration, Harrison will head the newly launched London office of this US firm.

◆ **Brown Rudnick**

A double appointment for the US based firm; Sophie McGrath joins the corporate/M&A practice from Morrison & Foerster where she was of counsel whilst Peter Bibby, formerly of Bingham McCutchen LLP, strengthens their white collar crime offering.

◆ **Cadwalader Wickersham & Taft**

The US firm makes a double hire into its London office from Mayer Brown; Bruce Bloomingdale, former head of Mayer Brown's London finance practice, and Jeremiah Wagner bolster the firm's offering in securitisation/structured finance.

◆ **Charles Russell**

The firm has announced two new appointments. Jonathan Radcliffe, a patent litigation expert, moves from Mayer Brown, the third former Mayer Brown partner to join Charles Russell after Mary Bagnall and Ian Wood. The firm also hired IT specialist David Skinner, who was director of outsourcing boutique Radiant.Law.

◆ **Clifford Chance**

The magic circle firm has fortified its tax offering with the hire of former head of Berwin Leighton Paisner's contentious tax practice, Leisl Fichardt.

◆ **Covington & Burling**

The addition of former Stephenson Harwood financial regulation expert, Charlotte Hill, into their London office strengthens the US firm's capability in this area.

◆ **Davenport Lyons**

The West-End firm has announced the hire of Colin Sawdy into their IP practice. He joins from Edwards Wildman, where he was an associate, and brings expertise in trademarks, design and copyright.

◆ **Dentons**

The firm has revealed two strategic hires. Byron Nurse joins from Eversheds, specialising in non-contentious restructuring and insolvency whilst Babette Marzheuser-Wood, who is dual UK and German qualified, joins from Field Fisher Waterhouse to bolster their franchising capability.

◆ **Devonshires Solicitors**

The addition of Neil Toner marks a strengthening of this firm's real estate offering. Toner joins from Lewis Silkin and will head the firm's projects department.

◆ **DLA Piper**

Two strategic hires in corporate announced for the international firm. Patrick Somers joins from Berwin Leighton Paisner, where he was Managed Legal Services head, having previously served as General Counsel for Lattice Group. James O'Donnell, a senior associate at Debevoise & Plimpton, joins the firm as a partner with a focus on international private investment funds to strengthen its funds practice.

✦ **Field Fisher Waterhouse**

The hire of Luke Whitmore, formerly of counsel at Baker & McKenzie, is indicative of the firm's intention to continue to build its structured finance and derivatives offering.

✦ **Greenberg Trauring Maher**

Stephen Horvath has joined the London office of this US firm in its corporate and securities practice. Formerly at Dewey & Leboeuf, Horvath headed their European M&A offering, was a member of their European Council and was one of two partners responsible for winding down affairs following the firm's collapse.

✦ **Hausfeld & Co**

The addition of Boris Bronfentrinker, a former senior associate at Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer, highlights the firm's focus on consolidating its commercial litigation practice.

✦ **Hill Dickinson**

The firm has brought in two hires to its London office from US firm Riker Danzig Scherer Hyland & Perretti. Andrew Schütte and Neil Ellis strengthen the firm's insurance/reinsurance offering, bringing particular expertise in the property, energy and casualty sectors.

✦ **Hogan Lovells**

A double strategic hire announced by this international firm. Joining from SJ Berwin, Ed Harris will bolster their private equity offering and Eduardo Usteran will head the firm's European privacy and information practice upon leaving Field Fisher Waterhouse, where he had built and led the privacy offering. Usteran will join the firm in May 2015 after serving a 19 month notice period.

✦ **Howard KennedyFSI**

Ian Reid has been recruited as a construction specialist, his practice being a 50/50 contentious and non-contentious split. Reid joins from Brisbane's Corr Chambers Westgarth, where he was a senior overseas legal adviser, and will head the firm's construction team.

✦ **Irwin Mitchell**

The firm has made two new appointments. Nigel Kissack will head the firm's commercial litigation offering from November. He joins from Exigent, where he was global strategy consultant having previously been head of litigation at Pinsent Masons. Georgie Collins joins as a senior partner, having previously headed the IP offering at both Brown Rudnick and Lawrence Graham.

✦ **Jones Day**

This US firm announces two hires this round up; Michael Weir follows Raymond McKeeve from Berwin Leighton Paisner to join the private equity practice and Brian Conway joins from Latham & Watkins to add his expertise in banking and capital markets.

✦ **King & Spalding**

The hire of Angela Hayes from Mayer Brown launches the firm's London financial services regulatory practice.

✦ **Latham & Watkins**

Tom Evans has joined the London office of the US firm to bolster their private equity offering. Evans joins from Clifford Chance, following in the footsteps of David Walker who made the same switch in April.

✦ **Macfarlanes**

The silver circle firm demonstrates its commitment to commercial real estate with the hire of Anthony Burnett-Scott from Ashurst. The move follows the recent additions of Clare Breeze and Ann Minogue, also from Ashurst, to the team earlier in the year.

✦ **Mayer Brown**

The US firm has announced a string of six hires since the last round up. David O'Connor, a senior associate from Allen & Overy, Mayank Gupta, a senior associate from White & Case, and Richard Todd, from Berwin Leighton Paisner, have bolstered the firm's banking and finance practice and will join the partnership in the next few months. Trevor Wood, also from Berwin Leighton Paisner, brings expertise in finance and restructuring. Patricia Jones boosts the real estate team, arriving from SJ Berwin and bringing experience in development and joint ventures. Finally, Greg Stonefield strengthens the corporate and securities team. Stonefield joins from White & Case and brings expertise in ECM/M&A.

✦ **McGuire Woods**

Two hires revealed for this US firm. To add to their debt finance capability, Asheesh (Ash) Kumar Das has joined from Stephenson Harwood. David Kirk joins from the Financial Conduct Authority, where he was Chief Criminal Counsel, and brings expertise in government, regulatory and criminal investigations.

✦ **Michelmores**

To bolster its London offering, the firm has added Brian Hitchcock, a senior associate who will join as a partner specialising in construction from Trowers&Hamlins, and Roger Fink, a corporate M&A and private equity expert from Pinsent Masons, to its London office. Fink held various positions at Pinsent Masons, including head of corporate, head of private equity and member of the board. He will head the London corporate team at the firm.

✦ **Mishcon de Reya**

The firm has added to its corporate team with the hire of Adam Rose, who was head of Berwin Leighton Paisner's information law unit. He leaves after 23 years at BLP and is a data protection and freedom of information expert.

✦ **Nabarro**

The City firm has hired Richard Brown from Osborne Clarke, who brings employment expertise, notably in the technology/marketing/recruitment arenas. Brown will join as new head of employment at the firm.

✦ **Osborne Clarke**

Andrew Bartlett, managing associate at Simmons & Simmons, joins the firm as a partner to strengthen its commercial litigation practice.

✦ **Pinsent Masons**

The international firm strengthens its insurance litigation offering with the hire of Manoj Vaghela from Clyde & Co.

✦ **Reed Smith**

The firm has announced the hire of Jonathan Solomon, who brings expertise in structured finance, trade and commodities to their energy group. Solomon joins from Dentons where, in 2008, he was tasked with relaunching legacy Denton Wilde Sapte's Singapore office.

✦ **Simmons & Simmons**

The arrival of Matthew Hooton from Ashurst demonstrates the commitment of this City firm to its commercial real estate offering.

✦ **SJ Berwin**

Bringing international arbitration experience, Paul Stothard joins from Dentons to bolster this firm's litigation practice. Stothard headed up Denton's Middle East dispute resolution practice from 2008 until 2012.

✦ **SpeechlyBircham**

The City firm has hired James Meaking, a senior associate from Taylor Wessing, to bolster their corporate tax offering.

✦ **Steptoe & Johnson**

The US firm has that Jeffrey Cottle will join its London office to strengthen the firm's international regulation and compliance practice. Cottle joins from BHP Billiton, where he was head of the anti-corruption and trade team within the company's legal and compliance function.

✦ **Taylor Wessing**

Matthew Jones joins from Nabarro and brings expertise in construction and engineering to fortify the firm's offering. Jones was head of infrastructure at Nabarro and is dual Australia and UK qualified.

✦ **White & Case**

The US firm has announced a double strategic hire with the aim of consolidating its private equity offering. Ian Bagshaw and Peter Youle join this coming January from Linklaters, where they co-headed the magic circle private equity practice.

✦ **Winckworth Sherwood**

The arrival of Xuan Pollard from Gordon Dadds bolsters this firm's corporate offering, with Pollard providing expertise in corporate/M&A matters.

✦ **Withers**

Julie Teal joins from Fenwick Elliot, strengthening the firm's construction practice with her expertise in the non-contentious construction sphere.

◆ Wragge& Co

The City firm has demonstrated its commitment to real estate with the hire of Reena Patel from DAC Beachcroft. Patel brings particular experience in real estate investment and development.

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