

Lateral Partner Moves in London

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◆ **Addleshaw Goddard**

Clive Smith has joined Addleshaw Goddard's Banking practice from Osborne Clarke. Smith specialises in rail and asset finance.

◆ **Ashfords**

Ashfords has appointed James Crighton as a partner, he joins the firm from Rollingsons Solicitors where he was a director and head of litigation and dispute resolution.

◆ **Berwin Leighton Paisner**

Berwin Leighton Paisner has hired international disputes duo George Burn and Richard Chalk, as well as financial regulatory lawyer Daniel Csefalvay. Burn joins from Vinson & Elkins and specialises in international investment arbitration. Chalk joins the firm's Commercial Dispute Resolution group having retired from Freshfields in April 2016, where he headed the Asia Disputes practice from Hong Kong, and he will have a dual focus on clients in London and Asia. Csefalvay has joined BLP from Linklaters after a previously announced move to Latham & Watkins failed to materialise; his practice is largely focused on advising on complex domestic and cross-border financial regulatory and transactional matters.

◆ **Bird & Bird**

Bird & Bird has appointed Clive Hopewell and Adam Carling to the Equity Capital Markets practice, both join the firm from Charles Russell Speechlys. Hopewell will head the Capital Markets team and has particular experience advising on dual listings between London and the Toronto and Australian Exchanges. Carling advises on a wide range of transactions, with a particular focus on the energy & utilities sector.

◆ **Boodle Hatfield**

Boodle Hatfield has appointed Dennis Ko as a partner. Prior to his appointment, Ko was an

associate at Kennedys, he is experienced in all aspects of commercial property with a focus on development.

◆ **Carter-Ruck**

Carter-Ruck has hired litigation and international arbitration lawyer Matthew Wescott from DAC Beachcroft. Wescott specialises in the Latin American market.

◆ **Charles Russell Speechlys**

Charles Russell Speechlys has appointed Megan Paul as a partner in the Commercial team; she joins the team from Mayer Brown where she was a senior associate. Paul advises on the commercial aspects of private equity and M&A transactions and is experienced in technology, communications, and large-scale outsourcing transactions.

◆ **Clyde & Co**

Clyde & Co has hired two disputes lawyers, Tim Crockford and Alejandro Garcia. Crockford was an associate at Gowling WLG, and joins the Professional and Financial Disputes group where he will specialise in contractual and tortious disputes. Previously a senior associate at Winston & Strawn, Garcia will join the Global Arbitration group, his practice will focus on investment treaty arbitration and international commercial litigation.

◆ **CMS Cameron McKenna**

Private equity lawyer Peter Lewis has joined CMS Cameron McKenna as a partner from White & Case, where he worked as counsel. Lewis specialises in advising mid-market financial sponsors, portfolio companies and management teams on cross-border and domestic transactions.

- ✔ **Crowell & Moring**
Crowell & Moring has hired corporate partner Amy Comer from Morgan, Lewis & Bockius. Comer will advise on cross-border and U.S. domestic investment and financial matters, with a primary focus on emerging markets.
- ✔ **DAC Beachcroft**
Matthew Olorenshaw has joined the Insurance practice at DAC Beachcroft from DWF. Olorenshaw acts in high-value construction-related disputes.
- ✔ **Dechert**
Dechert has hired a trio of new partners: Christopher Field and Jane Scobie from Kirkland & Ellis and Monica Gogna from Ropes & Gray. Field specialises in private equity and M&A transactions, and Scobie focuses on the tax aspects of commercial transactions. Gogna is a financial services regulatory partner who specialises in advising financial institutions in the asset management sector.
- ✔ **Dentons**
Dentons has hired two new partners: Jonathan Garforth, a former senior associate at Allen & Overy, and Catriona Lloyd, a former counsel at Linklaters. Garforth advises clients on non-contentious regulatory matters and will join the firm's Financial Services Regulatory practice. Lloyd joins the Capital Markets practice where she will advise various stakeholders on a wide range of capital markets products.
- ✔ **DWF**
DWF has announced the appointment of commercial lawyer Sir Nigel Knowles as its new chairman along with the hires of corporate duo Andrew Carpenter and Mel Sims. Knowles was most recently the senior managing partner and global co-chair of DLA Piper but retired in June 2016. Carpenter was an international divisional managing partner for Addleshaw Goddard and specialises in private equity backed transactions, private company M&A, and international restructurings and financings. Sims joins from DLA Piper and specialises in joint venture enterprises and acting for corporates on cross-border M&A deals.
- ✔ **Eversheds Sutherland**
Former head of investigations and enforcement at TLT Solicitors, Jake McQuitty, has joined Eversheds Sutherland. McQuitty joins the Financial Services Disputes and Investigations team and has extensive experience acting for financial institutions, corporations, and individuals globally in relation to criminal and regulatory investigations.
- ✔ **Faegre Baker Daniels**
Sloan Kelly has joined Faegre Baker Daniels from Dorsey & Whitney where he led the Commercial Real Estate team. Kelly specialises in real estate investment and commercial real estate finance.
- ✔ **Glovers**
Darran Smith has joined Glovers from Fladgate. Smith has a wide-ranging property practice, and acts for a number of stakeholders including banks, developers, and landlords.
- ✔ **Goodman Derrick**
Goodman Derrick has hired Tom Pemberton from Beale & Company Solicitors and Dominic Whelan from Brecher. Pemberton is a construction specialist and Whelan advises developers, investors, and asset managers on commercial property transactions.
- ✔ **Hill Dickinson**
Former senior associate at Charles Russell Speechlys, Jaspal Sekhon, has joined Hill Dickinson's Corporate team as a partner. Sekhon

has experience of capital markets, M&A, and equity fundraisings and investments.

◆ **Hodge Jones & Allen**

Hodge Jones & Allen have appointed Kiran Mehta as a partner in the Criminal Defence team, prior to joining the team Mehta was a senior associate at Neumans. His practice consists of high-profile white-collar crime cases, including investigations and prosecutions by the Competition Markets Authority (CMA), the Financial Conduct Authority (FCA), and the Serious Fraud Office (SFO).

◆ **Hogan Lovells**

Hogan Lovells has hired energy lawyer Arun Velusami from Norton Rose Fulbright, and Angus Rankin who led the corporate legal function at Mitsubishi Hitachi Power Systems. Velusami acts for lenders and sponsors on a variety of international energy projects and project financings, with a focus on power projects in Africa. Rankin originally qualified into the Arbitration and Construction Engineering Disputes team at Hogan Lovells.

◆ **Howard Kennedy**

Jonathan Cohen has joined Howard Kennedy as a partner. Previously a solicitor at Eversheds Sutherland, Cohen specialises in renewables and low carbon energy transactions.

◆ **Irwin Mitchell**

Irwin Mitchell has hired two business law partners: Sarah Cardew and Jeremy Raj. Cardew joins from Teacher Stern as head of commercial tax. Raj joins as head of residential property from Wedlake Bell where he also headed the Residential Property team. He specialises in residential investment, development and funding, and portfolio acquisitions.

◆ **K&L Gates**

K&L Gates have welcomed Michelle Moran from Ropes & Gray to the Investment Management, Hedge Funds and Alternative Investments practice. Moran advises European and US clients of the establishment and management of retail and investment funds.

◆ **Kennedys**

Kennedys have hired David Chadwick from Mayer Brown where he headed the London Insurance and Reinsurance group. Chadwick specialises in policies involving political risk, financial risk, professional indemnity, and reinsurance.

◆ **Keoghs**

Marise Gellert has joined insurance disputes boutique Keoghs from Plexus Law. Gellert specialises in the recovery and defence of property damage claims and has particular expertise in the construction and electrical industries.

◆ **King & Spalding**

King & Spalding has appointed Gareth Rees QC as a partner, he joins from the Financial Reporting Council where he was executive counsel. Rees specialises in white-collar crime, regulatory, and investigations.

◆ **Kirkland & Ellis**

Kirkland & Ellis have hired James Board from Ropes & Gray and James Watson from Stephenson Harwood, both former senior associates join the firm as partners. Investment funds lawyer Board specialises in advising on the establishment and operation of various private investment funds. Watson joins the Restructuring practice and focuses on financial restructurings and formal insolvency mandates.

- ✔ **Lee & Thompson**
Media boutique Lee & Thompson has welcomed former senior associate Huw Morris as a partner from Reed Smith, as well as Sarah Barker, founder of creative industries practice Montgomery Barker. Morris led the UK Advertising group at his former firm and advises high-profile media clients on advertising and marketing law issues and digital media matters. Barker practises corporate and commercial law and will head the firm's Arts and Fashion groups.
- ✔ **Linklaters**
Tom Alabaster has joined Linklaters from US firm Latham & Watkins where he co-headed the investment funds practice. Alabaster will advise investment fund sponsors and investors on deals in Europe, with a focus on US institutions.
- ✔ **McCarthy Denning**
McCarthy Denning has hired commercial litigation partner Richard Stewart. Most recently at Bryan Cave, Stewart specialises in complex multi-jurisdictional disputes.
- ✔ **McDermott Will & Emery**
McDermott Will & Emery has hired Sharon Lamb and Ashley Winton. Lamb joins the firm's Health Practice group from Capsticks, where she was head of healthcare, and specialises in leading large and complex healthcare projects. Winton joins from Paul Hastings and specialises in technology, data privacy and cyber security law.
- ✔ **Memery Crystal**
Memery Crystal has hired two partners from DAC Beachcroft: intellectual property lawyer Robin Fry and technology lawyer Tim Sewart, who will head the Commercial, Media and Technology team. Fry was head of intellectual property at his former firm and is a copyright specialist with particular expertise in software licensing. Sewart advises on transactions in the technology sector.
- ✔ **Michelmores**
Michelmores has made a double hire this edition. M&A partner Philip Newhouse joins the Corporate team from McGuireWoods. Douglas Hawthorn joins the Banking, Restructuring & Insolvency team from Travers Smith, where he was a senior counsel. Hawthorn specialises in advising on debt restructuring.
- ✔ **Mishcon de Reya**
Guy Wilkes has joined Mishcon de Reya from Mayer Brown. Wilkes specialises in financial regulation and has particular experience in investigations and enforcement actions from his time at the FCA.
- ✔ **Morgan, Lewis & Bockius**
Morgan Lewis & Bockius has hired former Allen & Overy counsel Louise Skinner as a partner. Skinner joins the firm's Labour and Employment team and specialises in providing advice on all aspects of employment law.
- ✔ **Northridge Law**
A four partner sports law team has split from Charles Russell Speechlys to create boutique firm Northridge law, the founding partners include James Eighteen, Jon Walters, Ian Lynam and Jonathan Ellis. Both Ellis and Lynam headed the Sports team at their former firm. Walters and Lynam specialise in commercial and regulatory matters, while Eighteen and Ellis focus on commercial litigation.
- ✔ **Osborne Clarke**
Osborne Clarke has made four hires this issue: Michael Lewis, Tim Hewens, Rob Horne and Max Millington. Lewis joins the Financial Regulatory team from Pinsent Masons and will advise clients on new business and product launches and the regulatory aspects of M&A. Previously head of the Private Equity team at Squire Patton Boggs, Hewens specialises in M&A and private equity

transactions. Horne joins the Construction Disputes team from Simmons & Simmons, he advises on construction, engineering and infrastructure projects. Previously a senior associate at Freshfields, Millington joins the Banking team as a partner; he is a specialist in debt funds and regularly acts in the distressed opportunities market.

◆ **Pinsent Masons**

Pinsent Masons has appointed Anthony Newton as a partner in its Real Estate Development and Investment team. Newton joins from Hogan Lovells where he was a senior associate with particular expertise in Build to Rent (BTR) and the Private Rental Sector (PRS).

◆ **Reed Smith**

Reed Smith has strengthened its Private Equity and Investment Funds practice with the appointment of Leith Moghli from Kirkland & Ellis. Moghli specialises in advising global and European fund sponsors and financial institutions on the structuring and establishment of private funds across a variety of asset classes.

◆ **Shakespeare Martineau**

Shakespeare Martineau has appointed insurance litigation lawyer Narrinder Taggar as a partner, she joins the firm from Blake Morgan where she was a senior associate.

◆ **Sidley Austin**

Sidley Austin has hired James Wood from Ashurst. M&A lawyer Wood will join the London Corporate group.

◆ **Squire Patton Boggs**

Liz Pierson has joined Squire Patton Boggs' Tax, Strategy & Benefits practice from Clifford Chance where she was a director. Pierson advises on executive remuneration and incentives for public and private companies.

◆ **Stephenson Harwood**

Stephenson Harwood has hired Rubin Weston from Baker Botts. Weston will strengthen the firm's Global Finance practice, and specialises in oil and gas, LNG, mining, and infrastructure.

◆ **Taylor Wessing**

Taylor Wessing has appointed Mark Rajbenbach from Paul Hastings into its Real Estate team. Rajbenbach specialises in corporate real estate and has particular expertise in the hotels sector.

◆ **Thomas Cooper**

Thomas Cooper have welcomed Alex McIntosh as a member of its Shipping group in London. McIntosh joins the firm from Clyde & Co in Greece, and will advise clients on disputes arising under charterparties, bills of lading, shipbuilding, and restructuring contracts.

◆ **Veale Wasbrough Vizards**

Veale Wasbrough Vizards has hired charity specialist Paul Voller from Bircham Dyson Bell. Voller advises charity and not-for-profit clients in relation to corporate and commercial matters.

◆ **Vedder Price**

Dylan Potter has joined the Global Transportation Finance team at US firm Vedder Price from Allen & Overy, where he was a senior associate. Potter specialises in asset finance and has particular expertise in the aviation, shipping, satellite and equipment finance sectors.

◆ **Wedlake Bell**

Wedlake Bell has hired pensions partner Michael Salters from DWF. Salters' practice encompasses the breadth of pensions law advising corporate sponsors and trustees.

◆ **Wiggin**

Wiggin has bolstered its position in the computer games industry with the appointment of Paul Gardner, previously with Osborne Clarke.

Gardner specialises in commercial transactions and regulatory issues relating to the cross-over of technology and entertainment.

✔ **Winckworth Sherwood**

Winckworth Sherwood has appointed two new partners, Toni Vitale and Jon Baldwin, to establish a Regulatory and Compliance team. Formerly a legal director at Addleshaw Goddard, Vitale is a data and information specialist. Baldwin returns to Winckworth Sherwood from Trowers & Hamlins where he was an associate in the Public Sector Commercial team.

✔ **Withers**

Former head of immigration at Morgan Lewis, Tracy Evlogidis, will join Withers in the same role. Evlogidis acts for high-profile businesses, providing cross-border advice regarding employee mobility.

✔ **The Specialist Partner Team**



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