

Lateral Partner Moves in London



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✦ **Bond Dickinson**

The firm has hired Jonathan Drake from US insurance boutique Clausen Miller. He specialises in corporate and regulatory insurance. Also joining the firm is financial services regulation lawyer Andrew Barber, moving from Dentons.

✦ **Bristows**

Matt Dennis joins from Bird & Bird, where he was most recently its International Media Group Co-Head. His practice has a focus on international M&A and corporate transactions for clients in technology-related industries.

✦ **Carpmaels & Ransford**

Continuing its recent hiring spree, the niche IP practice has hired leading life sciences litigator Camilla Balleny from Pinsent Masons.

✦ **Clyde & Co**

The international firm has bolstered its clinical negligence team with the hire of Robert Wilson from Capsticks.

✦ **Duane Morris**

The US firm has hired Fasken Martineau's Head of Employment, Elena Cooper, to head its own employment practice in London.

✦ **DWF**

The national business law firm has recruited litigation partner Stefan Paciorek. He moves from Pinsent Masons, where he was the former Head of Commercial Litigation in London.

✦ **Ernst & Young**

In its third lateral hire of 2014, the professional services group has hired Daniel Aherne from Olswang, where he was Head of Employment. He has launched the firm's employment law practice.

✦ **Eversheds**

Cathryn Vanderspar has been hired as the new London Head of Tax, replacing Clive Jones. She joins from BLP, where she has been a tax partner for over 16 years. Another hire for the firm, Matthew Kelly joins from Thomas Eggar and specialises in education employment.

✦ **Fox Williams**

Jonathan Segal joins from Wragge Lawrence Graham & Co, where he was a director and Head of FinTech. He advises clients on FinTech and Alternative Finance and has particular expertise in peer-to-peer lending and crowdfunding platforms.

✦ **Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher**

The US firm has recruited Kirkland & Ellis's Head of Leveraged Finance, Stephen Gillespie. He specialises in complex business transactions, with particular experience in investment grade leveraged financing.

✦ **Greenberg Traurig Maher**

In a double hire for the firm, arbitration barrister Clotilde Lemarie and commercial litigation partner Adam Rooney both join from Gide Loyrette Nouel. Rooney specialises in complex cross-border commercial litigation, particularly financial services disputes and insolvency.

✦ **Harbottle & Lewis**

Gary Ashford joins from Kinetic Partners, where he specialised in tax investigations and disputes.

✦ **Hill Dickinson**

The firm has appointed Janet McWhinney to its Health Disputes Team. She joins from BLM, where she specialised in clinical negligence work for the Medical Protection Society and the NHS Litigation Authority.

✦ **Irwin Mitchell**

The firm has hired DWF's UK Head of Pensions Martin Jenkins, to head up its national pensions practice. He has experience of both public and private sector pensions.

✦ **Kennedys**

Professional indemnity partner Caterina Yandell joins from BLM. She specialises in high value, complex property disputes and professional negligence claims.

✦ **King & Spalding**

In a double hire, Markus Bauman joins from Latham & Watkins, where he was of Counsel; Tom O'Neill joins from Linklaters, where he spent seven years in the Paris office and then led the Magic Circle firm's Turkey desk from London. Both partners are US qualified and specialise in securities.

✦ **King & Wood Mallesons**

In a hat-trick of hires for the firm's structured real estate team, Cornelius Medvei, Clive Jones and William Naunton all join from Eversheds. Medvei held a number of roles including London Senior Partner and Head of Real Estate, Jones was the former Head of Tax and Naunton was the former International Head of Real Estate.

✦ **Kingsley Napley**

Mishcon de Reya disputes partner Charlotte Harris joins the firm to launch a media and reputation management unit.

✦ **Latham & Watkins**

Media lawyer Lisbeth Savill moves from O'Melveny & Myers, where she launched its UK media practice.

✦ **Mishcon de Reya**

The firm has recruited Addleshaw Goddard's Head of Insurance Litigation, Richard Leedham. He was previously Managing Partner of Addleshaw Goddard's litigation division.

✦ **Norton Rose Fulbright**

Daniel Franks has been appointed as a partner in the London Capital Markets practice. He joins from Fieldfisher and has over 12 years' experience of advising on derivatives and structured finance.

✦ **Olswang**

Specialist funds lawyer Barry Stimpson joins from DAC Beachcroft. He advises funds and fund managers on their establishment, structure, investment and regulatory issues.

✦ **Osborne Clarke**

The firm has hired Russell Van Praagh as a corporate partner. He moves from McDermott Will & Emery and specialises in private equity, venture capital and investment-related work.

✦ **Pinsent Masons**

Disputes specialist Meriam Alrashid joins the firm's construction practice from Crowell & Moring, where she specialised in international investment and commercial arbitration, and risk management. Steven Cochrane joins the firm's employment practice from Allen & Overy, where he was a senior associate. He will focus on advising on executive level employment issues and cross-border regulatory matters.

✦ **Quinn Emanuel Urquhart & Sullivan**

Commercial litigation and international arbitration specialist Nick Marsh joins from DLA Piper. He has experience in banking, fraud and offshore disputes.

✦ **Reed Smith**

The US firm continues to expand its offering in London with the hire of three partners. Luke Mines (a managing associate from Linklaters) and Robert Porter (formerly Allen & Overy's lead partner in direct and indirect real estate) both join the private equity real estate group. Simon Gough arrives from DLA Piper, where he was Head of UK Tax.

RPC

Anna Cook joins from technology and outsourcing boutique Radiant Law, where she set up the dispute resolution team. The firm has also hired insurance partner Rebecca Hopkirk from Holman Fenwick & Willan.

Skadden Arps

Robert Stirling moves from Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer, where he was Head of Non-Contentious Insurance. His practice focuses on insurance and asset management transactions. Daniel Gal also joins the firm from Dechert, where he was head of the London arbitration practice.

Stephenson Harwood

Corporate partners Geoff Gouriet and Sam Gray join from recently merged firm Wragge Lawrence Graham & Co. Gouriet specialises in corporate finance, M&A, joint ventures and equity capital markets. Gray focuses on M&A, capital raising, joint ventures and private equity transactions and has particular expertise with the insurance broking sector. In addition to this, Mike Pullen joins the firm's competition practice from DLA Piper, where he headed the international trade group and competition department.

Stewarts Law

The litigation boutique has hired partner David Pickstone to head its new tax litigation group. He moves from PwC Legal.

Swan Turton

Commercial technology lawyer Carolyn Burbridge joins the specialist media firm from Bird & Bird, where she was an associate.

Taylor Wessing

Stephen Flaherty joins the firm from Herbert Smith Freehills, where he was Of Counsel. He specialises in regulatory disputes and will focus on claims and regulatory investigations involving the accountancy profession.

Three Crowns

Bolstering the international arbitration firm's capabilities in the Latin American and Spanish-language market, the firm has hired arbitration partner Carmen Martinez-Lopez from Covington & Burling. She is dual-qualified in civil law and common law, and regularly handles contentious work in English, Spanish, and French.

Travers Smith

In a rare lateral hire for the firm, having only made two lateral hires since 2004, private equity partner Stephanie Biggs joins from Kirkland & Ellis. She specialises in asset management regulation.

Watson, Farley & Williams

Paul Doris joins the Energy & Projects practice, moving from Skadden Arps where he was Counsel. He advises on cross-border mergers and acquisitions, joint ventures, and energy and infrastructure transactions.

Weightmans

The firm has announced the appointment of Nick Richards as partner in its large loss and technical insurance team in London. He joins from recently merged Blake Morgan.

Winckworth Sherwood

Strengthening its real estate offering, the firm has hired Andrew Bedford from Dentons, where he was Global Co-Head of Real Estate. He specialises in commercial real estate.

Withers

Hussein Haeri joins from boutique City firm Signature Litigation, where he practised as a Consultant. He is an arbitration lawyer, specialising in international investment disputes.



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