

Lateral Partner Moves in London

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✔ **Addleshaw Goddard**

Addleshaw Goddard announces its fourth partner hire of the year in London with the addition of Matthew Newing to its infrastructure, project and energy (IPE) group. Newing, who previously led the projects team at Charles Russell Speechlys, specialises in social and economic infrastructure transactions. His clients include investors and sponsors, across both public and private sectors.

✔ **Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld**

The US firm boosts its corporate capabilities with the hire of private equity & cross-border transactions partner Igor Krivoshekov. Krivoshekov joins from Dentons and has practiced extensively in the US and Russia and has particular experience of the oil & gas sectors.

✔ **Allen & Overy**

The magic circle firm announces three partner hires. IP lawyers Mark Heaney and David Stone both join the firm from Simmons & Simmons. Heaney's practice comprises of a broad range of IP work and centres on patents, confidential information and other such rights. Stone's practice focuses on trademarks, registered and unregistered designs, and copyright. Nick Bradbury joins the financial services regulatory team from Herbert Smith Freehills. Bradbury advises a range of financial institutions on financial services and regulatory matters.

✔ **Baker & McKenzie**

EU competition and regulatory specialist Nicola Northway has joined Baker & McKenzie from Barclays Bank, where she was managing director of the global competition team. She joins the firm as partner and brings to the firm her competition & anti-trust expertise in addition to experience of broader regulatory work, merger control, competition litigation and cross-border investigations.

✔ **Bird & Bird**

Bird & Bird welcomes IP specialist Richard Vary to its intellectual property, technology & communications practice. Previously vice president and head of global commercial litigation at Nokia, the move marks Vary's return to private practice after 10 years. Whilst he specialises in multijurisdictional electronics patent litigation, Vary has extensive experience of international litigation and arbitrations. Before moving in-house to Nokia, Vary was a managing associate at Linklaters.

✔ **Bond Dickinson**

Bond Dickinson continues to expand its London office as Barry Stimpson joins the firm's funds practice. He advises on all facets of funds work and is also a specialist in limited liability partnership agreements. Prior to joining the firm, Stimpson was head of funds and regulatory at Olswang.

✔ **Bristows**

Technology litigation specialist Anna Cook joins the firm's commercial and technology disputes team from RPC. Cook has over 20 years' experience of advising in disputes arising from commercial contracts and large-scale technology projects.

✔ **Cadwalader Wickersham & Taft**

Cadwalader makes its second lateral hire of the year with the recruitment of Stephen Baker. Baker, who specialises in complex commercial contract disputes, acts for and advises on disputes primarily in the technology, telecoms, financial services and energy sectors. Baker joins the firm from Bird & Bird, where he co-chaired the disputes practice.

✔ **Clifford Chance**

Stephen Reese, IP partner and co-head of life sciences at Olswang, has been hired by Clifford Chance. Reese advises on UK and European Union regulatory matters within the life sciences sectors, as well as trademark matters and patent cases. His move brings the total

number of partners in the magic circle firm's IP team to five.

✦ **Clyde & Co**

The firm strengthens its planning and environment practice with the hire of Stephen Webb and Brian Greenwood. Webb, who joins Clyde & Co from King & Wood Mallesons, advises both private and public sector clients on all elements of planning law. Joining from Winckworth Sherwood, Greenwood advises on questions of planning, infrastructure and environmental law.

✦ **Dechert**

Dechert hires litigation heavyweight Stephen Surgeoner from Clifford Chance. Surgeoner's area of expertise includes insurance disputes in addition to acting for major banks and energy companies. Surgeoner had been at magic circle firm Clifford Chance for 25 years, and had been partner since 2002.

✦ **DHM Stallard**

DHM Stallard has announced the hire of corporate partner Mark Harden who joins the firm from Thrings. Harden advises clients in corporate and commercial transactions including M&A, project finance and reorganisations.

✦ **DWF**

This round-up sees two new additions to DWF's London office as Howard Cartlidge and Amanda Bannister join the firm. Cartlidge, who was previously Olswang's head of competition, joins as head of DWF's EU/competition practice. Bannister joins DWF as a partner from Stephenson Harwood where she was a senior associate. She specialises in pensions law and advises on advisory, transactional and contentious issues.

✦ **Eversheds**

Eversheds strengthens its construction and engineering capabilities with the hire of construction litigator Jonathan Douglas from Nabarro. Douglas's wide-ranging practice

specialises in dispute resolution across construction, engineering and power projects.

✦ **Fieldfisher**

Fieldfisher welcomes white collar crime specialist Francesca Titus, real estate finance partner Jayne Backett and privacy expert Renzo Marchini. Titus joins the dispute resolution group from the boutique litigation firm, The Khan Partnership, where she headed the corporate and financial crime team. Joining the banking and asset finance group from Mayer Brown, Backett has extensive experience advising on real estate finance transactions. Marchini joins from Dechert and has over 20 years' experience in advising clients in a broad range of sectors, on privacy and information law and areas of IP, media and general commercial & contractual matters.

✦ **Forsters**

Tax partner Heather Corben has joined Forsters from King & Wood Mallesons, where she was head of the London tax department and co-head of EMEA tax. Corben brings to the firm her broad expertise in acquisitions, developments and other issues relating to corporate real estate deals.

✦ **Gibson Dunn & Crutcher**

Private equity partner James Howe is hired by Gibson Dunn & Crutcher from Proskauer Rose. Howe advises private equity funds on acquisitions, takeovers, disposals and restructurings.

✦ **Ince & Co**

Ince & Co fortifies its transactional strength with the hire of Spencer Gold, senior associate at Holman Fenwick Willan, as a partner. Gold specialises in cross-border debt financings in the commodity, energy, shipping and mining sectors.

✦ **Kemp Little**

The technology boutique hires Mark Lewis into its technology practice group. Lewis, previously head of technology disputes at Penningtons

Manches, has a wealth of experience in IT, IP and outsourcing, and acts for both suppliers and buyers.

✔ **Latham & Watkins**

This round-up sees two new additions as the firm adds Ed Barnett to its financial institutions group and Nicola Higgs to its corporate group. M&A expert Barnett joins the firm's corporate group from Allen & Overy, after 20 years at the firm. Barnett's practice spans cross-border corporate work, corporate finance, M&A, joint ventures and public takeovers. Higgs joins the financial institutions team from Ashurst and advises asset managers, banks and investment and insurance firms on a multitude of complex regulatory and compliance issues. These are Latham's 11th and 12th lateral hires of the year.

✔ **McDermott, Will & Emery**

US firm McDermott, Will & Emery has made two lateral hires in London this review. Hamid Yunis, former head of Taylor Wessing's health care group, joins as partner-in-charge of McDermott's health care practice. Alicia Videon joins the transactions team from Olswang where she was head of the restructuring and insolvency team.

✔ **Mishcon de Reya**

Mishcon de Reya expands its business crime practice with the hire of criminal fraud partner, Richard Cannon. Cannon, who joins from Janes Solicitors, has been instructed in a number of noteworthy serious fraud cases.

✔ **Morrison & Foerster**

Corporate partner Oliver Rochman is hired by Morrison & Foerster from Proskauer Rose. Rochman specialises in private investment funds with a particular focus on buy-out funds, infrastructure funds and funds of funds.

✔ **Osborne Clarke**

This roundup sees three lateral hires at Osborne Clarke. The firm has strengthened its corporate offering with the hire of Irwin Mitchell partners Edward Persse and Paul Smith. Persse, who was

a partner at Irwin Mitchell for 10 years, was head of the firm's international strategy group. Smith, who joined Irwin Mitchell as a trainee in 2011, specialises in domestic and cross-border M&A deals, group restructurings and private equity. Finally, employee incentives specialist Michael Carter joins the employment team from Addleshaw Goddard. Carter, who headed Addleshaw's employee incentives group, has over 20 years' experience advising a range of companies on all matters of employee remuneration.

✔ **Paul Hastings**

The firm expands its London finance practice as it secures the hires of Ashurst finance partners Michael Smith, Diala Minott and Cameron Saylor. Smith's practice focuses on capital markets, derivatives, securitisation and structured finance, whilst Minott, who specialises in securities and derivatives, has particular expertise in Luxembourg-regulated credit funds. Finally, Saylor, who is also qualified to practice in New York, specialises in structured finance and securitisation

✔ **Proskauer Rose**

The firm boosts its corporate & finance offerings as it hires Eleanor Shanks from Dentons, Ben Davis from Reed Smith, and, Rob Day and Andrew Wingfield from King & Wood Mallesons. Shanks advises numerous financial groups with regards to private equity transactions, mergers and acquisition and other domestic & cross-border transactions. Davis has experience advising clients in a range of industries on matters such as renewable energy finance, real estate finance and project finance. Day, who was formerly managing partner at King & Wood, specialises in public and private M&A, leveraged buyouts and joint ventures. Corporate finance expert Wingfield practices on a broad range of corporate finance & commercial work on a national & international scale, including private equity transactions, acquisitions and disposals, mergers and public takeovers.

✦ **Quinn Emanuel Urquhart & Sullivan**

The US litigation power house welcomes David Berman who joins from Macfarlanes, where he was head of financial services. Berman advises a range of financial institutions on compliance and regulatory issues, often counselling their boards and senior management teams on questions of regulation and strategy.

✦ **Ropes & Gray**

Ropes & Gray welcomes debt finance expert Malcolm Hitching. Recognised by directories for his experience as head of the UK & EMEA finance practice, Hitching, former head of finance at Herbert Smith, departs after being a partner there for 13 years.

✦ **Sidley Austin**

Corporate restructuring and bankruptcy specialist Jifree Cader joins Sidley Austin from Kirkland & Ellis. Cader acts on European insolvencies and restructurings and advises financial services institutions on their investment portfolios.

✦ **Simmons & Simmons**

Simmons & Simmons nabs real estate specialist Richard Hopkinson-Wooley from DLA Piper. "Hoppo," who is highly commended by the directories, deals with a multitude of issues relating to real estate investment, development, forward funding and joint ventures.

✦ **Squire Patton Boggs**

International firm Squire Patton Boggs welcomes corporate partner Kashif Siddiqui, who joins from Trowers & Hamblins. Siddiqui specialises in cross-border mergers and acquisitions, disposals and joint ventures, and particularly focuses his practice on inbound and outbound investments involving the Middle East.

✦ **Stewarts Law**

Herbert Smith Freehills' head of advocacy, Ian Gatt QC, has been nabbed by litigation specialist Stewarts Law. The silk, who is an expert in multijurisdictional disputes and has acted for

both financial institutions and individuals in litigation and arbitrations in the UK, Middle East and Asia, joins the firm as partner.

✦ **Taylor Wessing**

Taylor Wessing bolsters its corporate private equity practice with the hire of Duncan McDonald, who has been a corporate partner at Olswang since 2008. McDonald's practice is focused on advising PE funds and management teams on private equity work.

✦ **Town Legal**

This edition sees the formation of specialist planning boutique Town Legal by planning partners Patrick Robinson from Herbert Smith Freehills, Simon Ricketts from King & Wood Mallesons and Clare Fielding from Gowling WLG. The trio are joined by King and Wood Mallesons managing associate Meeta Kaur and Herbert Smith Freehills senior associate Elizabeth Christie both whom have been made partners in the new firm.

✦ **Trowers & Hamblins**

Osborne Clarke senior associate Richard Hathaway joins Trowers & Hamblins' finance team as partner. Hathaway has experience in corporate banking, real estate finance and acquisition finance.

✦ **Vinson & Elkins**

M&A and private equity partner, Shaun Lascelles, has joined Vinson & Elkins from Ashurst. Lascelles advises a broad range of private equity firms, hedge funds and other investment firms, often on high-profile matters. He joined Ashurst in 2015, having previously co-headed Skadden's global private equity group.

✦ **White & Case**

White & Case announces the addition of Patrick Sarch, James Greig, Richard Jones and Micheal Wistow to its London offering. Banking & corporate heavyweight Sarch previously co-headed the global banking team at Clifford Chance and his experience covers a range of high-profile matters in corporate finance,

domestic and cross-border public company M&A, corporate and acquisition financing structures, as well as secondary issues and capital restructurings. Greig joins the firm as partner from investment company BNY Mellon EMEA, where he led its financial services regulatory practice, whilst Freshfields senior associate Jones joins White & Case's corporate team as partner. Jones advises on M&A and private equity matters across all sectors, with an emphasis on financial investors and the oil & gas and infrastructure sectors. Finally, Berwin Leighton Paisner's tax head, Wistow, brings his expertise in corporate, finance and real-estate based transactions. Wistow will co-head the US firm's London-based tax practice.

✦ **Willkie Farr & Gallagher**

Competition and anti-trust partner Phillipp Girardet joins the US firm from King & Wood Mallesons. He advises on matters involving competition law and regulatory issues for a broad range of clients across various industry sectors.

✦ **Winston & Strawn**

The US firm secures the dual-hire of Akin Gump litigation partners Matthew Bate and Micheal Stepek. Bate specialises in international arbitration in a broad range of sectors, including energy, financial and technology. Stepek, who was one of the Akin partners to launch the firm's Geneva office in 2010 and Bate's former practice head, also specialises in international arbitration with a focus on public and private law and trade, and foreign direct investment disputes.

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