

Lateral Partner Moves in London

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2016

◆ **Akin Gump**

Leading construction disputes lawyer Hamish Lal joins the US firm's international arbitration practice from Jones Day. Lal focuses on contentious and non-contentious matters in the energy, projects and infrastructure sectors.

◆ **Arnold & Porter**

Litigation lawyer Michael Bywell moves from the Auckland office of Australia-based firm Minter Ellison, where he was a consultant. Bywell becomes a partner at the firm's London office and specialises in technology.

◆ **Ashurst**

Matthew Saunders moves to Ashurst, strengthening the firm's international arbitration practice. Saunders leaves his position as the global head of the international arbitration group at DLA Piper.

◆ **Baker & McKenzie**

The international firm bolsters its London office with the hire of two partners. Corporate tax lawyer Jakka Karjalainen joins from Deloitte where he was tax leader in their London Transfer Pricing Group. Hugh Lyons, who specialises in banking litigation and financial misconduct, moves from Hogan Lovells.

◆ **Berwin Leighton Paisner**

Clifford Chance Senior Associate Anthea Bamford joins Berwin Leighton Paisner as a partner. Bamford has experience in a range of real estate transactions and arrives in the real estate team in March 2016.

◆ **Bonelli Erede Pappalardo**

The Italian firm hires Massimiliano Danusso who joins as Managing Partner of the London Office. Danusso moves from Allen & Overy's Rome office, where he was senior partner and head of the Italian capital markets practice.

◆ **Brown Rudnick**

The Boston-headquartered law firm hires Jane Colston to join as partner in its London litigation & arbitration practice in March 2016. Colston moves from Stewarts Law and previously founded niche dispute resolution firm Masseys LLP.

◆ **Bryan Cave**

Corporate partner Sarah Atkinson joins Bryan Cave from Hogan Lovells. Atkinson is primarily a transactional lawyer and focuses on cross-border M&A and private equity across a range of sectors.

◆ **Byrne and Partners**

Specialist litigation firm Byrne and Partners hires Tim Beale to join the civil litigation team from Reed Smith.

◆ **Clyde & Co**

The firm hires seasoned intellectual property lawyer Ralph Cox. Cox, who led the IP practice at Fasken Martineau, focuses on patent litigation primarily in the life sciences sector.

◆ **Cooley**

Two partners join Cooley's London office, making a total of seven partner hires since its opening in January 2015. Louise Delahunty moves to the US firm from Sullivan & Cromwell where she was European counsel, specialising in white collar crime and fraud investigations. Finance partner John Clark joins the firm from Mayer Brown and offers expertise in acquisition finance and bank lending.

◆ **Dentons**

Three hires for Dentons London office. Peter Voisey specialises in structured debt and capital markets and joins the firm after retiring from partnership at Clifford Chance in April 2015. Alistair Black, who was a senior associate at Freshfields, joins as partner in the energy, transport and infrastructure practice. Lastly, corporate lawyer Stephen Levy joins the firm from Pinsent Masons. Levy becomes the fourth corporate partner hire since September 2015 and specialises in UK and cross-border M&A and private equity.

◆ DLA Piper

Commercial lawyer Mark Dewar and debt finance lawyer Andy Kolacki both join DLA Piper. Dewar builds up the firm's commercial contracts practice and moves from Simmons & Simmons. Kolacki joins the firm's finance & projects group from Latham & Watkins, joining the two high-profile hires that were announced in December 2015.

◆ DWF

DWF hires two partners to its growing technology practice and regulatory offering. Rehman Noormohamed moves from his post as head of TMT and IP at Michelmores. David Kidman, who joins as partner from BLM, has expertise in insurance policy coverage and liability claims in the retail, manufacturing and food industries.

◆ Edmonds Marshall McMahon

Fraud and trusts litigation lawyer Robert Hunter joins the private prosecution boutique firm Edmonds Marshall McMahon. Hunter joins from Herbert Smith Freehills, where he was head of the fraud and asset tracing group.

◆ Edwin Coe

The firm hires Alexandre Terrasse from legacy firm Jeffrey Green Russell, to head up the French inward investment practice area.

◆ Ernst & Young

Big four professional services firm Ernst & Young has appointed corporate lawyer Richard Goold to join its UK legal services business team and boost the firm's FinTech practice. Goold joins from legacy Wragge Lawrence Graham & Co, where he was co-chair of the firm-wide tech sector group and chair of the firm's US desk.

◆ Fieldfisher

Two hires for the European law firm. Azad Ali strengthens the firm's financial services regulatory practice. Ali joins from Shearman & Sterling where he was counsel in the financial institutions advisory and financial regulatory group. Diana Sternfeld joins from Rouse boosting Fieldfishers' IP group. Sternfeld

has over 20 years of experience and will be leading the life sciences patent litigation team, consisting of two other partners who previously also joined from Rouse.

◆ Freshfields

Andrew Hagan specialising in US capital markets/high yield, joins the magic circle firm from Kirkland & Ellis LLP.

◆ Fried Frank

Ashley Katz moves from Mayer Brown to launch the restructuring practice at Fried Frank. Katz left Mayer Brown after eight years at the firm where he was partner and joint-head of the restructuring, bankruptcy and insolvency practice.

◆ Herbert Smith Freehills

Gabrielle Wong joins Herbert Smith Freehills, strengthening the firm's international debt finance offering. Wong was previously counsel in the European Finance Group of Sherman & Sterling.

◆ Hill Dickinson

Hill Dickinson hires three partners in total. Two partners join from Matthew Arnold Baldwin as part the acquisition of the firm's commercial and wealth management practices. Iain Donaldson, who was head of the wealth management practice at MAB, specialises in tax and structuring, and Mark Weston, with experience across all areas of commercial law becomes head of the IT, IP & commercial group. Emma Galland joins the firm's health advisory team from Clyde & Co LLP, where she worked as Legal Director.

◆ Hogan Lovells

Hogan Lovells boosts its employment practice with a double partner hire. Ex-magic circle lawyer Stefan Martin moves from Mayer Brown, having previously been a partner at Allen & Overy for 13 years. Paul Randall joins from Ashurst, where he led the employee incentives practice and will become co-head of the executive compensation and share incentives team at the firm.

◆ **Irwin Mitchell**

Gordon Anderson is made partner and head of the firm's construction, engineering and infrastructure practice in London. Anderson was previously a senior associate at Herbert Smith Freehills and specialises in domestic UK projects.

◆ **Kemp Little**

Tania Williams moves from Pillsbury, where she was counsel, to join the specialist technology and digital media firm. Williams' practice covers a broad range of technology-based transactions and business process outsourcing.

◆ **Kennedys**

Fleur Rochester joins the insurance-focused firm from Hill Dickinson, specialising in disputes and professional indemnity claims.

◆ **King & Spalding**

The US firm King & Spalding hires Jules Quinn to lead the employment law team. Quinn moves from Jones Day where she was partner and head of the labour and employment practice.

◆ **K&L Gates**

K&L Gates adds John Gilbert to the firm's oil & gas and international arbitration practices. Gilbert, who was previously senior counsel at BP, joins from Pinsent Masons and has extensive experience of disputes in the energy sector.

◆ **Latham & Watkins**

A double partner hire for Latham & Watkins. Jonathan Parker joins the firm's antitrust and competition practice from the Competition and Markets Authority, where he was appointed Director of Mergers at the end of 2014. Joshua Kiernan joins the corporate department from White & Case, where he served as head of the firm's Israeli practice and co-head of the global technology industry Group.

◆ **Mishcon de Reya**

Sonia Campbell moves from Addleshaw Goddard, reinforcing the firm's insurance litigation practice. She will be joining Richard Leedham, formerly Addleshaw Goddard's head of insurance litigation who moved to Mishcon in 2014.

◆ **Mayer Brown**

Three partner hires for Mayer Brown. Mathew Kidwell and Kieron Dwyer boost the firm's energy offering, with Kidwell moving from Morgan Lewis and Dwyer from legacy Wragge Lawrence Graham & Co. Perry Yam also moves to Mayer Brown to become the firm's private equity head. Yam previously spent 20 years at legacy firm SJ Berwin and now joins Mayer Brown from Reed Smith, where he was head of private equity for Europe and the Middle East.

◆ **Morgan Lewis**

Lisa Cargill becomes the fifth new partner since July 2015 to strengthen the structured finance team at Morgan Lewis. Cargill, who was previously counsel at Sidley Austin, has broad expertise in securitisation and structuring, with focus on transactions carried out by European companies.

◆ **Nabarro**

Nabarro start the year with a total of five partner hires. Sukhi Kaler and Chris Gooding both move from Fasken Martineau and boost the firms international disputes practice. The two have worked together for more than 15 years and offer expertise in international arbitration matters. Victoria Henry moves from Berwin Leighton Paisner to join the funds practice. Henry was made partner as BLP in 2006 and specialises in real estate funds and cross-border transactions. Finally, Chris Hallam and David Parton boost the firm's construction offering. Hallam, who specialises in construction, engineering and infrastructure projects, moves from Pinsent Masons, while Parton moves from Irwin Mitchell where he was head of construction.

◆ Norton Rose Fulbright

Norton Rose has hired Matthew Findley as a partner to join the London tax and share incentives team. Findley moves from Pinsent Masons and advises on employee incentive arrangements and executive compensation in the UK and internationally.

◆ Orrick Herington & Sutcliffe

Dominic O'Brien and Weyinmi Popo both join Orrick's London office from Jones Day. O'Brien has a broad experience of finance and advises financial institutions on a variety of UK and cross-border matters. Popo joins Orrick's corporate team, advising on M&A, private equity, infrastructure and energy transactions.

◆ Pinsent Masons

The firm hires planning specialist Gareth Phillips from Watson Farley & Williams. Phillips, who was head of the planning and project development practice, has a wealth of experience in obtaining consent for major projects in transport, energy, retail and residential development. Phillips brings with him two team members.

◆ PwC Legal

The big four professional services firm hires David Farmer and Thomas Colmer. Pensions partner Farmer moves from DLA Piper, advising employers and trustees on all aspects of pensions law. Colmer, who was a senior associate at Osborne Clarke, advises on domestic and cross-border public and private M&A.

◆ Quinn Emanuel Urquhart & Sullivan

Leading litigation lawyer Paul Friedman moves to the US firm after 12 years at Clyde & Co. Friedman will be based in the London office but will divide his time between the City and Israel.

◆ Sacker & Partners

Pensions-focused firm hires Philippa Connaughton who leaves her post as head of pensions at Reynolds Porter Chamberlain. Connaughton has over 20 years' experience on all aspects of UK-based pensions law.

◆ Sidley Austin

The firm hires six partners from Kirkland & Ellis to set up a private equity team in the London office. The team includes private equity partners Christian Iwasko, Fatema Orjela and Erik Dahl, alongside corporate partner Sava Savov, banking partner Bryan Robson, and tax partner Oliver Currell.

◆ Squire Patton Boggs

Squire Patton Boggs makes litigation lawyer Chris Webber a partner, expanding the firm's London office. Webber was previously a senior associate at Berwin Leighton Paisner and has experience in banking litigation, with a focus on structured finance and derivatives and complex financial regulatory issues.

◆ Taylor Wessing

Jeremy Landau joins Taylor Wessing from K&L Gates. Landau is a corporate and equity capital markets lawyer, who advises on IPOs and fundraising on the London Stock Exchanges' Official List and AIM market.

◆ Travers Smith

Edward Smith joins the firm's restructuring and insolvency practice from K&L Gates, advising on all aspects of commercial restructuring and non-contentious insolvency.

◆ TLT

Bristol headquartered firm TLT hires Daniel Lloyd and Russell Kelsall to its London office. Lloyd moves from his in-house post at BT, where he was head of consumer law, to join the firm's TMT practice, while Kelsall joins the financial services regulatory team from Squire Patton Boggs.

◆ Vinson & Elkins

Two hires to strengthen the US firm's capital markets and financial services offering in London. Finance lawyer Ian Frost moves to Vinson & Elkins after 22 years at Freshfields. Corporate lawyer Paul Dunbar moves from Cadwalader where he was partner for just over a year. Dunbar handles M&A

for private equity and special situation funds, and was previously a lawyer at Cleary Gottlieb.

✦ **Watson Farley & Williams**

Watson Farley Williams strengthens its energy & infrastructure practice with the partner hire of oil & gas specialist John Conlin. Conlin has an international practice focusing on upstream oil and gas mergers, joint ventures and projects, and moves from the London office of Houston-headquartered firm Andrew Kurth, prior to which he was partner at Norton Rose Fulbright.

✦ **Wedlake Bell**

Graham Atkins and Leah Freeman both move from Druces to build up the commercial property and planning team at Wedlake Bell. Atkins specialises in commercial real estate in the retail and leisure industries, while Freeman has more focus on corporate real estate and institutional investment.

✦ **Wiggin**

Stephen Ketteley and David McLeish join Wiggin boosting the firms gaming and betting practice. Ketteley, who was a partner at DLA Piper, becomes co-head of the firm’s gaming and betting practice. Previously a partner at Berwin Leighton Paisner, McLeish moves from his post as general counsel at FTSE 250 company Playtech.

✦ **Winckworth Sherwood**

The firm takes on three new partners from Fasken Martineau. The firm aims to improve its public client base with corporate finance lawyers Catherine Moss and John Burnand joining the corporate team, while litigation specialist Robert Paydon grows the commercial and dispute resolution practice.

✦ **Withers**

The private client-focused firm hires two partners to join the London office. Andrew Chesser moves after spending over 20 years at DAC Beachcroft to lead the property litigation team at the firm. Oleg Shvander, a corporate lawyer specialising in cross-border acquisition and private equity deals in the energy sector, joins the firm from Clyde & Co.

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