

# Lateral Partner Moves in London

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- ✦ **Addleshaw Goddard**  
Financial services specialist Chris Brennan joins from his in-house role at Lloyds Banking Group.
- ✦ **Allen & Overy**  
The magic circle firm has hired financial litigation partner Lawson Caisley from international firm Hogan Lovells.
- ✦ **Ashfords**  
The south-west firm continues to expand in London post-merger with the hire of corporate partner James Lyons from Trowers & Hamblins.
- ✦ **Ashurst**  
Former Linklaters managing associate Nicholas Moore will join the finance practice later this year.
- ✦ **Berwin Leighton Paisner**  
Claire Watson is to join from Linklaters where she was head of the real estate finance practice.
- ✦ **Bevan Brittan**  
The London office of the Bristol-based firm has hired procurement specialist Elizabeth Cooper from Nabarro.
- ✦ **Bond Pearce**  
Another south-west firm increases its London capacity with professional indemnity partner Simon Gildener joining from Clyde & Co.
- ✦ **Cleary Gottlieb Steen & Hamilton**  
Commercial litigation partner and former chief executive of Stephenson Harwood Sunil Gadhia has joined the US firm's London office.
- ✦ **Davis Polk & Wardwell**  
Having recently set up an English law practice, the Wall Street firm has now hired tax partner Jonathan Cooklin from Freshfields.
- ✦ **Dechert**  
Capital markets partners Camille Abousleiman and Louise Bernstein have joined from Dewey & LeBoeuf.
- ✦ **Dickinson Dees**  
The Newcastle firm has added real estate partner Martin Stacey to its London office from LG.
- ✦ **DLA Piper**  
Justin Conway joins the restructuring team from his in-house role at Goldman Sachs. Meanwhile corporate insurance specialist Prakash Paran arrives from Dewey & LeBoeuf.
- ✦ **DWF**  
Regional firm DWF has brought in Douglas Howie from Clyde & Co to boost its corporate insurance offering.
- ✦ **Eversheds**  
Real estate tax specialist Sebastian Daly joins from Clifford Chance where he was a director. Angus Ford has joined the real estate team from Berwin Leighton Paisner.
- ✦ **Fasken Martineau**  
Former Dundas & Wilson employment associate Elena Cooper joins as a partner.
- ✦ **Field Fisher Waterhouse**  
The firm has hired tax litigation expert Hartley Foster from Olswang and structured finance lawyer Daniel Franks from Allen & Overy where he was of counsel.
- ✦ **Goldberg Segalla**  
The US litigation specialist firm has opened in London with the hire of insurance litigation partner Clive O'Connell from Barlow Lyde & Gilbert.
- ✦ **Gowlings**  
The Canadian firm continues to expand in London with the hire of a specialist corporate transactional mining team from Cobbetts: Charles Bond, Sefton Collett, Dominic Prentis and Andrew Wright.
- ✦ **Hill Dickinson**  
Former Davies Arnold Cooper managing partner Nik Rochez has joined the insurance practice.
- ✦ **Irwin Mitchell**  
The firm has announced the lateral hire of corporate real estate partner Jayne Schnider from Taylor Wessing.
- ✦ **Jones Day**  
Dominic O'Brien has joined the international firm's finance practice from Addleshaw Goddard.

- ✔ **King & Spalding**  
Jayne Player (former joint head of litigation at Bird & Bird) has announced a move to the US firm alongside fellow partner Sarah Walker.
- ✔ **Lewis Silkin**  
Phil Rymer joins the media team having most recently practised at his own firm Rymer Media Law.
- ✔ **Linklaters**  
Simon Pritchard will join the competition department from fellow magic circle firm Allen & Overy.
- ✔ **Lipman Karas**  
The Australian litigation boutique has established a London office with the hire of Withers partners Jeremy Scott and Andrew Ford.
- ✔ **Macfarlanes**  
Addleshaw Goddard partner James Dawson joins the corporate team.
- ✔ **Maclay Murray & Spens**  
Funds specialist Nick Rutter joins the London office from Thomas Eggar.
- ✔ **Mayer Brown**  
Chris Harvey becomes head of real estate investment following his move from CMS Cameron McKenna.
- ✔ **McDermott Will & Emery**  
Former Dewey & LeBoeuf private equity head Mark Davis and fellow private equity partner Russell Van Praagh join the US firm's London office.
- ✔ **Michelmores**  
The Devon firm has expanded its London office with the hire of Nabarro real estate partner Paul Paling.
- ✔ **Morrison & Foerster**  
Justin Stock joins the corporate team from fellow US firm O'Melveny & Myers.
- ✔ **Norton Rose**  
David Shearer joins the structured finance team having left Allen & Overy earlier this year.
- ✔ **Osborne Clarke**  
Peter Day becomes head of real estate investment in London having moved from Wedlake Bell.
- ✔ **Radiant Law**  
The boutique technology firm has launched a contentious arm with the hire of Anna Cook from Wedlake Bell and Sarah Hill from TLT Solicitors.
- ✔ **Reed Smith**  
A number of hires for the international firm's London office: energy partner Peter Zaman from Clifford Chance; energy and environment litigation partner Nicholas Rock from Dewey & LeBoeuf; and former head of regulatory at SNR Denton, Chris Borg.
- ✔ **Ropes & Gray**  
Funds partner Matthew Judd is joined by former White & Case senior associate colleague Anand Damodaran, who becomes a partner.
- ✔ **SGH Martineau**  
The newly merged firm has hired Maxwell Winward energy partner Mark Bartholomew.
- ✔ **Signature Litigation**  
Hogan Lovells partners Graham Huntley and Helen Branningan have established their own litigation boutique.
- ✔ **Simmons & Simmons**  
David Williams, formerly head of funds at DLA Piper, and real estate partner John Kelsey from Berwin Leighton Paisner have joined the firm.
- ✔ **Speechly Bircham**  
Energy sector construction partner Kevin Forsyth has moved over from RPC.
- ✔ **Squire Sanders**  
Tomas Cerdan becomes a partner in the capital markets team having moved from White & Case where he was a senior associate.
- ✔ **Stephenson Harwood**  
IP lawyer Alexandra Pygall becomes a partner following her move from US firm Covington & Burling where she was a senior associate.

✓ **Thomas Eggar**

Sarah Birkbeck joins the London IP litigation team from fellow regional firm DMH Stallard.

✓ **TLT Solicitors**

The Bristol headquartered firm has hired tax partner Nathan Williams and real estate partner David Sanson from Trowers & Hamlins and DLA Piper in Dubai respectively for its London office.

✓ **Willkie Farr**

Corporate partners Joseph Ferraro and Nicholas Bulger have joined from Dewey & LeBoeuf.

✓ **Winckworth Sherwood**

A new partner for the real estate group with the hire of Richard Perkins from Reed Smith.

✓ **Wragge & Co**

Four lateral hires for the Birmingham firm's London office: PFI/PPI partner Giles Clifford from Manches; energy projects partner Jonathan Brufal from Norton Rose in Abu Dhabi; Anthony Wilson becomes head of construction litigation from Hafez in Cairo; and planning partner Duncan Field arrives from SJ Berwin.

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