

# Lateral Partner Moves in London

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◆ **Addleshaw Goddard**

The firm has enhanced its commitment to the real estate sector with the hire of corporate real estate partner Stewart Womersley. He joins the firm's corporate team from Nabarro.

◆ **Arnold & Porter**

The US firm has launched its City banking regulatory practice, with the recruitment of Tim Aron from Katten Muchin Rosenmann. Tim had previously worked at the FSA, the predecessor to the FCA.

◆ **Bond Dickinson**

Professional indemnity partner, Hannah Cane has joined the firm's professional risks team, moving from Kennedys.

◆ **CMS Cameron McKenna**

The firm has hired Stuart Blythe into its corporate team. He was previously a partner at Edwards Wildman. His practice covers a wide range of transactions in the technology and telecommunications sectors.

◆ **Chadbourne & Parke**

The New York head quartered firm has bolstered its energy practice in London with the hire of Julien Bocobza, who focuses on project finance and development in the renewable energy and thermal power sectors. He joins the firm from Shearman & Sterling, where he was an associate.

◆ **DAC Beachcroft**

Anita Rivera joins the firm from RPC, where she was a senior associate in planning and regeneration. She will head up the firm's National Planning and Environmental practice.

◆ **Dechert**

The US firm has hired Eleni Skordaki. She joins from Olswang where she was head of real estate finance.

◆ **DLA Piper**

The firm continues its hiring spree in its London real estate group with the recruitment of Stephen Malley, RPC's non-contentious construction and project head. Joining him as a partner is Jonathan Northey, previously a property development senior associate at RPC. They bring with them two associates.

◆ **Eversheds**

Public procurement specialist, Totis Kotsonis, joins from Norton Rose Fulbright, where he was Of Counsel and head of procurement. The firm has also strengthened its pensions practice with the hire of Mark Latimour, joining from Linklaters, where he was a managing associate.

◆ **Fieldfisher**

The firm has recruited Hazel Grant as new head of privacy to fill the gap left by Eduardo Ustaran's departure for Hogan Lovells. Hazel is a data protection and privacy specialist who joins from Bristows, where she had been a partner since 2009.

◆ **Gunnercooke**

The Manchester based firm continues to grow its London office with a trio of lateral hires: regulated procurement specialist Amma Al-Tabba moves from McKinsey & Company; Laurence Katz, a civil fraud and insolvency specialist, joins from HowardKennedyFsi into the firm's litigation team and aviation disputes specialist Vincent Coppinger joins the firm's aviation team from DLA Piper.

◆ **Holman Fenwick Willan**

The firm has hired energy specialist Jonathan Martin, from Fasken Martineau. He focuses on mergers and acquisitions, corporate finance transactions and other corporate and commercial arrangements in the energy and natural resources sector. He has a particular focus in the upstream oil and gas sector.

King & Wood Mallesons

Patent litigator Campbell Forsythe joins the firm's intellectual property team, from Olswang. He focuses on the life science and technology sectors.

Kingsley Napley

The London-based firm has made a significant addition to its criminal litigation team with the hire of Jo Rickards. She joins from DLA Piper and has acted in a string of high profile matters, most recently representing Andy Coulson in the phone hacking trial.

Morgan Lewis & Bockius

Another departure from Edwards Wildman; with David Ramm joining the US firm's corporate team. He was head of Edwards Wildman's business law (corporate) department and private equity and venture capital practices. He specialises in private equity, venture capital and M&A.

Olswang

The firm has recruited Niall McAlister into its corporate team; another defection from Edwards Wildman. He works on a broad range of mergers and acquisitions, joint ventures and private equity and venture capital transactions, with a focus on the life sciences sector.

Pinsent Masons

Tim Roughton joins from Morrison and Foerster where he was Of Counsel. He will advise the firm's financial services clients on major outsourcing projects as well as a range of technology and procurement related issues. Roughton trained at legacy firm Masons.

Reed Smith

The US firm has had a busy few months, having recently hired three partners. Prajakt Samant joins the firm's energy team from McDermott Will & Emery and brings with him two McDermott's associates. Real estate finance specialist Matthew Heaton is a further addition to the firm's growing finance practice and joins from Pinsent Masons. Angus Finnegan joins the firm's media and technology practice from Osborne Clarke, where he was head of telecoms.

Ropes & Gray

Private equity star Phil Sanderson joins the US firm's corporate practice from Travers Smith. Financial regulation specialist Monica Gogna joins the firm from Pinsent Masons.

RPC

The firm has recruited two new partners, David Gubbay from Dechert's tax team and Leigh Williams from Clyde & Co's insurance litigation team. Williams has a particular focus on the marine and energy sectors.

Simpson Thacher & Bartlett

The US securities specialist Gil Strauss rejoins Simpson Thacher & Bartlett, where he was formerly an associate. He moves from Weil Gotshaw & Manges where he was one of four leaders of Weil's capital market practice.

Teacher Stern

Rod Cowper joins the firm's litigation team from Edwards Wildman. He has more than 30 years' experience in commercial litigation and international arbitration.

Thomas Eggar

The firm has recruited Jonathan Snade as a corporate partner, from Penningtons Manches. He advises on a broad range of UK and cross-border private company transactions.

 **Willkie Farr & Gallagher**

The firm has hired Kirkland & Ellis duo Claire McDaid and Matthew Dean. Dean's practice is focused on fund formations, leveraged buyouts and VC investment. McDaid's practice has a cross-border private equity focus.

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