

Lateral Partner Moves in London



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- ✔ **A&L Goodbody**
Irish law firm A&L Goodbody has hired Olswang senior associate Claire Morrissey as a partner in the IP and technology group.
- ✔ **Addleshaw Goddard**
Fiona Ghosh has been taken on by Addleshaw Goddard as a partner in the financial services team. She was formerly the co-head of Eversheds payment processing team.
The firm has also announced the appointment of rail and transport expert Paul Hirst from DLA Piper. He takes the post as the firm's new head of transport.
- ✔ **Allen & Overy**
Allen & Overy has hired Jake Keaveny, who will join its high-yield practice as a partner in the London office. Keaveny joins from Cahill Gordon & Reindel in New York, where he was a counsel.
- ✔ **Berwin Leighton Paisner**
BLP has appointed Nicola Hopkins as a funds partner in its global corporate group. Hopkins was previously a partner at Linklaters where she was one of the firm's youngest and first female funds partners.
- ✔ **Bevan Brittan**
Steven Smith has joined Bevan Brittan's London property team from Eversheds, where he will lead the firm's London local authority team.
- ✔ **Bristows**
Bristows has recruited partner Louise Eldridge, previously of HowardKennedyFsi, to bolster its corporate team.
- ✔ **Brown Rudnick**
Brown Rudnick has recruited Speechly Bircham's head of technology and intellectual property Alexander Carter-Silk to lead its European IP practice in London. Carter-Silk who was Speechly's IP head left the firm ahead of its proposed merger with Charles Russell.
- ✔ **CMS Cameron McKenna**
CMS Cameron McKenna has appointed a new head of aircraft finance - Keith Wilson - who will strengthen its asset finance team. He joins CMS from Berwin Leighton Paisner, where he was a partner.
- ✔ **Curtis David Garrard**
Leading ship finance partner, Matt Hannaford joins specialist shipping boutique, Curtis David Garrard from Clyde & Co, along with Owen McHugh, who was a legal director at the firm. Hannaford and McHugh are joined by a consultant and an associate. CDG is looking to the team to build out a ship finance capability in London to complement its existing offshore oil & gas shipbuilding offering.
- ✔ **DAC Beachcroft**
Paul Hicks joins from failed firm Davenport Lyons to supplement DAC Beachcroft's real estate investment team. Hicks joins with an associate and brings with him his client base of retailers, restaurateurs, developers and investors.
- ✔ **DLA Piper**
DLA Piper has nabbed one of King & Wood Mallesons SJ Berwin's top private equity lawyers, hiring Tim Wright as a partner into its corporate group.
The firm has also made an important new addition to its shipping team, with Linos Choo joining as a partner from Squire Patton Boggs.
- ✔ **Dorsey & Whitney**
Michael Cashman joins Dorsey & Whitney as a partner in the tax group. Cashman is a solicitor and a chartered accountant, and was previously head of the tax group at Kemp Little in London.
- ✔ **Druces**
Druces has recruited Nicholas Fisher as a partner. He was previously a partner at Osborne Clarke and focuses on banking and finance.

◆ **DWF**

Andrew Chamberlain is to join DWF as the acquisitive firm's national employment head. He is moving from Addleshaw Goddard where he was employment head for nine years and was credited with engineering and leading on many of the firm's innovative process mapping initiatives and approaches to service delivery. In addition, DWF has hired business restructuring partner Finella Fogarty, who joins from DLA Piper, where she was legal director.

◆ **Elborne Mitchell**

Elborne Mitchell has hired Russell Carmedy from US firm Proskauer Rose where he was a partner in its global transactional and private equity practices. Prior to this, Carmedy was partner-in-charge of Jones Day's London office.

◆ **Eversheds**

A dual hire sees Eversheds boosting its contentious offering in London with the appointment of Jonathan Brook, a specialist in commercial dispute resolution and investigations. Brook joins as a partner from Freshfields where he was previously a senior associate. Additionally, James Pickavance has been appointed as a construction and engineering disputes partner. He joins from Herbert Smith Freehills, where he was a senior associate.

◆ **Fasken Martineau**

Fasken Martineau has hired Sam Samaratunga, a dual-qualified lawyer and medical doctor, as a partner in its life sciences group. Samaratunga was previously a senior associate at Arnold & Porter.

◆ **Fladgate**

Fladgate has recruited Anil Rajani as a specialist in regulatory matters, governance and investigations. Rajani joins from IBB Solicitors, where he was head of business investigations and governance, and a partner since 1995.

◆ **Gibson Dunn & Crutcher**

Another hire for the US firm's corporate team in London this roundup. Nigel Stacey, previously of Ashurst, will focus on M&A and corporate finance.

◆ **Greenberg Traurig Maher**

The US firm has hired Dentons' global real estate co-head Eric Rosedale to take on a new position as chair of the firm's international real estate practice. He will be responsible for all real estate matters outside of the US, alongside current real estate head, Tim Webb.

◆ **Hill Dickinson**

Hill Dickinson has bolstered its employment and pensions team with the announcement of a triple hire; David Parry and Daniel Rubin are joining as employment partners from Ward Hadaway while James Williams joins from Archon Solicitors.

◆ **Irwin Mitchell**

Irwin Mitchell has taken on professional indemnity partner Jonathan Sachs, previously of Matthew Arnold Baldwin. He joins the firm's rapidly growing BLS (Business Legal Services) group and is the seventh new BLS partner to have joined the firm since the start of 2014.

◆ **Kemp IT Law**

Kemp Little founding and senior partner Richard Kemp has resigned from the firm's partnership to launch his own IT boutique. Kemp, who set up the London TMT boutique in 1997, launched his new venture, Kemp IT Law, in early May.

◆ **Kemp Little**

Kemp Little has hired financial regulatory expert Lucy Frew to launch and head its regulatory offering. Frew joins from Gide Loyrette Nouel, where she was a senior associate and the head of investment funds and financial regulation.

◆ **Kingsley Napley**

Kingsley Napley has hired Zoë Sive as a private client tax partner from Baker & McKenzie, where she was a senior associate.

◆ **Kirkland & Ellis**

Weil Gotshal & Manges banking chief Stephen Lucas is leaving the firm for Kirkland & Ellis.

◆ **Memery crystal**

A dual hire from now defunct Davenport Lyons as Tim Ryan and Andrew Priest join the firm as partners, along with another solicitor. Building on Memery Crystal's existing strengths in the technology sector, Ryan and Priest bring expertise in information technology, intellectual property and commercial contracts.

◆ **McGuireWoods**

McGuire Woods has hired Simon Neilson-Clark as a restructuring and insolvency partner. He was previously a partner at DLA Piper and has 25 years' experience representing borrowers, lenders and insolvency practitioners.

◆ **Nabarro**

Real Estate heavyweight Nabarro has hired Candice Blackwood as a real estate from Berwin Leighton Paisner. Blackwood, who has strong healthcare experience, departed BLP after 15 years with the firm.

◆ **Norton Rose Fulbright**

Norton Rose Fulbright has hired CMS Cameron McKenna derivatives and structured products partner Nigel Dickinson to its debt capital markets team. Dickinson joined CMS originally from Allen & Overy where he had been a senior associate in both the London and New York offices.

◆ **Olswang**

Olswang has hired Andrew Besser as a real estate finance partner. He joins from Addleshaw Goddard, where he was a partner in the finance and projects division.

◆ **Orrick Herrington & Sutcliffe**

Shawn Atkinson, a corporate partner with Edwards Wildman Palmer in London who co-chaired its venture capital and cross-border M&A practice, has left the firm for Orrick, Herrington & Sutcliffe.

◆ **Paul Hastings**

Paul Hastings makes its first London hire of the year with financial services regulatory partner, Ben Regnard-Weinrabe who specialises in regulatory and transactional work for the commercial and retail banking, consumer finance, e-money and payment industries. Formerly a partner in Hogan Lovells' financial institutions group, he was co-founder and co-head of the firm's Payments Innovation team and will add significant weight to Paul Hastings' offering in the technology and payments space.

◆ **Payne Hicks Beach**

Payne Hicks Beach has hired former Manches partner Rebecca Cockcroft into the family department as a partner. Further, Rosamond McDowell joins the private client department from Collyer Bristow, where she was a partner and head of tax and estate planning.

◆ **Pinsent Masons**

Pinsent Masons has hired London tax investigations head and partner Fiona Fernie. Fernie was formerly at accountancy firm BDO, where she was part of the tax investigations leadership.

◆ **Reed Smith**

Reed Smith has re-hired Winston Penhall as a partner in the funds department. Penhall re-joins the firm following his move to KPMG in 2012 where he was the founder and group head of the KPMG funds law team.

✦ Rosenblatt Solicitors

The City firm has hired two new partners. Bruno Fatier, previously counsel at Clifford Chance in Paris, joins the financial services team, while Caroline DeLaney joins the real estate disputes department. She was previously head of real estate disputes at Kingsley Napley.

✦ SGH Martineau

SGH Martineau has hired former Matthew Arnold & Baldwin restructuring and insolvency partner Christina Fitzgerald.

✦ Simmons & Simmons

A triple partner hire for Simmons & Simmons this roundup. Information, communications and technology partner Hinal Patel joins from DLA Piper, where he worked both in London and the Middle East. The firm also welcomes Mahrie Webb, who previously headed the funds practice at Burges Salmon. She will focus on assisting in the development Simmons & Simmons' institutional manager funds practice. The firm's financial markets team sees a boost with the arrival of finance partner Simon Thrower, formerly of Ashurst. Thrower had been a partner at Ashurst for 15 years, where he focused on corporate and leveraged finance, syndicated corporate debt facilities and debt restructuring.

✦ Speechly Bircham

Speechly Bircham grows its planning practice with new partner hire. Tim Johnson joins from DAC Beachcroft and has over 20 years' experience.

✦ Squire Patton Boggs

The newly merged firm has made its first UK partner hire since the announcement in May of the merger between Squire Sanders and Patton Boggs, recruiting former Dundas & Wilson partner Andrew Walker to head its UK real estate litigation team.

✦ Stone King

Stone King has recruited probate litigation specialist Peter Steer to head the growing legacy dispute team. He joins from Wilsons.

The firm has also hired charity lawyer Tim Rutherford, who joins from IBB Solicitors, where he was a partner.

✦ Taylor Vinters

Helen Robinson joins from Wedlake Bell as a partner in the London-based corporate team.

✦ Temple Bright

The Bristol-based firm continues to build its London capability with the addition of two new partners; technology partner David Meredith joins having most recently been a consultant at boutique IT firm Radiant Law while corporate partner, Nadim Zaman, is moving from DLA Piper's corporate team, where he was a senior associate.

✦ Wedlake Bell

Three hires this round-up for the 57 partner London firm. It secured former Lawrence Graham head of projects and infrastructure, Christopher Tite (co-founder and managing partner of Tite & Lewis, which merged with LG in 2004), projects and infrastructure partner Louise Gowman and RPC IP and technology partner Clive Thorne.

✦ Weightmans

Weightmans has recruited Michael Ryley as a partner in its London employment team.

Edwards Wildman Palmer partner, Francis Mackie, has also been taken on in a bid to assist in growing the firm's insurance practice.

✦ Weil Gotshal & Manges

Weil Gotshal & Manges has hired Latham & Watkins finance partner Reena Gogna. Gogna's practice is acquisition finance focused. Her experience acting for both sponsors and lenders was seen by Weil as an excellent addition to its growing London finance practice.

✦ **Winckworth Sherwood**

In a move to strengthen its real estate offering further, the firm has acquired Christopher Brigstocke who specialises in large scale urban regeneration and infrastructure projects. Brigstocke was previously a partner at Squire Sanders.

✦ **Withers**

Steven Kempster has joined Withers from Taylor Wessing where he was formerly head of contentious trusts.

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