


Lateral Partner Moves in London

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- ✦ **Addleshaw Goddard**
Nichola Peters joins the firm's white collar crime team, moving from Herbert Smith Freehills where she was Of Counsel.
- ✦ **Baker Botts**
Litigation lawyer Chris Caulfield joins the Houston firm's City office, moving from Squire Sanders.
- ✦ **Berrymans Lace Mawer**
White collar crime specialist, Daniel Thomas, joins the national firm. He moves from Browne Jacobson where he was an associate.
- ✦ **Bracewell & Giuliani**
Herbert Smith oil & gas financing expert, Jason Fox, is set to join the US outfit's London office in order to grow its London-based energy practice and to take the mantle of the firm's Senior Partner role in London.
- ✦ **Brown Rudnick**
Corporate specialist, Tim Matthews leaves Wilmer Hale to join the firm's partnership. He has particular expertise in the technology and life sciences sectors.
- ✦ **Clifford Chance**
The magic circle firm has hired Dorian Drew, a financial services regulation specialist from Norton Rose. He notably led the Norton Rose team acting for former Barclays CEO Bob Diamond in relation to the Libor scandal.
- ✦ **D Young and Co**
Matthew Dick joins the intellectual property firm. He moves from Bristows, where he was an associate, and specialises in trademarks.
- ✦ **Dentons**
The newly named SNR Denton announces three new partners. International arbitration lawyer Michelle Bradfield and banking lawyer Sylvain Dhennin join the ranks; they move from Latham & Watkins and Gide Loyrette Nouel respectively. Private equity specialist, Nicholas Plant is also set to join from SJ Berwin to head up Dentons' private equity practice across the UK, Middle East and Africa.
- ✦ **Edwin Coe**
Construction specialist, Karen Kirkham joins the firm, moving from HowardKennedyFsi where she headed her practice group.
- ✦ **Fladgate**
Cathy Ley will join the construction and projects group in June 2013 from Rosenblatt, where she is head of construction.
- ✦ **Freshfields**
The magic circle firm announces a rare lateral hire, boosting its energy sector group. Tim Pick specialises in projects, oil and gas finance and moves from Shearman & Sterling, where he was head of the firm's international project development and finance group.
- ✦ **Gibson Dunn & Crutcher**
Ali Nikpay joins the US firm's competition practice in London. He leaves his in-house position as Senior Director at the Office of Fair Trading, where he was head of its cartels and criminal enforcement division.
- ✦ **Hage Aaronson**
The commercial litigation firm takes a partner duo from US outfit Dorsey & Whitney. The new arrivals are tax litigation specialists Simon Whitehead and Paul Farmer.
- ✦ **Harbottle & Lewis**
Defamation and reputation expert, John Kelly, is set to join the London firm's litigation practice, leaving Schillings.
- ✦ **Herbert Smith Freehills**
The silver circle firm adds to its finance offering with the hire of debt capital markets lawyer Amy Geddes, previously a managing associate at Linklaters.
- ✦ **Holman Fenwick Willan**
The US firm has made a strategic hire with a three partner construction team from boutique firm, Maxwell Winward. Max Wieliczko, who headed the team, joins the London office along with Michael Sergeant and Robert Blundell.
- ✦ **HowardKennedyFsi**
White collar crime lawyer, Daniel Hyde leaves Cubism Law to join the recently merged firm.
- ✦ **Kennedys**
Graeme Baird joins the litigation firm moving from Clyde & Co. He has a focus on insurance, particularly the marine, energy and construction sectors.

◆ **Keystone Law**

The new model firm has announced a number of arrivals in recent months, including: litigation lawyer Trevor Sear from Davenport Lyons; corporate lawyer Dee Sian from Marriott Harrison; environment specialist Andrew Waite from Berwin Leighton Paisner; and real estate lawyer Wendy Bishop from Donaldson West. Two Mundays employment partners, Denham Bell and William Addis also join.

◆ **Latham & Watkins**

Corporate partner, David Walker will leave Clifford Chance, where he was global private equity head to join the US firm's London office.

◆ **Maples Teesdale**

Planning specialist, Chad Sutton joins the commercial property firm to set up their planning practice, moving from Trowers & Hamblins where he was senior associate.

◆ **Mishcon de Reya**

The firm announces the expansion of its private equity practice with the hire of a corporate duo, Simon Sale and Nadim Meer from Scottish headquartered firm Dundas & Wilson.

◆ **Morgan Lewis & Bockius**

Matthew Kidwell joins the US firm's energy transactions practice, moving from K&L Gates. He has a particular focus in the oil & gas sectors.

◆ **Norton Rose**

Insurance/reinsurance specialist, Kirsty Hick will join the firm, moving from CMS Cameron McKenna.

◆ **Osborne Clarke**

Intellectual property litigation expert, Lorna Brazell joins the firm, moving from Bird & Bird.

◆ **Pinsent Masons**

Financial regulation specialist, Monica Gogna, joins the partnership, moving from Clifford Chance where she was senior associate. John Gilbert leaves his in-house position as senior legal counsel at BP to join the firm and focus on energy disputes.

◆ **Plexus Law**

Insurance lawyer, Jason Spencer leaves the newly merged Hill Dickinson (where he headed the insurance group) to join the firm's partnership.

◆ **Quinn Emanuel**

Commercial litigation expert, Ted Greeno will join the US firm in London, leaving Herbert Smith. He has particular experience acting for oil, gas and power companies.

◆ **Reed Smith**

The US firm continues to strengthen its offering in London with the hire of Rashpaul Bahia, an energy trading and derivatives specialist, and structured finance partner Claude Brown. They join from McDermott Will & Emery and Clifford Chance respectively.

◆ **Reynolds Porter Chamberlain**

The firm has scored a hat trick of hires in recent months. IP specialist Mark Crichard joins from DLA Piper; Anthony Shatz joins the corporate group from SJ Berwin in early May; and Jonathan Cary joins the banking litigation practice, leaving Shearman & Sterling.

◆ **Ropes & Gray**

Acquisition finance lawyer, Mark Wesseldine joins the firm from Fried Frank. He has a particular focus on cross-border deals and restructurings. Wesseldine's hire brings the London team to 66 lawyers.

◆ **Schulte Roth & Zabel**

The US outfit picks up an insolvency partner duo from Brown Rudnick. Peter Declercq specializes in cross-border insolvencies, distressed M&A and restructuring while Sonya Dan de Graaff focuses on European restructuring, distressed investment and debt trading.

◆ **Seddon**

The West End firm bulks up with a trio of hires: Christian Smith from Coffin Mew in litigation; Kyri Papanoniu from Healys in corporate; and Christian Taylor from Holman Fenwick & Willan in real estate.

◆ **Sidley Austin**

The US firm has made two lateral hires in recent months. Mark Thompson joins the M&A and private equity group, moving from King & Spalding; while Stephen Ross will join the funds group, leaving his in-house position as (the first) general counsel at hedge fund Man Group to co-head Sidley's London Investment Funds Group.

✔ **Simmons & Simmons**

White collar crime specialist, Stephen Gentle is set to join the firm's crime, fraud and investigations team from Kingsley Napley. A partner duo from K&L Gates also arrives: employment lawyer Ian Fraser and pensions specialist Danny Tsang; both were practice heads at their previous firm.

✔ **SJ Berwin**

Financial services regulatory specialist, Tim Dolan will rejoin the firm's financial markets practice. He was previously an Associate at SJ Berwin, joining Pinsent Masons as a partner in 2007 to help create its Financial Services Regulatory team and where he was head of the group.

✔ **Steptoe & Johnson**

Patrick Rappo arrives at the Washington-founded firm's London office. He specialises in white collar crime law and leaves his position as joint head of Bribery and Corruption at the Serious Fraud Office.

✔ **Taylor Wessing**

Harbottle & Lewis' head of IP, Mark Owen joins the firm, not long after it secured the hire of Osborne Clarke's previous digital media sector head, Mike Turner.

✔ **Trowers & Hamlins**

Commercial litigation specialist, Alex Burton is to join the firm from Reed Smith.

✔ **Winckworth Sherwood**

Nikki Lynds-Xavier joins the London firm's real estate group, moving from Clarke Wilmott and specialising in housing management. She is heading up Winckworth' housing management team.

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