

Lateral
Partner
Moves
in
London



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◆ Ashurst

Skadden's former global co-head of private equity, Shaun Lascelles, joins the private equity team where he was formerly an associate. Lascelles's appointment bolsters the firm's corporate practice which has witnessed several partner departures over the past two years.

◆ Baker & McKenzie

Boosting its global investigations capability, the firm has appointed high-profile hire Jonathan Peddie into the disputes team. Peddie's recent roles include global head of financial crime legal and managing director of litigation and investigations for Barclays, prior to his resignation in January.

◆ Beresford Crump LLP

Julian Crump has set up IP boutique Beresford Crump LLP, specialising in pharmaceuticals and life sciences, following his departure from the role of managing partner at US firm Mintz Levin. Crump is joined by fellow Mintz Levin IP partner Alison Haile.

◆ Berwin Leighton Paisner

Berwin Leighton Paisner has made a major insurance hire with Geraldine Quirk from Clyde & Co. Quirk's market leading expertise will help strengthen the firm's non-contentious insurance and financial services regulatory work.

◆ Bevan Brittan

Property partner Andrew Shaw joins the firm from TLT. Shaw has a particular focus on social housing and the public sector.

◆ Carter Perry Bailey

This insurance specialist has undertaken a dual-hire this roundup, recruiting professional indemnity lawyers Simon Thomas and Mark Aizlewood from Greenwoods. Aizlewood joins as head of professional indemnity, the role he served at Greenwoods.

◆ Eversheds

Eversheds has boosted its planning offering with the hire of Morag Thomson. Thomson joins from

Midlands firm Marrons Shakespeares. The firm has also strengthened its real estate finance practice with the hire of Robert Ludwig. Ludwig joins from Linklaters, where he was a managing associate in the banking group.

◆ Fenchurch Law

This city-based specialist insurance firm has hired insurance disputes lawyer Jonathan Corman from Browne Jacobson.

◆ Fladgate

Litigation lawyer Bree Taylor has joined the firm from Memery Crystal. She specialises in company, partnership and shareholder disputes, fraud and misfeasance claims.

◆ Fried, Frank, Harris, Shriver & Jacobson

The firm has continued the growth of its funds practice with the hire of Greg Beechey into its asset management practice. Beechey, the fourth lateral hire into the funds team this year, joins from King & Wood Mallesons.

◆ Goodwin Procter

Leveraged finance lawyer Simon Fulbrook has joined the Boston headquartered firm's private equity practice in London. Fulbrook joins from King & Wood Mallesons and his experience encompasses all areas of leveraged finance.

◆ GQ Employment

Boutique employment law firm GQ has appointed Daniel Pollard from Macfarlanes, where he was senior counsel. Pollard's practice encompasses both contentious and non-contentious matters.

◆ Howard Kennedy

The firm's commercial finance group has recruited Marcus Jamson from Wedlake Bell. Jamson specialises in domestic and international corporate lending.

Irwin Mitchell

The national law firm continues to grow its business division (BLS) with the hire of pensions partner Penny Coghar, from Charles Russell Speechlys. Coghar joins the expanding pensions team headed by Martin Jenkins; a recent recruit from DWF in December 2014.

King & Wood Mallesons

KWM has boosted its corporate practice with a dual-hire; private equity lawyer Laura Brunnen joins from Fried Frank to strengthen the core private equity practice and Adrian Brown also joins the firm from Nabarro, where he led the financial services regulatory group.

Kirkland & Ellis

Finance partner Michael Steele has joined the firm from Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer. Steele's expertise encompasses all areas of complex corporate financing and restructurings.

Locke Lord Edwards

Locke Lord Edwards consolidates its London presence following its January merger with Edwards Wildman Palmer. This roundup sees Bob Mecrate-Butcher join the firm as London head of labour & employment from Charles Russell.

Linklaters

Matthew Weiniger QC joins the firm's international arbitration group from Herbert Smith Freehills, having been with the firm for 21 years.

Mishcon de Reya

Trade mark specialist Ray Black has joined the intellectual property team from King & Wood Mallesons. Black's practice encompasses all areas of intellectual property.

Morgan Lewis

In a significant hiring spree, the firm has recruited seven partners, including a five-partner team from US-based K&L Gates to launch its international structured finance offering in London. The team is

largely composed of former Sidley Austin partners and includes: securitisation and structured products partners Matthew Duncan, Theresa Kradjian and Paul Matthews, together with real estate finance partner Julian Goodman and tax partner Paul Beausang.

Employment Lawyer Pulina Whitaker also joins the firm from King & Spalding along with Gawain Hughes from DLA Piper, where Hughes was head of investment funds.

Morrison & Foerster

The firm has appointed corporate lawyer Graeme Sloane from Latham & Watkins. Sloane joins the firm as global co-chair of the firm's M&A practice and head of the London corporate team.

O'Melveny & Myers

The firm has appointed co-head of funds and financial services Eve Ellis from Mishcon de Reya. White & Case corporate finance lawyer Andrew Weiler has also joined as European head of M&A and corporate finance. The dual-qualified lawyer focuses his practice on all areas of corporate finance.

Osborne Clarke

IT specialist Mark Taylor has joined the commercial team from Hogan Lovells. Taylor's practice includes projects, outsourcing and cyber security.

Pinsent Masons

Boosting its financial services offering, the firm has appointed Elizabeth Budd from Charles Russell Speechlys. Budd specialises in advising asset and fund managers and served as head of financial services.

PwC Legal

In line with its ambition to become a global top-20 legal services player, PwC Legal has expanded its pensions team with the hire of Fraser Sparks from Stephenson Harwood. Oliver Williams also joins the corporate team from DLA Piper, where he was a senior associate.

◆ Ropes & Gray

Chris McGarry joins the finance team from Weil Gotshal & Manges, strengthening the firm's recently launched CLO and securitisation capability. Rohan Massey also joins the firm as IP partner from McDermott Will & Emery.

◆ Shearman & Sterling

Shearman & Sterling has fortified its international arbitration practice with the addition of Jeremy Sharpe in London. Sharpe joins from the US State Department's office of the Legal Advisor, where he acted as chief of investment arbitration.

◆ Sheppard Mullin Richter & Hampton

Sheppard Mullin Richter & Hampton has recruited experienced competition & antitrust partner Oliver Heinisch to become the first London based competition partner. Heinisch leaves Simmons and Simmons, where he was a partner for over 13 years.

◆ Sidley Austin

Rupert Wall joins Sidley Austin following almost 11 years at Weil Gotshal & Manges. Wall specialises in structured finance and securitisation.

◆ Simmons & Simmons

Simmons & Simmons has hired head of Barclays' M&A legal team, Khasruz Zaman, into its M&A practice. Rob Horne also bolsters the firm's construction team, migrating from Trowers & Hamblins.

◆ TLT Solicitors

TLT has undertaken a series of hires this roundup. The firm has strengthened its real estate ranks with the addition of duo Gillian Bastow and Linda Convery to its social housing team. Both hires join from Lewis Silkin, where Convery was real-estate head and Bastow was a social housing partner.

TLT has also snapped up financial services partner Jake McQuitty from Barclays Legal. McQuitty leaves his position as EME head for investigations and enforcement.

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