

# Lateral Partner Moves in London

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◆ **Addleshaw Goddard**

The Infrastructure, Projects and Energy practice has hired Oliver Carruthers from Norton Rose Fulbright where he was Of Counsel.

◆ **ARC Pensions Law**

Pinsent Masons' senior partner Chris Mullen and Anna Rogers from Mayer Brown have launched a new firm in the City. Mullen will lead the firm as managing partner and Rogers becomes senior partner.

◆ **Ashurst**

The firm has boosted its corporate offering, hiring James Wood from Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer. Wood formerly served as managing partner in the firm's Tokyo office and more recently spent his time as co-head of Mining and Metals in Australia. He is due to join in September 2016.

◆ **Baker & Mckenzie**

Ernst & Young's tax partner Kate Alexander joins the firm's corporate tax practice as a principal tax adviser. Alexander was formerly head of markets in the international tax services group.

◆ **Bates Wells Braithwaite**

Banking & finance lawyer Patrick Keown joins the firm from Freeth Cartwright. He advises on a broad range of finance transactions.

◆ **Berwin Leighton Paisner**

Launching a US securities practice in London, the firm has hired Katherine Mulhern from Proskauer Rose and together with Bank of America Merrill Lynch director Bobby Schrader.

◆ **Berkeley Law**

The Irwin Mitchell subsidiary has hired trust and tax planning specialist Tom Gauterin. He joins from Taylor Wessing where he was a senior associate.

◆ **BLM**

This insurance firm has boosted its catastrophic injury team with the hire of Greenwood Solicitors' injury lawyer Anthony French.

◆ **Boies Schiller & Flexner**

Bulking up the firm's disputes offering following on from the launch of its London practice early last year; international arbitration specialist Kenneth Beale joins the team. Beale is set to join the firm in July from WilmerHale where he was Of Counsel.

◆ **Bond Dickinson**

Private client specialist Neil Long joins the firm from Howard Kennedy.

◆ **Brecher**

Planning lawyer Wesley Fongenie joins this London-based real estate specialist from Mishcon de Reya where he was a consultant and co-head of planning.

◆ **Brown Rudnick**

Clyde & Co's head of corporate Phillip Rogers has joined the London office of this US firm. He joins as head of emerging markets, boosting the firm's international corporate practice.

◆ **Campbell Johnston Clark**

This specialist shipping firm has hired commercial and maritime lawyer James Mackay from Holman Fenwick Willan.

◆ **Cooley**

Continuing its hiring spree following its London launch in January, the US West Coast firm has hired tax lawyer Natasha Kaye from Olswang.

◆ **Corker Binning**

Criminal lawyer Edward Grange joins this London-based firm from Hodge Jones & Allen where he was a senior associate.

✦ **Dentons**

Trade finance lawyer Celia Gardiner joins the firm from Watson Farley & Williams.

✦ **DWF**

Developing the firm's corporate retail capability, Patrick Eaton joins from K&L Gates where he was a senior associate.

✦ **Enyo Law**

This specialist litigation firm has hired dual qualified commercial disputes lawyer Jonathan Brook from Eversheds. His practice encompasses a broad range of domestic and international disputes resolution.

✦ **Ernst & Young**

One year after stepping down from managing partner, Addleshaw Goddard's Paul Devitt has joined the corporate practice of the firm alongside Richard Thomas, who was also a partner at Addleshaw Goddard. Launching its immigration practice, the firm has also hired Anjali Greenwell from PwC Legal.

✦ **Fieldfisher**

Energy lawyer Stuart Carter has joined the firm from Bond Dickinson. His focus is on up-stream and mid-stream commercial oil and gas operations.

✦ **Fox Williams**

Audrey Williams joins the employment practice of this City firm from Eversheds, where she previously led the diversity and discrimination team. In addition, the firm has boosted its financial services offering with the hire of GFI Group's head of legal EMEA, Nigel Brahams.

✦ **Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer**

Market-leading high yield specialist Ward Mckimm joins the firm from Kirkland & Ellis. He is set to join as co-head of the firm's European leveraged finance group on 1 September.

✦ **Fried, Frank, Harris, Shriver & Jacobson**

The firm has boosted its private funds offering with the hire of three Kirkland & Ellis lawyers. Alexandra Conroy, Kate Downey and Mark Mifsud follow in the footsteps of former Kirkland's senior partner Graham White who made the same move in October 2014 and now heads the London office.

Stuart Brinkworth also joins the firm as its first finance head from Hogan Lovells. Brinkworth, who specialises in highly leveraged deals and complex financings, is due to start on 1 September.

✦ **Gibson Dunn**

Finance lawyer Philip Crump joins the banking team from Kirkland & Ellis where he will continue his debt finance practice.

✦ **Greenberg Trauig Maher**

Mayer Brown's head of competition & antitrust, Gillian Sproul joins the antitrust litigation & competition team of this US firm.

✦ **Hamlin**

Launching its first dedicated sports practice, the West End firm has hired commercial litigator Mark Gay from Burges Salmon.

✦ **Hill Dickinson**

Gateley's London head of real estate Jim Garton, has joined the property team of this firm. Garton has broad expertise across commercial and residential real estate.

✦ **Hogan Lovells**

Sylvain Dhennin joins the debt capital markets group from Dentons. He has particular expertise in high yield transactions

◆ **Holman Fenwick Willan**

Jayson Marks joins the corporate team, specialising in oil & gas. He was previously a senior associate at Pinsent Masons.

◆ **Irwin Mitchell**

Martha Grekos will lead the Planning & Infrastructure team in London. Grekos was previously at Eversheds, where she was principal associate. The firm has also boosted its litigation practice with the hire of Donna Goldsworthy from US firm Cozen O'Connor.

◆ **Jones Day**

In a dual-hire, the firm has boosted its project finance offering. Myles Mantle joins the firm from Ashurst's Tokyo office. Mantle is experienced in energy, manufacturing and infrastructure projects and will split his time between the London and Tokyo offices. Nick Collins also joins from the Abu Dhabi office of US firm Latham & Watkins.

◆ **K&L Gates**

Financial services lawyer Jacob Ghanty joins the firm from Berwin Leighton Paisner. His practice is non-contentious and advises clients on their regulatory strategy.

◆ **Kirkland & Ellis**

The firm has hired Linklaters' head of competition Paula Riedel. Riedel specialises in merger control, with particular focus on the mining, energy and financial services sectors and becomes the third competition partner in the firm. Jonathan Kandel also joins the firm from Weil Gotshal & Manges, where he was head of tax.

◆ **Mayer Brown**

The leading global law firm has hired David Harrison from Berwin Leighton Paisner where he was head of

EU & competition. He joins as co-head of the European antitrust & competition team.

◆ **McGuireWoods**

RPC's head of real estate Martin Barrett has been appointed to join and lead the firm's new real estate team.

◆ **Milbank Tweed**

Aviation lawyer Nick Swinburne has been added to the transportation and space practice at this New York headquartered firm. Swinburne joins from Clifford Chance and will co-head the practice in London.

◆ **Mishcon de Reya**

In alignment with its ambitions to grow its dispute resolution practice, the firm has appointed litigation lawyer Annabel Thomas from disputes boutique Enyo Law into its fraud defence team.

◆ **Nabarro**

Litigation lawyer Adam Greaves joins from US firm McGuireWoods. Greaves specialises in commercial international litigation and arbitration and joins the white collar crime practice.

◆ **Norton Rose Fulbright**

Sarah Coucher joins the banking and finance team from DLA Piper. She specialises in insolvency and restructuring matters. The firm has also appointed Vinson & Elkins' oil & gas lawyer Kimberly Wood into the corporate team.

◆ **Orrick Herrington & Sutcliffe**

The firm has hired Hogan Lovells' trio Matthew Williams, John Deacon and Edward Humphries to grow its energy practice in London. Williams, who previously served as global co-head of energy & natural resources, will co-head the European energy practice. Deacon, who previously practiced as Global

co-head of Renewables will continue his renewables practice at the firm. Humphries joins as partner in the move; he previously served as Counsel, focusing on energy trading agreements.

✦ **Paul Hastings**

Private funds lawyer Duncan Woollard has joined the firm from King & Wood Mallesons.

✦ **Proskauer Rose**

Boosting its corporate offering, the firm has appointed two lawyers into its corporate practice group. Private equity lawyer Bruno Bertrand-Delfau joins from Baker & McKenzie where he co-headed the firm's private equity practice group in the EMEA. Kirkland & Ellis' M&A lawyer James Howe also joins the team. In addition, Alexander Griffith joins the finance team from DLA Piper, specialising in leveraged finance.

✦ **PwC Legal**

Focusing on buyouts, buy-ins and general M&A, Peter Workman joins from King & Wood Mallesons where he was a senior associate.

✦ **Ropes & Gray**

Continuing its growth in London, the firm has hired Partha Pal from Chadbourne & Parke. He specialises in structured finance deals with particular expertise in real estate lending and commercial mortgage-backed securities.

✦ **Simmons & Simmons**

Boosting the firm's trade finance practice, Omar Al-Ali joins from Linklaters where he was a senior associate. He focuses on international structured trade and commodity financings with expertise in financings into emerging markets.

✦ **Stevens & Bolton**

IT specialist Gary Parnell joins the commercial practice of this regional firm from Clyde & Co.

✦ **Sutherland Asbill & Brennan**

The Atlanta-headquartered firm has hired energy & commodities specialist Jenni Lajzerowicz from Norton Rose Fulbright where she was a senior associate.

✦ **Watson Farley & Williams**

The financial offering of this international law firm has been boosted with the hire of three lawyers. Structured finance lawyer Sian Withey and DCM specialist Rob McBride join from Fried, Frank, Harris, Shriver & Jacobson. The firm has also hired Katten Muchin Rosenman's real estate finance lawyer Ranjeev Kumar.

✦ **Willkie Farr & Gallagher**

Solomon Wifa joins the asset management team from O'Melveny & Myers, where he previously served as managing partner of the firm's London office. He focuses on a wide range of investment funds matters.

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