

# Lateral Partner Moves in London

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✦ **Addleshaw Goddard**

Ben Koehne joins the corporate team from Allen & Overy where he was a counsel, while restructuring expert Simon Thomas also joins the firm, moving from BLP.

✦ **Allen & Overy**

Alasdair Balfour joins the magic circle firm's antitrust group, moving from Fried Frank's London office. Goldman Sachs lawyer, Denise Gibson joins the leveraged finance practice as a partner.

✦ **Andrews Kurth**

The London office of this Texan firm welcomes Peter Roberts from Ashurst as their first English law partner. Roberts was previously GC at Centrica Energy and made The Lawyer's Hot 100 in 2013.

✦ **Bingham McCutchen**

The US firm's London office bolsters its funds practice with the news that Herbert Smith partner Thiha Tun is set to join in September.

✦ **Bird & Bird**

The latest additions to the firm are Field Fisher Waterhouse franchising partner duo, Victoria Hobbs (who was franchising disputes head) and Graeme Payne.

✦ **Bracewell & Giuliani**

The US firm continues to grow its London energy offering with a hat trick of partners: Darren Spalding from Allen & Overy; Ben James from Linklaters; and Martin Stewart-Smith from Morgan Lewis & Bockius.

✦ **Bryan Cave**

Gary Freer becomes head of the London office's Labour and Employment Client Services team, leaving Pinsent Masons to do so.

✦ **Cadwalader Wickersham & Taft**

Holly Neavill and Louisa Watt join the financial restructuring group, moving from Latham & Watkins and Richards Kibb & Orbe respectively.

✦ **Chadbourne & Parke**

Banking and finance partner, Partha Pal joins the US firm's London office, moving from Sidley Austin. He specialises in cross-border banking and structured transactions.

✦ **Clifford Chance**

The magic circle firm boosts its insurance team with the hire of Norton Rose partner Ashley Prebble, who specialises in corporate and regulatory insurance.

✦ **Clyde & Co**

Commercial disputes partner, Margaret Tofalides, joins the international firm from Manches and specialises in IP disputes.

✦ **CMS Cameron McKenna**

The firm welcomes Simon Kilgour, who moves from Reynolds Porter Chamberlain where he was head of reinsurance.

✦ **Davenport Lyons**

Tim Ryan, an IP partner from Clarke Wilmott and Noel Deans, an employment partner from K&L Gates, join the firm.

✦ **DLA Piper**

Olswang's head of pensions, David Farmer joins the partnership and the firm also adds a corporate partner duo, Rob Salter from BLP and Anu Balasubramanian from Kirkland & Ellis.

✦ **Field Fisher Waterhouse**

The firm announced a number of hires over the last two months. The newcomers to the partnership are: Alex Campbell from BLP in structured finance; Neil Matthews from Eversheds in corporate; David Kent from Taylor Wessing in corporate; tax disputes specialist George Gillham from Pinsent Masons, where he was a legal director; and Robin Spender, previously senior associate at SJ Berwin, joins the finance team.

✦ **Fox Williams**

Helen Farr joins the City firm's employment team, moving from Pinsent Masons.

✦ **GSC Solicitors**

The hire of HowardKennedyFsi Janet McCann as a partner in the construction team boosts the firm's property offering.

✦ **Hogan Lovells**

Rupert Shiers leaves the Herbert Smith partnership in order to lead Lovells' direct tax disputes practice.

#### ✦ Kennedys

The firm announced its hire of insurance partner David McKie who joins the international marine practice. McKie's appointment comes a month after marine, energy and construction specialist Graeme Baird arrived from Clyde & Co, as part of a push to expand the international marine practice.

#### ✦ Keystone Law

The firm continues to expand with the arrival of ex-Norton Rose partner, David Cohen in the employment pensions and incentives team at the start of May. He specialises in share schemes.

#### ✦ King & Spalding

The firm launches a London trade practice with the hire of Iain MacVay who was head of trade & customs at Bird & Bird. It also adds to its international disputes practice by hiring UK and Russian qualified Egishe Dzhazoyan from Steptoe & Johnson, where he was co-head of the Russia and CIS group.

#### ✦ Latham & Watkins

The firm secures its third senior City recruit of the year as Dean Naumowicz, derivatives and structured products partner from Norton Rose, is set to join the partnership.

#### ✦ Lewis Silkin

Adam Glass joins the London Media, Brands and Technology team, moving from Davenport Lyons where he was head of litigation and IP.

#### ✦ Marriott Harrison

The firm welcomes a corporate partner duo, Tim Bee and M&A specialist from Field Fisher Waterhouse, and Andrew Wigfall from Nabarro where he led the venture capital practice.

#### ✦ Macfarlanes

Clare Breeze, a real estate partner from Shearman & Sterling is set to join the firm in early July.

#### ✦ Olswang

The firm has made a hat-trick of hires recently. Andrew Quayle joined the tax team, moving from Eversheds and specialising in employee incentives and reward. High-tech and life sciences expert, Justin Hill, joins from UK boutique IP firm, iPulse and becomes co-chair of the patent prosecution group.

Pensions specialist Ron Burgess also joins the partnership, moving from Lawrence Graham.

#### ✦ Payne Hicks Beach

Having launched its construction practice earlier this year, the firm announced the hire of Carl Asser, previously a partner in Dundas & Wilson's London office. Asser specialises in non-contentious construction.

#### ✦ Penningtons

The firm welcomed two new partners in London. Gillian Rivers becomes head of family law, moving from Collyer Bristow while Phillip D'Costa joins the commercial dispute resolution team, leaving Davenport Lyons.

#### ✦ Pinsent Masons

Planning partner Robbie Owen joins the firm to head its Infrastructure Planning and Government Affairs division of the Planning and Environment team; moving from Bircham Dyson Bell to do so.

#### ✦ Reynolds Porter Chamberlain

Banking and finance partner Sukh Ahark joins the firm, he was previously at Davenport Lyons where he headed the banking and finance practice.

#### ✦ Rosenblatt

Steven Wait joins the firm as head of the construction projects and infrastructure practice, moving from Stephenson Harwood where he headed the construction, engineering and facilities management team.

#### ✦ Shearman & Sterling

The New York founded firm takes a private equity trio from rival Weil Gotshal. The new arrivals are: Mark Soundy (who was involved in establishing Weil's Dubai office), corporate tax partner Sarah Priestley and Simon Burrows who was an associate at Weil.

#### ✦ Shepherd & Wedderburn

The Scottish firm recently announced the hire of two partners to boost its London real estate practice. Jonathan Rickard was Addleshaw Goddard's head of real estate in London and Sally Morris-Smith joins the firm from Kennedys and focuses on portfolio acquisitions.

✦ **Squire Sanders**

Corporate partner Matthew Doughty joins the firm, moving from Dorsey & Whitney, he specialises in equity capital markets.

✦ **Stephenson Harwood**

Rail partner Tammy Samuel becomes the latest addition to the firm, moving from Dentons. The hire makes Samuel the seventh partner to join the firm from Dentons in the last 24 months.

✦ **Sullivan & Cromwell**

Linklaters banking and restructuring partner Chris Howard quits the magic circle firm for the US outfit's London office. He has recently been advising on the administration of retailers HMV and Republic, and oil refinery Petroplus.

✦ **Taylor Wessing**

Sanjeev Shah has joined the firm's private client practice, leaving Speechly Bircham. She has particular expertise in private wealth and looks to develop her new firm's practice in regions including the Middle East, South East Asia and India.

✦ **Trowers & Hamlins**

The firm appoints a new head of private wealth to in the shape of Simon Goldring who joins the firm from RadcliffesLeBrasseur and aims to build their global offering.

✦ **Watson Farley & Williams**

The firm boosts its energy practice with the hire of Henry Stewart, who was previously a senior associate in Clifford Chance's energy and infrastructure team. Stewart has particular expertise in international transactions within the sector.

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