

# Lateral Partner Moves in London

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◆ **Addleshaw Goddard**

Anna Nerush moves to the firm's corporate energy team from Morgan Lewis & Bockius. Nerush specialises in oil and gas development.

◆ **Allen & Overy**

Marjan Noor leaves Simmons & Simmons to join the five-strong intellectual property team. Noor specialises in patent litigation and regulatory advice in the life sciences sector.

◆ **Ashurst**

The firm adds to its corporate and TMT practices. David Futter, who specialises in fintech, moves from Addleshaw Goddard into Ashurst's technology and commercial group. Yann Alix moves from Herbert Smith Freehills into the corporate team, specialising in corporate, energy and resources.

◆ **Baker Botts**

Stuart Jordan joins the Real Estate team from King & Wood Mallesons. Jordan specialises in procurement strategies in power, transport, oil, gas, petrochemical, nuclear process and other industrial construction contracts.

◆ **Bird & Bird**

Two partners join the firm. Richard McMorris, previously a consultant at Wiggin, joins the firm's media, entertainment and sports group. Jim Bell, previously an associate at Allen & Overy, is made partner in the firm's aviation and aerospace group.

◆ **BLM**

The firm adds Bevan Brittan partner, Matthew Trinder, to its healthcare team. Trinder has experience in defendant clinical negligence litigation for the NHS Litigation Authority, as well as a number of medical malpractice insurers.

◆ **Bond Dickinson**

Ex-IBB partner, Jo Coleman, joins the firm as a partner in its charities team. Coleman has expertise across a broad spectrum of charity law.

◆ **Bristows**

Stephen Smith joins the competition team from RPC, where he founded and headed the competition and anti-trust practice. Smith has wide-ranging experience of merger control, cartels and anti-trust investigations.

◆ **Burlingtons Legal**

The firm adds Brian Eagles from Howard Kennedy as its head of media and entertainment. Eagles brings over forty years' experience advising UK and international clients in IP matters.

◆ **Charles Russell Speechlys**

Shona Alexander moves to the firm's family practice from Forsters. Alexander specialises in complex financial issues arising from relationship breakdowns, and has experience advising both UK and overseas clients.

◆ **Clyde & Co**

Clyde & Co hires two partners. Will Deeprose moves to its real estate group from DLA Piper, where he was a Legal Director. Deeprose specialises in capital investment transactions and lease negotiations. Fanos Theophani joins the marine group from MFB.

◆ **Cooley**

Colm Murphy moves from Venner Shipley to the US firm. Murphy, who specialises in life science patents, will join Cooley's patent practice.

◆ **DAC Beachcroft**

Christopher Stanwell joins the firm from Nabarro. With expertise in infrastructure, high-profile development schemes and Judicial Review, Stanwell will lead the firm's national planning and environment team.

◆ **Dentons**

The firm hires two partners. David Moore, who advises private and public sector clients in the rail, roads and ports sectors, joins the energy, transport and infrastructure practice from Clyde & Co. Jonathan Cantor moves to the firm's Corporate

Practice from Nabarro. Cantor specialises in real estate indirect investment and funds.

◆ **DLA Piper**

The firm adds Ross McKean to its data protection team from Olswang where he was head of the data protection practice. McKean has a wide range of experience acting on international sourcing transactions.

◆ **DWF**

The firm hires Matthew Doughty from Squire Patton Boggs as its London head of corporate. Doughty specialises in mid-market M&A and equity capital markets transactions.

◆ **Eversheds**

Hugo Laing, previously an associate with Clifford Chance, joins the firm's financial services group. Laing specialises in transactional and regulatory work for insurance and reinsurance clients, and will focus on growing the firm's life insurance sector.

◆ **Fox Williams**

Sacha Schoenfeld moves from James Ware Schoenfeld Stephenson to head Fox Williams' immigration team. Schoenfeld has a wide range of experience in business and employment-related immigration, and advises both individuals and corporations.

◆ **Gill Jennings & Every**

The European IP firm strengthens its engineering and physics, IT, software and electronics practice with the addition of Peter Arrowsmith. Arrowsmith, who moves from trademark and patent attorney firm Cleveland, is a European patent attorney specialising in optics, photonics and software.

◆ **Gowling WLG**

The firm hires two partners. Dentons partner, Matthew Harvey, moves into the banking and finance team. Harvey has over 20 years' experience advising corporates, banks and finance companies on structured, asset and export finance transactions.

Andrew Newbery joins the firm's projects team and was formerly a partner at Herbert Smith Freehills.

◆ **Hogan Lovells**

The firm hires tax partner Elliot Weston from Gowling WLG. Weston, who focuses on real estate and funds, moves to the firm's now six-strong corporate tax department.

◆ **Holland & Knight**

US firm Holland & Knight launches in London by acquiring transportation finance firm Clark Ricketts, including founding partner Robert Ricketts. Ricketts' focus is on aviation law, and advises banks, leasing companies and airlines on a wide range of issues. He joins as executive partner of the new office. Gwen O'Flynn also moves with Ricketts alongside Ian Clark, who will join as a consultant.

◆ **Holman Fenwick Willan**

The firm adds Adam Strong to its insurance and reinsurance practice from Gowling WLG. Strong specialises in professional indemnity, financial institutions and hybrid capital markets, and is an experienced litigator.

◆ **Humphries Kerstetter**

Christopher Braithwaite moves to the city litigation boutique. Formerly a partner at Jones Day, Braithwaite advises banks, financial institutions and other clients on litigation, arbitration and regulatory investigations.

◆ **Katten Muchin Rosenman**

The firm hires Matthew Needham-Laing as a partner in its real estate team. Needham-Laing, with over 20 years of experience in construction and engineering, leaves Stevens & Bolton to head the construction and engineering group.

◆ **Kemp Little**

Emma Wright joins the firm's commercial technology team. Formally head of telecoms at Bond Dickinson, Wright specialises in telecoms, technology and regulation.

#### ◆ Kirkland & Ellis

The firm picks has hired a further three partners from Linklaters LLP. David Holdsworth and Stuart Boyd join the private equity team. Tax partner, Tim Lowe, also moves to the London office. These are the latest of a number of moves from Linklaters to Kirkland & Ellis. The firm also hires Richard Boynton as international litigation and arbitration partner from Clifford Chance, where he was a senior associate.

#### ◆ Keystone Law

Leaving King & Wood Mallesons, employment partner Hilary O'Connor moves to Keystone Law. O'Connor specialises in contentious and non-contentious employment law and has particular experience in the retail, media and finance sectors.

#### ◆ Kobre & Kim

Jason Masimore joins the US firm's government enforcement & investigations team. Masimore, who leaves the US Department of Justice as a prosecutor, will focus on advising corporations and individual clients across the EMEA region against fraud, bribery and corruption allegations.

#### ◆ Latham & Watkins

The firm hires three partners. Sophie Lamb joins the firm as head of the arbitration practice. She moves from Debevoise, where she worked for eight years in investment disputes and litigation. The firm also hires Dechert finance partner, Jeremy Trinder, into its real estate group. Ashurst's financial services regulatory head, Rob Moulton, also moves to the firm as a partner in its financial institutions group.

#### ◆ McDermott Will & Emery

The firm hires two partners. Michael Holter moves into its corporate practice from WilmerHale, where he was managing partner of the London office until it closed one of its London offices in July 2015. He focuses on international corporate transactions involving new media and aviation. Simon Goldring moves to the private client team from Trowers & Hamblins, where he was head of the private wealth department.

#### ◆ Michelmores

Trowers & Hamblins partner, Ian Binnie, moves to Michelmores' corporate team. Binnie has experience of corporate and capital markets offerings.

#### ◆ MJ Hudson

Saloni Joshi joins the team as a private funds partner. In 2010 she left Morgan, Lewis & Bockius, where she was head of the Private Investments Group, to establish her own firm, SJ Advisers. Her practice covers a wide range of private equity transactions.

#### ◆ Osborne Clarke

The firm hires real estate partners Jo Footitt and Louise Cartwright from Irwin Mitchell. Ashley Hurst, a commercial litigator and solicitor-advocate, also joins the firm from Olswang. Hurst specialises in media and internet disputes.

#### ◆ Paul Hastings

James Taylor joins the firm's finance practice from Allen & Overy, where he was of counsel. Taylor has experience in general corporate lending, real estate, and acquisition finance in the EMEA region.

#### ◆ Proskauer

The firm hires Joanne Owen into its private equity real estate group. Owen, who focuses on private equity and real estate finance, moves from DLA Piper where she was the global co-chair of hospitality and leisure.

#### ◆ PwC Legal

Laetitia Costa joins the firm a year after having left Milbank. Costa joins as head of banking and finance, and advises on senior financings for domestic and cross-border acquisitions, bank bonds and public to private transactions.

#### ◆ Quinn Emanuel Urquhart & Sullivan

The firm hires construction partner, James Bremen from Herbert Smith Freehills, as its London construction chair. With experience in construction disputes, Bremen will be based in London and will also spend time at the firm's Doha office.

#### ◆ Reed Smith

The firm hires four partners. Mark Pring, who specialises in international arbitration and cross-border litigation, moves to Reed Smith from Addleshaw Goddard, where he was head of insurance. Douglas Cherry moves to the commercial disputes group from Eversheds. The firm also hires intellectual property partner, Jonathan Radcliffe, from Charles Russell Speechlys. The addition of Daniel Winterfeldt strengthens the firm's US securities offering. Winterfeldt, who moves with a team from CMS Cameron McKenna, focuses his practice on representing US, UK, European and Asian investment banks.

#### ◆ Ropes & Gray

Travers Smith partner, Helen Croke, joins the US firm. Croke, a private equity partner who trained at Travers, focuses on private equity and M&A transactions for corporations and institutional investors.

#### ◆ Shepherd and Wedderburn

Carl Powlson joins the corporate team from Australian boutique firm, Atanaskovic Hartnell. Powlson has both UK and cross-border experience in corporate finance matters.

#### ◆ Shoosmiths

Real estate finance lawyer Adam Chamberlain joins the regional firm from RPC where he was a senior associate. Shoosmiths also launches a London family law practice, hiring Juliette Peters and Jay Patel from Howard Kennedy. Peters, previously Howard Kennedy's family law head, and Patel both specialise in representing high net worth individuals.

#### ◆ Sidley Austin

The firm has hired employment partner, Susan Fanning, from DLA Piper where she had been a partner since 2001. Fanning focuses on both contentious and non-contentious employment matters, and has particular experience in advising on policy and strategic human resource issues.

#### ◆ Simmons & Simmons

Corporate real estate lawyer Deian Rhys joins the firm from Goldman Sachs, where he was executive director and senior counsel. Rhys specialises in cross-border transactions and joins the firm's real estate practice.

#### ◆ Skadden Arps Slate Meagher & Flom

K&L Gates' head of corporate crime joins Skadden. Elizabeth Robertson, known for defending clients against the Serious Fraud Office and the Financial Conduct Authority, is expected to boost the firm's two-partner white collar crime team in the City.

#### ◆ Stephenson Harwood

Two partners move to the firm's commercial litigation team from Maurice Turnor Gardner. Jenny McKeown focuses on trust disputes in the pensions, financial services and private wealth sectors. She moves with Helena Berman, who has over two decades' experience of complex high-value pensions and contentious trust disputes.

#### ◆ Taylor Wessing

The firm has picked up two partners. Senior media and technology partner, Angus Finnegan, has moved from Reed Smith. Finnegan specialises in telecoms-related projects and will head the firm's UK communications group. Martin Cotterill joins the firm's technology, telecoms and competition group from Latham & Watkins. His focus is on complex technology and outsourcing transactions.

#### ◆ Venner Shipley

Patent and trademark attorneys, Venner Shipley launches its litigation practice, appointing James Tumbridge and Paul Harris from Pillsbury Winthrop Shaw Pittman. Tumbridge and Harris, who join the firm alongside a Pillsbury associate, have a wide range of experience in IP litigation and transactions, dispute resolution, and government relations.

#### ◆ Weightmans

Capsticks healthcare partner, Paul Thomson, joins Weightmans. Thomson has 15 years' experience in medical defence litigation and handles claims for the NHS Litigation Authority and NHS trusts.

#### ◆ Weil Gotshal & Manges

The firm hires Herbert Smith Freehills' London head of private equity, James MacArthur. MacArthur focuses on private equity and M&A transactions in the infrastructure and real estate sectors.

#### ◆ White & Case

The firm picks up three partners. Mark Clarke, who was Ashurst's global co-head of the resources and infrastructure disputes group, focuses on disputes in the energy and infrastructure sectors. Guy Potel, from Hogan Lovells, joins the private equity team. Jeffrey Rubinoff, who advises investment banks and private equity funds on national and cross-border real estate transactions, joins the banking team from Freshfields where he was a partner since 1999.

#### ◆ Wikborg Rein

Norwegian firm Wikborg Rein hires Nick Shepherd and Mike Stewart. Nick Shepherd, whose focus is on shipping matters, moves from Ince & Co. Mike Stewart joins the firm's construction practice from K&L Gates, where he specialised in offshore and onshore construction litigation.

#### ◆ Willkie Farr & Gallagher

The firm hires two partners. Mark Fine moves to the firm, having previously been European general counsel at Bain Capital Credit. Fine joins the global finance practice group, and brings extensive experience in handling complex debt financing transactions for borrowers and lenders. The firm also hires Henrietta de Salis into its corporate and financial services department. Salis, who moves from Herbert Smith Freehills where she was a consultant, provides advice and transaction support to a broad range of clients on UK and European financial services legislation and compliance matters.

#### ◆ Winckworth Sherwood

The firm appoints Alan Duncan to its thirty four-strong real estate practice. Duncan moves from Mount Anvil – a client of Winckworth Sherwood – and focuses on land, development and finance functions in the acquisitions and funding of new schemes.

#### ◆ Winston & Strawn

The firm hires Simmons & Simmons partners Christopher Boresjo and Mark Moody. They join the firm's transportation finance practice, having worked closely together for almost a decade.

#### ◆ Withers

Alix Prentice will lead the firm's institutional advisory practice. Prentice joins from Taylor Wessing, and is a former regulator within the Financial Services Authority.

◆ The Specialist Partner Team



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