

# Lateral Partner Moves in London

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✦ **Bevan Brittan**

Regulatory lawyer Peter Steel joins the London Commercial Dispute Resolution team, moving from Capsticks. He has particular expertise in professional regulatory proceedings.

✦ **Davis Polk & Wardwell**

The firm expands its English law capabilities further with the hire of Will Pearce, a prominent M&A and corporate finance partner, who moves from Herbert Smith Freehills.

✦ **Debevoise & Plimpton**

Kevin Lloyd, a commercial litigation expert, from Herbert Smith, joins the litigation practice, which is led by Lord Goldsmith QC.

✦ **Fladgate**

The firm boosts its employment offering with the hire of Daniel Wise from K&L Gates, who is especially experienced in the financial services and technology sectors.

✦ **Goodwin Procter**

The firm continues to build its London practice with the hire of Ben Eaton as a new tax partner at the firm, moving from Allen & Overy where he was tax counsel.

✦ **Gowlings**

Andrew Mace is a new addition to the Canadian firm's London offering; he joins the restructuring team from Osborne Clarke.

✦ **Ince & Co**

Richard Britain joins the firm as head of corporate insurance, he moves from Clyde & Co.

✦ **Jones Day**

Sumesh Sawhney, co-head of the M&A focus of Clifford Chance's global India group, is the latest corporate partner addition to the firm.

✦ **Katten Muchin Rosenman**

The firm strengthens its financial services offering with the hire of Tim Aron, a UK financial services regulatory specialist. He moves from Norton Rose, where he was an associate.

✦ **Kaye Scholer**

The US firm has hired Freshfields partner Stuart Axford. He becomes the firm's first dedicated structured finance partner in London, growing their European practice in this area.

✦ **Locke Lord**

The firm grows its London offering, announcing the hire of a trio of finance partners: Samrad Nazer from Squire Sanders; James Channo from Fox Williams; and Luke Morris from Mishcon de Reya, where he headed the banking and finance team.

✦ **Macfarlanes**

The firm has re-recruited private client partner, Charles Gothard, who leaves his position as international head of tax and wealth structuring at Speechly Bircham.

✦ **Maclay Murray & Spens**

David Knox leaves his position as pensions practice leader at Dundas & Wilson, after over seven years. He joins the firm to head up the UK law pensions team and will be based in London and Edinburgh.

✦ **Maurice Turnor Gardener**

Sarah Conway becomes a real estate partner at the firm, focusing on residential property. She leaves Allen & Overy, where she was an associate.

✦ **Mayer Brown**

James Taylor becomes a finance partner at the firm, focusing on debt capital markets. He leaves Allen & Overy, where he was an associate.

✦ **McDermott Will & Emery**

The firm has secured a double hire to bolster its transactional offering – corporate partners Stuart Mathews and Rupert Weber both move from Maitland.

✦ **Norton Rose**

IP litigation partner, Huw Evans, is the latest arrival to the London dispute resolution practice. He moves from Allen & Overy.

✦ **Olswang**

The firm strengthens its IT offering with the hire of Craig Rattray, who joins from BLP. He becomes the firm's fourth technology appointment of the year.

✦ **Pannone**

David Jabbari leaves his position as chief operating officer at Clyde & Co to become partner at the firm. He will be responsible for building Pannone's consumer brand, Connect2Law.

✦ **Reynolds Porter Chamberlain**

The firm continues to grow its corporate practice with a triple hire from Wragge & Co: David Marshall, Maurice Dwyer (former corporate practice chief), and Richard Haywood (former managing partner). Corporate insurance specialist, Charlotte Taggart also joins, moving from a general counsel position at Lockton International.

✦ **Simmons & Simmons**

The firm has hired a new projects partner, Andrew Petry, who specialises in energy and infrastructure work and moves from Addleshaw Goddard.

✦ **Simpson Thacher & Bartlett**

Corporate partner, Derek Baird, joins the firm from Allen & Overy, where he was global co-head of private equity.

✦ **SJ Berwin**

Alex Woodfield, leaves his position as head of the CIS group at Field Fisher Waterhouse in order to join the firm's corporate practice. SJ Berwin also announced a double hire in contentious competition: Elaine Whiteford moves from BLP, and Sarah Turnbull leaves her in-house position as head of legal at Ofcom.

✦ **Squire Sanders**

The firm strengthens its financial services offering with a double lateral hire. Philippa Chadwick previously led the project finance group at BLP, while Pippa Laird joins from Wragge & Co, where she was head of the banking practice.

✦ **Weil Gotshal & Manges**

The US firm strengthens its high yield offering with the hire of Gil Strauss from Freshfields; He becomes head of Weil's European high yield practice.

✦ **Wragge & Co**

Dundas & Wilson equity partner and London head of litigation, Martin Thomas, joins the firm's real estate litigation team.

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