

# Lateral Partner Moves in London

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✔ **Addleshaw Goddard**

Michelle de Kluvyer has joined the Litigation team at Addleshaw Goddard from Allen & Overy, where she was counsel. De Kluvyer specialises in corporate crime and investigations.

✔ **Arnold & Porter Kaye Scholer**

US firm Arnold & Porter Kaye Scholer has hired competition lawyer John Schmidt from Shepherd & Wedderburn. Schmidt will focus on the life sciences, consumer goods, finance, and infrastructure sectors.

✔ **Bird & Bird**

Bird & Bird has welcomed hotels and hospitality specialist Karen Friebe who joins from Berwin Leighton Paisner, where she headed the Hotels group. Friebe specialises in the acquisition, development, disposal, and management of property in the hospitality and leisure sector.

✔ **Blake Morgan**

Meera Jansen has joined Blake Morgan from Brecher. Jansen is a finance lawyer with expertise in cross-border transactions and all aspects of insolvency and restructuring.

✔ **Bracewell**

US energy specialist Bracewell has launched its London Dispute Resolution practice, hiring Damian Watkin and John Gilbert from McDermott Will & Emery and K&L Gates respectively. Both Watkin and Gilbert specialise in litigation and arbitration in the energy sector.

✔ **Browne Jacobson**

Browne Jacobson has hired former BLM clinical negligence partner Matthew Trinder into its Health Advisory and Litigation practice.

✔ **Clarke Willmott**

Stuart Wilson has joined the Construction team at Clarke Willmott from Trowers & Hamblins. Wilson specialises in non-contentious construction matters.

✔ **Cleary Gottlieb Steen & Hamilton**

Cleary Gottlieb Steen & Hamilton has made a rare partner hire, with litigation lawyer James Norris-Jones joining the firm from Herbert Smith Freehills. Norris-Jones's expertise includes banking disputes, commercial contract disputes, and disputes relating to fraud and insolvency.

✔ **Clyde & Co**

Insurance duo Jennette Newman and Jonathan Edwards, and regulatory and financial crime barrister Charles Kuhn have joined Clyde & Co from BLM and Hickman & Rose respectively. Newman headed the London office at her former firm and specialises in ADR in relation to catastrophic injury and major loss claims. Edwards advises insurance companies and large corporates on contentious and non-contentious matters. Kuhn joins the Regulatory and Investigations group.

✔ **CMS Cameron McKenna**

CMS Cameron McKenna has welcomed Neil Hamilton from Jones Day and Tristan Hall from the disbanding US firm Sedgwick. Hamilton joins the Capital Markets and Derivatives team, bringing expertise in securitisation and structured finance. Hall advises on the management and resolution of complex insurance claims, specialising in financial, professional, and cyber risks.

✔ **Collyer Bristow**

Collyer Bristow has appointed Nigel Brahams to its Corporate and Commercial team. Formerly at Fox Williams, Brahams has experience in fintech and financial services regulation.

✦ **DAC Beachcroft**

A quartet of partner hires for DAC Beachcroft: Two insurance partners - Mark Kendall and Duncan Strachan - from the soon to be defunct US law firm Sedgwick - as well as Tim Ryan from Memery Crystal and former Clifford Chance senior associate David Sims. Kendall's practice includes policy coverage and international dispute management. Strachan advises clients on litigation defence and coverage issues. The duo both have experience in the Latin American market with Kendall having led Sedgwick's Latin American group since 2014. Ryan was head of commercial, media and technology at his former firm and will lead the Technology practice at DAC. He advises on technology, fintech, cyber security, and digital media. Sims joins the Employment and Pensions group, specialising in employment litigation and advisory work.

✦ **Doyle Clayton**

Employment boutique Doyle Clayton has welcomed Liz Barton as their new head of corporate. Prior to joining the firm Barton was a legal director at Cripps, and she specialises in corporate and commercial work for private companies and organisations entering the UK.

✦ **ebl miller rosenfalck**

Philip Henson has been appointed head of employment at ebl miller rosenfalck, prior to this appointment Henson led the Employment team at DKLM. He advises employers, executives and directors in all aspects of employment law, as well as handling litigation matters.

✦ **Fieldfisher**

Fieldfisher has hired commercial lawyer Simon Rendell from Osborne Clarke. Rendell provides corporate and commercial advice to digital business clients.

✦ **Fladgate**

Fladgate has welcomed Kelly Whiter as a partner. She joins from PwC, where she was a solicitor and head of the private client immigration team. Whiter specialises in advising high-net-worth individuals relocating to the UK.

✦ **Gibson Dunn & Crutcher**

Gibson Dunn & Crutcher has hired a trio of partners: Sacha Harber-Kelly, a former prosecutor at the Serious Fraud Office, and Sandy Bhogal and Jeremy Kenley, both former practice heads at Mayer Brown. Harber-Kelly specialises in white-collar crime, including compliance, investigations and enforcement. Bhogal headed tax at his former firm and advises on transactional corporate tax matters. Kenley co-headed the global Corporate and Securities practice as well as leading the Private Equity Real Estate practice. He advises on a range of corporate matters, with a particular focus on real estate private equity.

✦ **Goodwin Procter**

Goodwin has welcomed Markus Bauman, formerly at King & Spalding, into the firm's Technology and Life Sciences practices. Bauman specialises in corporate finance matters including equity and debt offerings and M&A.

✦ **Hodge Jones & Allen**

Hodge Jones & Allen has appointed commercial litigator Claire Kitchen to its Dispute Resolution team. She joins the firm as a partner and was previously a senior associate at Fletcher Day.

✦ **Irwin Mitchell**

Claire-Marie Cornford has joined Irwin Mitchell from Mishcon de Reya where she was a managing associate. Cornford specialises in domestic and international trust, estate and succession disputes and will head up the Wills, Trusts and Estates Disputes team.

- ✔ **Katten Muchin Rosenman**  
Polly Sprenger, formerly of counsel at Eversheds Sutherland, has joined Katten Muchin Rosenman as a partner. Sprenger's hire forms the basis for the new Contentious Financial Services and White Collar, Investigations and Compliance team in London. Her practice focuses on corporate crime and internal investigations.
- ✔ **Kemp Little**  
Jacob Ghanty has joined Kemp Little and will lead the Financial Regulatory team. Ghanty focuses on payments law and regulation, and he joins from K&L Gates.
- ✔ **Kennedys**  
Kennedys has hired a trio of insurance lawyers from Mayer Brown: Ingrid Hobbs, Andy Westlake, and former senior associate Tim McCaw who joins as a partner. Hobbs advises on a breadth of coverage and defence disputes. Westlake and McCaw specialise in advising political risk and trade credit insurers. McCaw also defends professional negligence claims.
- ✔ **Keoghs**  
Keoghs has hired marine insurance lawyers: Daniel Crockford and Alex Penberthy, both of whom were formerly consultant solicitors at Keystone Law. Crockford specialises in yachts and superyachts, and Penberthy's practice focuses on cross-border marine litigation.
- ✔ **Kingsley Napley**  
Kingsley Napley has appointed Anita Gill to its Private Client team, and she joins from Charles Russell Speechlys. Gill specialises in advising high-net-worth individuals and offshore companies.
- ✔ **Kirkland & Ellis**  
Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer private equity star David Higgins joins Kirkland & Ellis as London co-managing partner in what is reportedly one of the most expensive ever lateral hires in the City.
- ✔ **KPMG**  
KPMG has hired two partners into its legal services team: corporate M&A and reorganisations partner Richard Lewis joins from Eversheds Sutherland to head up the London Corporate team and tax partner Matthew Herrington joins from US firm McDermott Will & Emery.
- ✔ **Mishcon de Reya**  
Ben Giaretta has joined Mishcon de Reya from Ashurst. Giaretta specialises in commercial arbitration and in the energy & resources, construction, engineering and infrastructure sectors.
- ✔ **Moore Blatch**  
Moore Blatch has welcomed both Manmohan Singh, a former DWF director, and Richard Hughes, a senior associate from Boodle Hatfield, as partners. Singh specialises in international corporate and transactional matters, and Hughes specialises in commercial property and land development.
- ✔ **Norton Rose Fulbright**  
Pamela Reddy joins Norton Rose Fulbright's Corporate and White-collar Crime team from West End firm Simons Muirhead & Burton. Reddy practices in criminal defence, specialising in business and white-collar crime.
- ✔ **Paul Hastings**  
Paul Hastings has hired restructuring lawyer David Manson from White & Case. Manson advises on all aspects of domestic and cross-border restructuring and insolvency matters.

◆ **Rosenblatt Solicitors**

Ajit Mishra has been appointed as head of the India practice at Rosenblatt Solicitors. Formerly co-head of Pennington Manches' India team, Mishra is a dual-qualified corporate lawyer in both India and England & Wales, specialising in cross-border foreign direct investment.

◆ **Shakespeare Martineau**

Shakespeare Martineau has hired Catherine Moss from Winckworth Sherwood and Michael Mulligan from litigation boutique Grosvenor Law. Moss joins the firm's Corporate group and specialises in corporate finance, M&A and reorganisations. Insolvency and commercial litigation lawyer Mulligan, specialises in all aspects of corporate recovery, bankruptcy, fraud, asset recovery, and enforcement.

◆ **Shepherd & Wedderburn**

Shepherd & Wedderburn has welcomed Philip Sewell from Maclay, Murray & Spens to the Commercial Disputes and Regulation division. Sewell provides advice on a wide range of contentious commercial matters.

◆ **Sidley Austin**

Sidley Austin has bolstered its Private Equity team with the hire of corporate duo Till Lefranc and Wim De Vlieger, both of whom join the firm as partners. Prior to their appointment, they were both counsel at Simpson Thacher & Bartlett. De Vlieger and Lefranc advise clients across Europe on a range of transactions, with a particular focus on private equity, M&A and capital markets.

◆ **Squire Patton Boggs**

Kerry Lee joins Squire Patton Boggs as a partner from Walgreens Boots Alliance, where he headed the Intellectual Property group. Lee has experience in both contentious and non-contentious intellectual property and a plethora

of e-commerce matters, and will split his time between the London and Manchester offices.

◆ **Watson Farley & Williams**

Watson Farley & Williams has welcomed former Ropes & Gray litigator Thomas Ross into its Disputes practice. Ross specialises in financial disputes and white-collar crime.

◆ **Wedlake Bell**

Wedlake Bell has hired former senior solicitor Adam Lynch as a partner. Previously at Maclay, Murray & Spens, Lynch joins the Corporate & Financial Services team where he will specialise in M&A, investment, and public company work.

◆ **Weightmans**

Andrew Cromby joins Weightmans as head of the London Commercial Litigation team. Formerly at Bracher Rawlins, Cromby is experienced in commercial litigation and dispute resolution, with particular expertise in partnership disputes.

◆ **Weil Gotshal & Manges**

Weil Gotshal & Manges has bolstered its Real Assets Team with the addition of Berwin Leighton Paisner Corporate Real Estate partner Anthea Bamford. Bamford advises investors in the office, hotels, retail, and logistics sectors.

◆ **White & Case**

Dominic Ross has joined the Corporate team at White & Case from Ashurst. Ross specialises in corporate finance and M&A transactions involving listed and private corporate clients.

◆ The Specialist Partner Team



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