

Lateral Partner Moves in London

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◆ **Addleshaw Goddard**

Former Taylor Wessing Dubai banking head Habib Ullah has joined Addleshaw Goddard's Banking & Finance practice. Ullah was based in Dubai, where he has specialised in real estate finance and Islamic finance for more than 17 years. In addition, Beth Collett will join the Housing Finance team as a partner from Allen & Overy where she was counsel. Collett specialises in debt capital markets, with a particular focus on advising issuers, managers, and trustees in the public sector.

◆ **Bates Wells Braithwaite**

Bates Wells Braithwaite has hired corporate partner Murdoch Currie from Berwin Leighton Paisner. Currie advises on corporate transactions, including M&A and equity capital markets in the financial, and real estate sector.

◆ **Berwin Leighton Paisner**

Berwin Leighton Paisner (BLP) has appointed Ashurst (New York) Counsel Shanan Dunstan as its new head of asset based lending. Additionally, Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer asset finance counsel Jason Chamberlain also joins as a partner. Dunstan specialises in asset based lending and leveraged finance transactions whilst Chamberlain's practice focuses on rail sector transactions, and railway infrastructure projects.

◆ **Bircham Dyson Bell**

Matthew Smith returns to Bircham Dyson Bell as a partner from Capsticks. Smith specialises in both contentious and non-contentious public law. His practice will be split between the Litigation and Dispute Resolution, and Government and Infrastructure Groups.

◆ **Bird & Bird**

Bird & Bird has hired Andrew Danson from K&L Gates to join the International Media, Entertainment and Sports Group. Danson's practice focuses on commercial and regulatory work in the gambling, and sports industry.

◆ **Blake Morgan**

Blake Morgan has appointed real estate partner Prashant Dave from Hilmi + Partners. Dave specialises in property development, landlord and tenant, and retail and leisure work.

◆ **Boodle Hatfield**

Boodle Hatfield has hired head of family Emily Brand from Winckworth Sherwood. Brand focuses on high-value financial proceedings and international children disputes.

◆ **Brown Rudnick**

Brown Rudnick has recruited bankruptcy partner Benjamin Klinger from US firm Sidley Austin. Klinger's practice focuses on cross-border and domestic reorganisation, recovery, and turnaround matters.

◆ **Carter Lemon Camerons**

Carter Lemon Camerons welcomes its new head of private client Neil Acheson-Gray, who joins from Rollingsons Solicitors where he was the head of wills, probate and inheritance. Acheson-Gray's practice involves advising on contested wills, estate planning, Court of Protection, and trust creation.

◆ **Clyde & Co**

Clyde & Co has appointed healthcare partner and assistant coroner Gemma Brannigan from Capsticks where she led the Inquests practice. Brannigan has a focus on claims and investigations in relation to deaths in the medical, care, custody, and security sectors.

- ✔ **Cooley**
Cooley has made a significant hire with Rod Freeman joining from Hogan Lovells, where he was international product law head. Freeman advises on matters concerning product defects, international product launches, compliance issues, and product litigation.
- ✔ **Crowell & Moring**
US law firm Crowell & Moring has appointed Michelle Linderman from Ince & Co, where she was global head of sanctions. Linderman has experience in cross-border sanctions and commercial disputes; advising on diligence and compliance procedures.
- ✔ **Devonshires**
Devonshires has hired Dentons projects partner Robert Turner and Kingsley Napley real estate associate Dan Moan. Turner specialises in infrastructure projects in the transport, defence health, and accommodation sectors. Moan specialises in sales and acquisitions of commercial property for investors and developers.
- ✔ **Doyle Clayton**
Specialist employment firm Doyle Clayton has appointed its new head of pensions Andrew Campbell from Slaughter & May, where he was an associate. Campbell's practice focuses on assisting sponsors of defined benefit schemes in managing legal and regulatory risks.
- ✔ **DWF**
DWF has appointed insurance partner Anthony Woodhouse to its Insurance Group from Gowling WLG. Woodhouse specialises in international and cross-border disputes involving insurance, and reinsurance companies.
- ✔ **Edwin Coe**
Edwin Coe has appointed John Young as a corporate partner from Mishcon de Reya, where he was a legal director. Young advises entrepreneurs, SMEs and family businesses, on investments, the sale and purchase of businesses, and joint ventures.
- ✔ **Eversheds Sutherland**
Richard Streeter joins Eversheds Sutherland as a partner from CMS Cameron McKenna, where he was a senior associate. Streeter specialises in the construction and operation of renewable energy assets. In addition, Eversheds Sutherland has boosted its Banking team with Chris Hastings from Ropes & Gray, where he was a senior associate. Hastings advises on transactions in leveraged, and acquisition financing.
- ✔ **Fieldfisher**
European law firm Fieldfisher has hired insolvency and restructuring partner Stewart Perry, and finance partner Stephen Moller. Perry joins from Clyde & Co and specialises in contentious and non-contentious insolvency issues for insolvency practitioners, financier, and directors of distressed companies. Moller joins from K&L Gates and will bolster the firm's structured finance and securitisation offering.
- ✔ **Fox Williams**
Financial services regulatory lawyer Chris Finney has joined Fox Williams from Cooley. Finney focuses on UK and European regulatory matters, and advises a variety of clients including: insurers and re-insurers, fund managers, brokers, and fintech companies.

- ✔ **Fried Frank**
Commercial real estate partners Darren Rogers and Patrick Williams join the New York headquartered firm from Ashurst. The duo focus on high end investment, development, joint venture arrangements acquisitions and disposals across the real estate sector.
- ✔ **Gibson Dunn & Crutcher**
Corporate partner Anna Howell has joined Gibson Dunn & Crutcher from Herbert Smith Freehills. Howell's practice focuses on cross-border transactions in the energy sector, in particular M&A, project development, and financing.
- ✔ **Haynes and Boone CDG**
Haynes and Boone CDG is set to launch a London Corporate practice with the hire of two partners from Rosenblatt Solicitors; head of corporate Tom Ferns who will lead the Corporate practice, and Nick Foss-Pedersen. Ferns and Foss-Pedersen focus on public and private acquisitions, IPOs and, equity fundraisings.
- ✔ **Herbert Smith Freehills**
Herbert Smith Freehills has hired veteran corporate crime lawyer Brian Spiro from litigation boutique BCL Solicitors. Spiro specialises in 'high loss' business crime litigation, fraud and regulatory matters, prosecutions, and investigations.
- ✔ **Hodge Jones & Allen**
Hodge Jones & Allen has appointed head of clinical negligence James Bell from Slater & Gordon. Bell's practice focuses on compensation claims against medical treatment providers.
- ✔ **Howard Kennedy**
Howard Kennedy has hired three partners this round-up: Hewitson Moorhead employment partner Samantha Murray-Hinde, Laytons head of construction James Stewart, and Dentons corporate partner Jonathon Polin. Murray-Hinde focuses on employment law within the transport and sport sectors. Stewart returns to Howard Kennedy as head of construction - his practice covers both contentious and non-contentious construction law. Polin advises on public and private M&A.
- ✔ **Humphries Kirk**
Dorset, Somerset and City firm Humphries Kirk has appointed real estate partner Guy Fearon. Fearon joins from his founding firm, Decimus Fearon. Fearon specialises in conveyancing, acquisition, disposal and ongoing management of commercial and residential property.
- ✔ **Irwin Mitchell**
Irwin Mitchell has appointed its new national head of real estate, Adrian Barlow, who was previously head of real estate at Pinsent Masons. Barlow has extensive experience across both commercial and residential real estate.
- ✔ **Joseph Hage Aaronson**
Transatlantic disputes boutique Joseph Hage Aaronson welcomes Paul Hastings litigation partner, Michelle Duncan to its London office. Duncan's practice focuses on banking and corporate litigation on securities, and insolvency matters.
- ✔ **Katten Muchin Rosenman**
Katten Muchin Rosenman has appointed Alan Meneghetti from Locke Lord. Meneghetti has significant experience in regulatory, commercial and data protection matters.
- ✔ **King & Spalding**
King & Spalding has expanded its London Finance practice with the hire of Mark Wesseldine and Fergus Wheeler from Ropes & Gray. Wesseldine advises on leveraged finance

and restructuring and Wheeler's practice includes direct lending, alternative capital, and corporate acquisition financing transactions.

✦ **Kirkland & Ellis**

Kirkland & Ellis welcomes former co-head of alternative capital, Sean Lacey, from Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer. Lacey, who specialises in advising investment funds on special situations deals, and corporate borrowers on acquisition financings, will join Kirkland's three-partner Restructuring team.

✦ **Lawrence Stephens**

Lawrence Stephens has hired real estate specialist Avi Barr from Read Roper & Read in Manchester, where he was head of leases for landlords. Barr specialises in commercial and residential acquisitions for the charity and education sectors.

✦ **Lee & Thompson**

Lee & Thompson has hired head of digital media Julian Ward from Hamlin's. Ward advises on digital content in the video games industry, digital broadcasting, and content sectors.

✦ **Linklaters**

Linklaters continues to grow its restructuring team with the hire of James Douglas from Ropes & Gray. Douglas has experience in financial restructuring and disputes arising out of corporate joint ventures, debt financings, derivatives and corporate insolvencies.

✦ **McDermot Will & Emery**

McDermot Will & Emery has appointed Peter Crichton to its expanding Corporate & Transactional practice. Crichton was previously at CMS Cameron McKenna, and specialises in acquisition finance.

✦ **Mishcon de Reya**

Mishcon de Reya has appointed co-head of wealth planning Filippo Nosedà from Withers. Nosedà specialises in tax, advising on trusts and succession planning in common and civil law.

✦ **MJ Hudson**

MJ Hudson has hired Arnold & Porter Kaye Scholer tax partner Daniel Lewin and Jones Day financial services associate Christopher Dearie. Lewin will join as head of Tax, advising on a variety of transactions including acquisitions, joint ventures, financings, and funds. Dearie, who will join as partner, advises asset managers, banks, domestic and international investment funds on financial services regulatory issues.

✦ **Moore Blatch**

Moore Blatch has appointed Archie Sherbrooke from Charles Russell Speechlys. Blatch specialises in commercial property, with focus on investment transactions, hotels, and retail property.

✦ **Payne Hicks Beach**

Hanna Basha has joined Payne Hicks Beach's Privacy and Media team from Hill Dickinson. Basha specialises in defamation, privacy, and breach of confidence, and she also has experience in reputation and crisis management.

✦ **Pillsbury Winthrop Shaw Pittman**

Pillsbury Winthrop Shaw Pittman strengthens its Finance team with the appointment of former Morgan Lewis & Bockius head of business & finance Chris Harrison, and Mayer Brown finance partner Trevor Wood. Harrison has extensive experience in leveraged finance, and debt capital markets. Wood's practice includes international trade, export and commodity finance and real estate finance.

- ◆ **Pinsent Masons**
Pinsent Masons welcomes funds specialist David Young from Scottish firm Maclay Murray & Spens, where he was head of financial services and alternative funds. Young specialises in fund structuring, formation and, investment work.
- ◆ **PwC**
PwC secures three lateral appointments with Ashurst pension's head Marcus Fink and co-founders of boutique firm Radiant Law Andrew Giverin and Jason McQuillen. Fink, Ashurst's sole pensions' partner in London, specialises in advising pension scheme trustees, and private and publicly listed UK and multinational employers. Technology and outsourcing partners Giverin and McQuillen advise clients in shaping their legal functions to focus on high-value and strategic work.
- ◆ **Reed Smith**
Reed Smith has hired managing partner Andrei Baev from Chadbourne & Parke Moscow and head of real estate Petar Orlic from Faegre Baker Daniels. Baev is joining Reed Smith's Energy and Natural Resources practice in London with extensive experience in project finance and corporate transactions in emerging Russian markets. Orlic's practice focuses on all aspects of commercial property.
- ◆ **Rosenblatt Solicitors**
Former head of commercial litigation at Irwin Mitchell, Donna Goldsworthy, former practising Barrister Noel Deans from Bivonas and litigation partner Adrian Taylor have joined Rosenblatt Solicitors. Goldsworthy specialises in commercial litigation with experience in F1 and Formula E sports, financial services, and construction. Dean's practice focuses on commercial employment. Taylor specialises in international arbitration, litigation, and ADR.
- ◆ **Skadden Arps Slate Meagher & Flom**
Skadden Arps Slate Meagher & Flom has expanded its private equity offering with significant hires from White & Case. Former co-head of EMEA private equity Richard Youle will join Skadden's Private Equity team as head, and is projected to bolster its list of private equity clients in London. Youle advises private equity houses and financial sponsor clients on leveraged M&A and restructuring. In addition, corporate partner Katja Butler joins the Private Equity team. Butler specialises in transactional private equity, particularly issues impacting capital structures.
- ◆ **Stewarts Law**
Leading disputes firm Stewarts Law has recruited litigation veteran David Hughes from Dechert. Hughes specialises in fraud, and regulatory issues within financial services.
- ◆ **Stephenson Harwood**
Stephenson Harwood is continuing to grow its global Finance practice with the hire of Dean Norton from Clyde & Co. Norton has extensive experience advising in the shipping, and offshore energy markets.
- ◆ **Taylor Wessing**
Taylor Wessing has hired former director of international tax Graham Samuel-Gibbon from accountancy firm EY, as a partner. Gibbons advises cross-border tax structuring and, risk management.
- ◆ **Quinn Emanuel Urquhart & Sullivan**
Quinn Emanuel Urquhart & Sullivan continues its hiring spree with the appointment of Clifford Chance's tax investigations and disputes head Liesl Fichardt. Fichardt specialises in complex international tax investigations, tax litigation, and raids by tax authorities.

✔ **Veale Wasbrough Vizards**

Veale Wasbrough Vizards has hired Kenneth Maxwell, who joins from CMS. Maxwell specialises in real estate finance, with focus on property investment, acquisition, development, and bank debt restructurings.

✔ **Vedder Price**

Vedder Price has appointed Dentons finance partner Bill Gibson to its global Transportation Finance Group. Gibson’s practice focuses on commercial aviation across a range of cross-border financing transactions.

✔ **Vinson & Elkins**

Vinson & Elkins has hired finance partner John Dawson from Clifford Chance. Dawson specialises in public and private acquisition financings, restructurings, unitranche, loan-to-own, and acquisitions of loan portfolios.

✔ **Wedlake Bell**

Wedlake Bell has recruited employment partner Blair Adams from DMH Stallard. Adams specialises in corporate employment, advising on TUPE regulations, outsourcing, discrimination claims, and shareholder disputes.

✔ **WilmerHale**

WilmerHale bolsters its IP practice with a two-lawyer patent litigation team from Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer. Freshfields’ sole patent litigation partner Justin Watts and senior associate Matthew Shade are set to join, with Shade joining as a partner. Dr Watts specialises in pharmaceuticals, medical devices, biotech, and computer disputes. Dr Shade specialises in multijurisdictional patent litigation in technology-driven transactions, including M&A, joint ventures, and licensing.

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