

Lateral Partner Moves in London

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◆ **Addleshaw Goddard**

The firm continues to grow its real estate practice with the hire of Helen Worth. She joins from Cordells, a specialist real-estate firm in Hong Kong, which she co-founded. The firm has also hired banking litigation specialist Richard Clayton, from TLT.

◆ **Akin Gump Strauss Hauer**

The US firm has poached a large group of lawyers and partners from Bingham McCutchen, prior to Bingham's merger with Morgan Lewis. The London partners moving to Akin Gump are: James Roome (Bingham's managing partner, restructuring), John Holton (funds), Thiha Tun (corporate), Vance Chapman (corporate), James Terry (restructuring), Sarah Smith (structured finance), Stuart Sinclair (corporate tax), Mark Mansell (finance), Emma Simmonds (restructuring), Barry G. Russell (restructuring), Stephen Peppiatt (restructuring), Liz Osborne (restructuring), Helen Marshall (financial services regulation), Christopher Leonard (financial services regulation), Richard Hornshaw (financial litigation), Dr Christian Halasz (restructuring), Davina Garrod (competition), Neil Devaney (restructuring), Mark Dawkins (financial litigation), John Clark (funds), Tom Bannister (restructuring), Angeli Arora (corporate).

◆ **Andrews Kurth**

The Texan firm has recruited John Conlin, an energy partner specialising in upstream oil and gas transactions, from Norton Rose Fulbright.

◆ **Bird & Bird**

Joining the international firm from CMS Cameron McKenna is Joanne Wheeler, a TMT commercial partner, specialising in telecoms with major satellite industry experience.

◆ **Boies Schiller & Flexner**

Leading international arbitration partner Wendy Miles joins the New York firm from Wilmer Hale, becoming head of the firm's global arbitration team.

◆ **Browne Jacobson**

Projects partner Stephen Matthew joins from Nabarro, specialising in public sector projects, particularly in local governments.

◆ **Bristows**

The firm has added to its TMT practice with the hire of Chris Holder from Bird & Bird. Holder specialises in advising clients in relation to large scale national and international IT infrastructure outsourcing transactions. Theo Savvides is a further addition, joining the firm as head of its Copyright & Digital Media Litigation Group. He joins from Osborne Clarke where he was co-head of the IP Litigation practice.

◆ **Cadwalader Wickersham & Taft**

David Quirolo re-joins the New York firm's global capital markets group from Ashurst. He previously worked at Cadwalader in New York and London and specialises in securitisation and structured finance.

◆ **Carpmaels & Ransford**

The niche IP firm has hired two partners from Arnold & Porter; Ian Kirby, who joins as head of the dispute resolution team, focusing on multi-jurisdictional patent litigations and IP disputes; and Jonathan Day who specialises in intellectual property, with a broad practice covering most aspects of IP law.

◆ **Clyde & Co**

The international firm has hired Stuart McAlpine, a shipping finance specialist, from Mayer Brown.

◆ **Collyer Bristow**

The firm has recruited family lawyer Philippa Dolan into its private client group. She joins from Ashfords.

◆ **Dechert**

The firm has hired David Hughes, who was most recently the Head of Banking and Finance Litigation at BLP.

- ✔ **Dentons**
Andrew Henderson joins the firm's real estate team from Herbert Smith Freehills, where he was a senior associate.
- ✔ **DLA Piper**
The firm has hired finance lawyer David Nelligan from Simmons & Simmons. He joins the projects and finance group.
- ✔ **Druces**
Litigation and arbitration partner Charles Spragge joins the firm from CMS Cameron McKenna. He specialises in banking and finance disputes.
- ✔ **Duane Morris**
Corporate partner Saionton Basu joins the firm from Pennington Manches, where he was co-head of the firm's India practice.
- ✔ **DWF**
The national firm has added Alan Owens to its commercial litigation practice. Owens joins from Morrison & Foerster and has over 19 years' experience on a wide range of UK and cross-border commercial litigation cases. Commercial real estate partner, Chris Seel, also joins from Stephenson Harwood, bringing with him two senior associates.
- ✔ **Edwin Coe**
The firm has bolstered its litigation team with the hire of Shams Rahman from Bishop & Sewell. He specialises in commercial and property related litigation.
- ✔ **Farrer & Co**
The firm has recruited two new partners; Siobhan Jones joins from Penningtons Manches and specialises in property disputes. Marianne Kafena joins the firm's private client practice from Kleinwort Benson, where she was Head of Wealth Management.
- ✔ **Fladgate**
Commercial litigation and international arbitration specialist Steven Mash joins from Crowell & Moring. He will kick-start the firm's London arbitration practice. Another hire for the firm is tax partner Hamilton Forrest from Rosenblatt.
- ✔ **Fried, Frank, Harris, Shriver & Jacobson**
The firm has appointed the de facto head of the London office of Kirkland & Ellis, Graham White, as its London managing partner and head of the firm's private equity practice in Europe. The firm has also hired tax partner Nick Thornton from Orrick Herrington & Sutcliffe.
- ✔ **Gibson Dunn & Crutcher**
Private equity specialist Charlie Geffen joins the US firm from Ashurst, where he was a senior partner. He will chair the London corporate practice. Also joining from Ashurst's corporate team is Mark Sperotto.
- ✔ **Greenberg Traurig Maher**
The firm has hired Graham Iverson as Head of UK Tax, from Slaughter and May. In addition to this, the firm has recruited structured finance partner Pierre Brochet from McDermott Will & Emery.
- ✔ **Gunnercooke**
The Manchester based firm continues to add to its London office with the hire of ex-Nationwide General Counsel Liz Kelly. She joins the corporate team.
- ✔ **Hughes Fowler Carruthers**
Family partner Mark Harper has joined the firm from Withers, where he was a senior partner.
- ✔ **Hunton & Williams**
The firm expands its global energy and infrastructure practice with the hire of Andrew Thomas. He joins from Fasken Martineau, where he helped develop an energy and natural resources-focused international finance practice.

- ✦ **Irwin Mitchell**
Irwin Mitchell has added to its real estate offering with the hire of real estate partner Ayesha Hasan from Locke Lord.
- ✦ **Ince & Co**
Joining the firm as Head of EU and Competition Law is Philippe Ruttley, from Field Fisher Waterhouse.
- ✦ **Jones Day**
The US firm has added to its finance, corporate and US high yield offering in a recent hiring spree. Justin Conway joins the banking and finance practice, from DLA Piper and specialises in insolvency and restructuring. Also joining the practice is Neil Hamilton from Paul Hastings, who focuses on securitisation and structured finance. Benedict O'Halloran joins the corporate team from the General Electric Company where he was GC of European transactions. US high yield debt specialist Jonathan Bloom also joins from Ropes & Gray.
- ✦ **Kaye Scholer**
Aviation finance star Philip Perrotta joins from Clyde & Co, to lead the expansion of the firm's Aviation Finance & Leasing Practice.
- ✦ **King & Spalding**
Another departure for Bingham McCutchen, Elisabeth Baltay has joined the insolvency and restructuring practice. She will work closely with partner Werner Meier, who joined from Cleary Gottlieb Steen & Hamilton earlier in the year.
- ✦ **King & Wood Mallesons SJ Berwin**
Ian Hargreaves joins from Addleshaw Goddard, where he was head of the Fraud, Regulatory and Corporate Crime team. An additional hire is Andrei Yakovlev who joins the dispute resolution team from Winston & Strawn. His practice focuses primarily on disputes arising in Russia/CIS.
- ✦ **Kirkland & Ellis**
The Chicago headquartered firm has hired Matthew Gerber into its corporate team. He joins from DMC Partners and is a private equity specialist.
- ✦ **Lewis Silkin**
The firm adds dual qualified French and English partner Marie-Caroline Frochot to its corporate practice, from Field Fisher Waterhouse.
- ✦ **Linklaters**
Simon Price joins the Magic Circle firm from Herbert Smith Freehills. He specialises in structured real estate investments.
- ✦ **Locke Lord**
Corporate insurance partner Jennifer Donohue joins the firm from Cadwalader Wickersham & Taft.
- ✦ **McDermott Will & Emery**
A double hire for McDermott Will & Emery; corporate finance partner Lisa O'Neill joins from BLP into the firm's energy advisory group. Litigator Nicholas Holland joins from Bircham Dyson Bell and specialises in trusts and estates.
- ✦ **MJ Hudson**
Ben Watford joins the corporate boutique's funds practice from Bryan Cave, where he was Head of Investments.
- ✦ **Morgan Lewis & Bockius**
Corporate finance partner Tim Corbett joins the firm from Wilmer Hale. He specialises in cross-border corporate transactions, M&A and venture capital financings.
- ✦ **Norton Rose Fulbright**
The global legal practice has recruited real estate partner Duncan Field as Head of Planning. He joins from Wragge Lawrence Graham & Co.

✔ **Orrick Herrington & Sutcliffe**

Edward Denny joins the firm as head of its London tax department from Norton Rose Fulbright. In addition to this, the firm has added to its energy practice with the hire of Colin Graham from Hogan Lovells, where he was Of Counsel.

✔ **Osborne Clarke**

In another departure from Edwards Wildman, Ben Goodger joins Osborne Clarke's intellectual property team.

✔ **Paul Hastings**

High yield star Peter Schwartz joins the firm from Milbank Tweed & Hadley. The firm has also hired technology and privacy partner Ashley Winston into its corporate group, from White & Case.

✔ **Pinsent Masons**

Georgie Messent joins the firm's planning and environment practice from Bond Dickinson. She becomes the National Head of Environment.

✔ **Proskauer Rose**

Steven Davis joins Proskauer's corporate team from King & Wood Malleson SJ Berwin. Davis was head of legacy SJ Berwin's corporate group for seven years, before stepping down from the role in December 2013.

✔ **PWC Legal**

The firm has bolstered its corporate team with the hire of Mark Crofskey from McDermott Will & Emery. He is set to lead the firm's M&A practice alongside corporate partner Alistair Hogarth.

✔ **Reed Smith**

In a double hire for the US firm, real estate finance specialist Francisca Sepúlveda joins from Allen & Overy where she was a senior associate and Andrew Meads joins the firm's Energy & Natural Resources Group from Hill Dickinson, specialising in international trade and shipping.

✔ **Quinn Emanuel Urquhart & Sullivan**

The US firm is launching its first antitrust offering in London with the hire of Boris Bronfentrinker from Hausfeld & Co.

✔ **Shearman & Sterling**

Ben Rodham joins the firm from Addleshaw Goddard's corporate team. He specialises in private equity and M&A.

✔ **Shepherd & Wedderburn**

Telecoms specialist Gordon Moir joins the firm's Media and Technology practice from the London office of Australian firm Webb Henderson. He brings with him a team of three lawyers.

✔ **Signature Litigation**

Abdulali Jiwaji joins the firm from Simmons & Simmons in Hong Kong, specialising in high-value financial litigation and regulatory disputes.

✔ **Squire Patton Boggs**

The US firm has had a busy few months with the hire of four new partners; Robin Baillie joins the firm's projects team from Nabarro, bringing with him two associates. Massimo Galli joins the corporate team from Brown Rudnick. Energy litigation partner Ben Holland joins from Covington & Burling. Victoria Camfield joins the real estate team from Browne Jacobson, where she led the property team in Birmingham since 2008.

✔ **Taylor Wessing**

Elaine Dobson joins the firm's real estate group as Head of Residential Property, filling the gap of Joanna Ward who is retiring. She moves from Bircham Dyson Bell, where she also headed the Residential Real Estate group. Additionally, Antoaneta Proctor joins the firm from Wragge Lawrence Graham & Co. She specialises in private client work including tax and wealth management.

✦ White & Case

Matthew Griffin joins the firm from Debevoise & Plimpton where he was International Counsel. He will head up the London office's investment fund practice.

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