

# Lateral Partner Moves in London

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✓ **Addleshaw Goddard**

Addleshaw Goddard welcomes international arbitration specialist Sarah Vasani. Vasani joins the firm from King & Spalding, where she was counsel. She has experience in energy, oil, gas and mining disputes.

✓ **Allen & Overy**

IP litigator Marc Döring has been hired by the magic circle firm. Döring works across pharmaceuticals, biotech, medical devices and hi-tech industries. He was previously head of IP at Simmons & Simmons, where he had been his entire career.

✓ **Ashurst**

An addition to the silver circle firm's finance team as Robert Andrews joins Ashurst from King & Wood Mallesons. Andrews specialises in funds and subscription finance and acts for both financial institutions and private equity firms.

✓ **BLM**

Boutique insurance litigation firm BLM hires product liability partner, Carys Oatham, who moves from DWF where she led the property damage recovery team. Oatham also has experience of insurance claims and construction & engineering disputes.

✓ **Bond Dickinson**

Norton Rose Fulbright senior associate Charlie Reid joins Bond Dickinson as a partner. Reid has experience advising a range of lenders and borrowers in developed and emerging markets, including Africa.

✓ **Cadwalader Wickersham & Taft**

Cadwalader Wickersham & Taft boosts its finance capabilities with the hire of Jeremy Cross, previously head of European finance at King & Wood Mallesons. Cross joins the firm as a funds finance partner, advising lenders, borrowers and fund sponsors.

✓ **Chadbourne & Parke**

The US firm hires Irina Tymczyszyn into its international arbitration and public international law practice. Tymczyszyn joins the firm from Bryan Cave, where she served as head of the Central Eastern Europe and CIS team.

✓ **Clyde & Co**

Clyde & Co expands its finance team with the addition of Robert Parson, who joins the firm from Reed Smith. Parson specialises in commodity and trade finance law.

✓ **Covington & Burling**

Covington & Burling announces the dual hire of King & Wood Mallesons partners Elaine Whiteford and Greg Lascelles. Whiteford's expertise covers both competition law and commercial litigation. Lascelles, who also specialises in litigation, advises on private equity and financial services matters.

✓ **Dechert**

Two hires announced at Dechert as finance partners Philip Butler and David Miles join the firm from DLA Piper. Butler, who was co-chair of DLA's financial services department and former head of finance, has over 20 years' experience of advising banks, corporates, funds and sponsors on debt and acquisition matters. Miles led DLA's debt finance practice and specialises in cross-border leveraged finance and corporate lending transactions. Both partners had been at DLA Piper since the start of their respective careers.

✓ **Dentons**

This edition sees six lateral hires by Dentons, as the global firm continues to expand its London office. The firm nabs five-partner leading real estate team from Irwin Mitchell comprising former SJ Berwin lawyers Rob Thompson, Lewis Myers, Rupert Dowdell and Simon Tweedle as well as former Taylor Wessing partner Jane Schnider. Thompson, who led the real estate team at IM, specialises in investment & development work and corporate real estate.

Myers and Dowdell similarly advise on real estate investment & development, Schnider, who was head of corporate real estate at IM, specialises in corporate real estate transactions and Tweedle, head of real estate finance at IM, acts for both funders and borrowers, on both UK and international matters. Finally, finance and CLO specialist Martin Sharkey joins the firm's finance team as partner, leaving magic circle firm Clifford Chance where he was a senior associate.

◆ **DWF**

Commercial disputes partner Jonathan Isaacs has joined DWF from PwC Legal. Isaacs brings to the firm his broad expertise in contract, professional negligence, contentious insolvency, fraud and boardroom/shareholder disputes.

◆ **Howard Kennedy**

The firm has hired two partners; Carl Asser as head of its construction team, and Martha Grekos, who leaves behind her role as head of planning & infrastructure at Irwin Mitchell. Asser, previously a partner at Payne Hicks Beach, advises on all aspects of structuring, drafting and negotiation of construction documentation. Grekos has extensive experience of redevelopment and regeneration projects, planning, environmental law, transport, infrastructure and energy work.

◆ **Ince & Co**

Energy, trading, hard commodities, mining and metals specialist Nuna Froto has joined Ince & Co as partner. Froto was previously senior counsel at Trafigura.

◆ **Kirkland & Ellis**

Sally Southwell is made up to partner as she joins Kirkland & Ellis from magic circle firm Linklaters. Southwell advises on all competition & anti-trust matters, including merger control, cartel investigations and compliance.

◆ **K&L Gates**

In a move to strengthen its finance offering, K&L Gates secures two hires for its finance team. Barry Cosgrave is set to join the firm from Shearman & Sterling, where he was senior associate, whilst Mayank Gupta joins from Mayer Brown. Cosgrave advises on distressed debt and restructuring, debt capital markets, structured finance and Islamic finance. Gupta specialises in leveraged finance, real estate, energy and telecoms.

◆ **Latham & Watkins**

Five partner hires are announced by Latham & Watkins this roundup. Warno Kula-Suriya, former head of structured finance at Slaughter & May, brings his expertise in capital markets, derivatives, restructuring, securitisation and structured finance. The firm makes a second magic circle hire as Stephen Kensell joins its banking team. Kensell previously co-headed Allen & Overy's banking group and acts for creditors in event-driven financings, with particular expertise in leveraged, investment grade, M&A and IPO related finance. Litigation partner Stuart Alford joins the firm from the Serious Fraud Office where he led its specialist projects group. Ashurst's Simon Baskerville is the fourth partner hire announced by the firm. Baskerville has experience in restructuring/insolvency matters and advises debtors, administrators and creditors on UK-based restructurings. Finally, real estate finance specialist Quentin Gwyer is set to join Latham's from GE capital where he was counsel.

◆ **Mayer Brown**

James West, private equity senior associate at Reed Smith, has moved to Mayer Brown as a partner. He advises on venture and development capital, mid-market buyouts and corporate M&A.

✦ **Mishcon De Reya**

Mishcon De Reya expands its private client practice with the hire of Martin Davies from Clyde & Co. Prior to joining Clyde & Co, Davies led Howard Kennedy's international team for over a decade. His clients include Saudi Arabia's Royal family.

✦ **Norton Rose Fulbright**

Norton Rose Fulbright hires Paul Stothard from King & Wood Mallesons. He is a specialist in complex multi-jurisdictional disputes, with a particular emphasis on international arbitration.

✦ **Payne Hicks Beach**

Payne Hicks Beach welcomes corporate transactional specialist, Nick Sayers. Sayers joins from Fox Williams and acts for clients across a number of sectors, including financial services, manufacturing, technology and professional services.

✦ **Proskauer Rose**

This round-up sees a new addition to Proskauer Rose's real estate team. Vikki May, who departs from DLA Piper, advises on a range of real estate investment classes, including logistics, office and leisure assets.

✦ **Quinn Emanuel Urquhart & Sullivan**

White collar crime partner Robert Amaee is hired by Quinn Emanuel from Covington & Buring. Prior to joining Covington, Amaee was head of proceeds of crime and international assistance at the UK Serious Fraud Office.

✦ **Reed Smith**

Reed Smith hires finance partner Diane Roberts. Roberts moves to the firm from Ashurst where she has wide-ranging experience in insolvency and restructuring matters, with an emphasis on cross-border work.

✦ **Shoosmiths**

Continuing its rapid expansion, Shoosmiths has made three lateral hires in London this review.

Property litigation partner Ed John joins from Hogan Lovells. Angus Evers joins from King & Wood Mallesons where he headed the European environmental law practice for nine years. Finally, Tim Johnson joins the planning department from Charles Russell Speechlys. Johnson advises on large scale complex residential-led mixed use developments.

✦ **Simmons & Simmons**

The firm expands its litigation team welcoming partner Stuart Dutson from Eversheds. Dutson's experience includes the energy/gas sector and the design of complex dispute resolution mechanisms for oil and gas projects in Russia, Chile, Kuwait and Nigeria.

✦ **Sullivan & Worcester**

US firm Sullivan & Worcester hires Marian Boyle to lead the firm's recently established insurance & disputes practice. Boyle has extensive experience of advising on insurance, risk management and commercial dispute resolution. Boyle joins the firm from Dentons.

✦ **White & Case**

White & Case increases its corporate offering with the hire of Richard Jones, senior associate at Freshfields, as a partner. He specialises in a broad range of financial sponsor and corporate clients with a focus on public and private M&A, particularly in the oil & gas and infrastructure sectors.

## ✓ The Specialist Partner Team



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