

Lateral Partner Moves in London

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✦ **Baker & McKenzie**

This international law firm has strengthened its capability in the life sciences sector with the hire of Hiroshi Sheraton from McDermott Will & Emery. Sheraton brings expertise in IT, IP and media.

✦ **Baker Botts**

The hire of Robin Mizrahi from Chadbourne & Parke has fortified the firm's offering in projects and project finance, with a particular emphasis on emerging markets.

✦ **Berrymans Lace Mawer**

A double hire announced for this firm. John O'Shea and Mark Aitken both join from Greenwoods to bolster the firm's property insurance offering. Aitken brings an additional focus on fraud and related policy coverage issues.

✦ **Bircham Dyson Bell**

With a specific focus on takeovers and capital markets, the hire of Nick McCarthy from Fox Williams adds bench strength to this firm's corporate offering.

✦ **Blake Laphorn**

Russell Jarvis joins from Penningtons Manches, bringing expertise in corporate lending, asset finance and property finance. Jarvis will head the banking and finance team in London.

✦ **Bond Dickinson**

The hire of Patrick Cantrill from Walker Morris bolsters this firm's IP offering. Cantrill was head of IP at Walker Morris in Leeds and brings nous in both contentious and non-contentious IP.

✦ **Bristows**

This firm fortifies its strength in competition with the hire of Rosemary Choueka. Choueka joins from Lawrence Graham, where she was head of competition and regulation.

✦ **Clyde & Co**

Bringing a focus on contentious construction and professional indemnity, Richard Moody joins from RPC to add further weight to this firm's insurance capability.

✦ **CMS Cameron McKenna**

Cathy Pitt joins from Norton Rose Fulbright, bringing expertise in corporate finance. Pitt will head the investment management funds group.

✦ **Dentons**

A double strategic hire announced for this firm. In a strengthening of the firm's energy offering, Charles July joins from Watson Farley & Williams, where he was head of projects, commodities and export finance. Michael Wainwright joins from Eversheds to fortify the firm's banking practice, bringing a focus on insurance and retail financial services.

✦ **Dickson Minto**

The firm has hired Chris Barron as partner from Weil Gotshal & Manges, where he was senior associate. Barron brings private equity expertise and joins his father, Michael Barron, at the firm.

✦ **DWF**

A string of five lateral hires announced for this firm. To reinforce the firm's real estate offering, Iain Thomas joins from Lawrence Graham with expertise in real estate finance; Lorraine Reader joins from Wragge & Co with a focus on development; and Stephen Sumpton joins from Stephenson Harwood with institutional investment expertise. Richard Tall boosts the firm's corporate offering, with a focus on the financial services sector. Tall joins from TLT, where he was head of the firm's commercial services group. Helga Breen joins from Lawrence Graham and will head DWF's London employment team.

✦ **Edwards Wildman Palmer**

The US firm has hired James Crabtree, adding strength in insurance and reinsurance claims and coverage disputes. Crabtree joins from Taylor Wessing, where he was head of international insurance.

✦ **Eversheds**

Andrew Henderson joins as partner from Ropes & Gray, where he was of counsel, to bolster this firm's financial services practice.

✦ **Field Fisher Waterhouse**

This firm sees a double hire announced this roundup. With a focus on contentious IT, the hire of Geoff Mendelsohn from Edwards Wildman Palmer adds strength to the firm's IT offering. Mendelsohn was formerly head of IT disputes at Nabarro for 3 years. Mark Walker also joins to fortify the firm's corporate offering. Dual UK and German qualified, Walker joins from Mayer Brown.

✦ **Fladgate**

The hire of Neil Vickers strengthens this firm's capital markets capabilities. Vickers brings an energy sector focus and joins from Dentons, where he has been a partner since 1997. Teresa Cullen joins from Ashfords with expertise in private capital. Cullen was managing partner of Rochman Landau prior to its merger with Ashfords.

✦ **Hogan Lovells**

This international firm has hired longstanding Allen & Overy corporate partner Don McGown. McGown spent 25 years at Allen & Overy and focuses on private equity and M&A.

✦ **Ince & Co**

Hugh O'Donovan joins from Quadrant Chambers to head the commercial aviation team at this firm known for its leading shipping, commodities and insurance practices.

✦ **Irwin Mitchell**

In a fortification of its contentious tax offering this firm has hired Phil Berwick from Pinsent Masons. Berwick specialises in tax investigations and was former director of the litigation and compliance team at Pinsent Masons.

✦ **Jones Day**

This US firm has boosted its real estate practice with the hire of Ben Larkin from Berwin Leighton Paisner. Larkin brings expertise in real estate restructurings with a development focus, having previously led the restructuring and insolvency team at BLP.

✦ **Katten Muchin Rosenman**

This US firm has hired Philip Watkins from Hogan Lovells, to boost their private equity offering. Watkins will bring two associates with him to the firm.

✦ **Kemp Little**

Nicola Fulford joins this renowned digital media and technology boutique firm's commercial technology practice. Fulford joins from Bristows and brings expertise in privacy and data protection.

✦ **Kingsley Napley**

The hire of Fiona Simpson bolsters this firm's dispute resolution offering. Joining as partner from Withers, where she was special counsel, Simpson specialises in civil fraud litigation.

✦ **Latham & Watkins**

The US firm has announced two hires this month. Kem Ithenacho adds strength in private equity and joins from Clifford Chance where he co-headed their Africa practice. Nick Benson joins from Weil Gotshal & Manges and brings funds expertise.

✦ **Locke Lord**

Alan Meneghetti has been recruited as a corporate aviation and aerospace expert. Meneghetti joins from Clyde & Co and is a UK board member of the Worldwide Airport Lawyers Association.

✦ **Morgan Lewis & Bockius**

The US firm has hired Kevin Robinson from Irwin Mitchell in a move that fortifies its white collar crime offering. Robinson was head of regulatory and criminal investigations at Irwin Mitchell. The firm has also bolstered capability in the private equity sphere with the hire of Tom Cartwright from Taylor Wessing.

✦ **Morrison & Foerster**

Philip Slater joins from fellow US firm Reed Smith, where he was head of acquisition/leverage finance, bringing expertise in acquisition finance and corporate banking.

✦ **Norton Rose Fulbright**

The international firm demonstrates its commitment to energy with the hire of Geoff Peters as partner from Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer. Peters was counsel at Freshfields and brings energy focused M&A expertise.

✦ **O'Melveny & Myers**

To bolster its London corporate offering, this US firm has hired Daniel Oates from Kirkland & Ellis. Oates brings expertise in M&A and private equity.

- ✔ **Proskauer Rose**
Robert Gaut joins from fellow US firm Fried Frank to head the firm's London tax practice.
- ✔ **Reed Smith**
This US firm has fortified its London finance practice with the hire of Ben Davis. Bringing a focus on leveraged finance, Davis joins from Travers Smith.
- ✔ **Richards Kibbe & Orbe**
The hire of Denise Harmer from European firm Schoenherr strengthens this New York headquartered firm's finance practice. Harmer brings expertise in corporate finance, distressed debt and financial restructuring.
- ✔ **Schulte Roth & Zabel**
Steven Whittaker joins from Simmons & Simmons, bringing expertise in investment management, to bolster the New York alternative funds specialist's London presence.
- ✔ **Seddon**
In a boost of the firm's private client practice James Ward joins from Lee Bolton Monier-Williams. Ward brings particular expertise in succession planning and inheritance tax.
- ✔ **Sedgwick**
David Murphy, a contentious insurance lawyer with a property focus, joins from DLA Piper to further the firm's insurance litigation practice.
- ✔ **Seyfarth Shaw**
Robert Hanley has joined from King & Wood Mallesons to fortify this US firm's city M&A offering.
- ✔ **Simmons & Simmons**
With funds experience covering private equity, hedge, real estate and credit, the hire of Dale Gabbert adds further weight to the firm's funds practice. Gabbert joins from Reed Smith, where he was head of investment funds for Europe and the Middle East.
- ✔ **Squire Sanders**
A string of hires announced for Squire Sanders in this roundup. Fraser Younson, a big name in employment law joins from Berwin Leighton Paisner. Alison Hardy specialises in contentious real estate, with a focus on the telecoms industry and joins from Wragge & Co. Martin Rees brings expertise in competition and joins from DLA Piper, where he was head of competition from 1999 – 2002.
- ✔ **TLT**
Emily Benson joins from Kinetic Partners to add to the firm's non-contentious financial services capability.
- ✔ **Trowers & Hamlin**
The firm has boosted its finance practice with the hire of Simon Owen. Owen joins from Squire Sanders and was head of Hammond's banking practice prior to the firm's merger with Squire Sanders.
- ✔ **Vedder Price**
This US firm has hired Neil Poland in a move to consolidate its transportation finance offering. Poland joins from Norton Rose Fulbright, where he was head of aviation, specialising in the aviation and rail sectors.
- ✔ **Wedlake Bell**
Marcus Jamson joins from Berwin Leighton Paisner to strengthen the firm's finance offering. Jamson's focus is on domestic and international corporate lending.
- ✔ **Weil Gotshal & Manges**
The addition of Chris McLaughlin from Hogan Lovells has served to consolidate this US firm's London private equity practice. McLaughlin specialises in cross-border private equity buyouts.
- ✔ **White & Case**
Inigo Esteve joins to fortify this US firm's equity capital markets capability. Esteve brings expertise in IPOs and secondary share issuances and joins as partner from Clifford Chance, where he was senior associate.

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