

# Lateral Partner Moves in London

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2015

#### ◆ Addleshaw Goddard

An addition to the firm's corporate finance practice. Giles Distin joins Addleshaw Goddard from Squire Patton Boggs, bringing expertise in regulated M&A transactions, IPOs and reverse takeovers.

#### ◆ ARC Pensions Law

Pensions partner Rosalind Connor joins boutique pensions firm ARC Pensions from Taylor Wessing. Connor's arrival marked the fourth partner hire to the firm last year.

#### ◆ Baker & McKenzie

International arbitration partner Andy Moody joins the London office from Eversheds. Moody has particular experience in the energy sector and joins early this year. The firm has also secured two hires to strengthen its corporate offering; Joanna Hewitt joins from Olswang where she was a senior associate specialising in corporate reorganisations and M&A, and James Thompson joins from Linklaters, where he was a managing associate specialising in ECM and M&A. Both join the firm as partners.

#### ◆ BDM Law

Nick Burgess joins new insurance and shipping boutique firm BDM Law. Burgess departs Ince & Co after 21 years, where he was head of the Japan team and co-head of the Russia and Turkey teams.

#### ◆ Bircham Dyson Bell

Bircham Dyson Bell has hired Geoffrey Kertesz as head of the trusts and succession disputes team. Kertesz specialises in contentious trusts and succession issues and joins the firm from Withers.

#### ◆ Capsticks

Specialist social housing, health and social care firm Capsticks welcomes Daniel Skinner to its housing management practice. Daniel was formerly head of social housing at Batchelors Solicitors.

#### ◆ Clyde & Co

Clyde & Co expands its professional and financial disputes group with the hire of insurance litigator Mark Sutton. Sutton moves from DAC Beachcroft where he was head of global D&O and financial institutions.

#### ◆ CMS Cameron McKenna

Three partner hires announced for CMS. Senior associates Thomas Lockley and Jason Brooks join the finance team from Clifford Chance, and Jonathan Woolf joins the corporate team from BP, where he was managing counsel.

#### ◆ Dechert

M&A lawyer Laurent Faugérolas joins US firm Dechert from his corporate and M&A boutique LF Advisory. Faugérolas specialises in corporate finance, M&A and life sciences matters and will work in both the London and Paris offices.

#### ◆ Dentons

A trio of lateral hires announced for this firm. David Collins and Adrian Magnus join the firm from Berwin Leighton Paisner to bolster the firm's corporate and competition capabilities. Collins joins as head of corporate and co-chair of the global M&A group whilst Magnus brings expertise in EU merger control, market investigations and public procurement. Finally, Martin Mankabady joins the corporate group from Clyde & Co to specialise in corporate insurance.

#### ◆ DLA Piper

A boost to the firm's finance capabilities this roundup with two partner hires. Retired Slaughter and May structured finance partner Mark Dwyer joins the firm alongside Baker & McKenzie's former head of structured capital markets Vincent Keaveney.

#### ◆ Eversheds

The firm welcomes IT & outsourcing partner Craig Rogers to its technology team in London. Rogers joins from IBM where he was counsel.

#### ◆ Fladgate

Several hires announced for Fladgate. Three laterals move from Fasken Martineau as former head of employment Michael McCartney and former head of corporate Nigel Gordon join the firm. Corporate partner Chris Chrysanthou also joins from Fasken Martineau, to advise on M&A and capital markets matters with a speciality in AIM. Sarah Gogan also joins the firm's immigration team from Mishcon de Reya. With over 15 years' experience, Gogan advises on personal immigration and private wealth matters for ultra-high net and high net worth families and individuals.

#### ◆ Gordon Dadds

A new tax department head for Gordon Dadds this roundup. Huw Witty joins the firm as head of tax following six years as tax head at Fladgate.

#### ◆ Hamlins

Intellectual property, technology and media specialist Julian Ward joins Hamlins from BBC Worldwide as a partner. This marks a return to private practice for Ward who trained at Addleshaw Goddard and has also worked at Wragge & Co.

#### ◆ Hill Hofstetter

An addition to Hill Hofstetter's London office. Corporate and commercial partner David Cranfield joins the firm from CMS Cameron McKenna Moscow, where he was head of corporate. Cranfield is recognised as a leading practitioner in Russian law and investment into Russia.

#### ◆ Holman Fenwick & Willan

A trio of hires for the firm. The recruitment of Phillip Prowse marks a strengthening of the firm's finance offering. Prowse brings expertise in commodities and commodities trade finance, following four years as partner at Clyde & Co. Corporate partners James Wilson and Giles Beale also join the firm from Reed Smith to advise on corporate finance, ECM and international M&A matters.

#### ◆ Ince & Co

Ince & Co announce three partner hires, the first lateral hires in London for the firm this year. They augment one of the firms' core practice areas with the addition of Duncan Bateson to the shipping team. Bateson was previously at TLT in London, where he headed the shipping and international trade team. The aviation group also welcomes aviation finance specialist Will Cooper from the Exports Credits Guarantee Department (ECGD). Finally, Jennifer Donohue joins the insurance group from Locke Lord where she specialised in non-contentious insurance and reinsurance.

#### ◆ Katten Muchin Rosenman

US Firm Katten Muchin Rosenman welcomes Terry Green into its London real estate practice. Green was previously a partner at Clyde & Co and specialises in finance, hospitality, insolvency and corporate real estate.

#### ◆ Kemp Little

Two partner hires were announced at Kemp Little. Berwin Leighton Paisner partner Marian Bloodworth joins the employment practice with expertise in contentious and non-contentious matters, and a focus on the financial services sector. IT dispute resolution partner Vicky Cooper also joins the firm from Pinsent Masons to specialise in litigation and arbitration in the technology sector.

#### ◆ King & Wood Mallesons

King & Wood Mallesons made its tenth London lateral hire for 2015 in London. Dual-qualified US Securities specialist Bart Capeci joins the global capital markets practice, following terms as a partner at Sidley Austin and Allen & Overy.

#### ◆ Latham & Watkins

Experienced finance partner Gary Hamp joins the finance team at the firm, having previously been a partner at Hogan Lovells. Hamp was head of banking in Hong Kong until 2014 and brings a variety of expertise in acquisition, leveraged, real estate, trade finance and debt restructurings. Hamp was the

second lateral hire in London for Latham & Watkins last year.

#### ◆ Linklaters

Two additions for the magic circle firm. Litigation partner Tom Cassels joins the dispute resolution practice from Baker & McKenzie with expertise in commercial and regulatory disputes, contentious competition matters and judicial reviews. Ben Rodham returns to the firm following his departure as managing associate in 2012. Rodham, a specialist in private equity, joins the corporate group from Shearman & Sterling where he has been partner since 2014.

#### ◆ Macfarlanes

Corporate insurance counsel Andrew Barton leaves Allen & Overy to join Macfarlanes as a partner. Barton joins the corporate group to advise on a range of insurance matters, including de-risking solutions for pension schemes and insurance M&A.

#### ◆ Morgan Lewis & Bockius

The firm boosts its London investment management team with the hire of Simon Currie. Currie joins after spending 13 years in the private funds and financial services regulatory group at Covington & Burling.

#### ◆ Morrison & Foerster

There have been three partner hires for the London office. Following former college Graeme Sloan (July 2015), Valdimir Maly also joins the corporate group from Latham & Watkins where he was a partner. The firm expands its business reorganisation practice with the recruitment of Sonya Van de Graaf and Peter Declercq, who join from Schulte Roth & Zabel. Van de Graaf advises on European restructuring, direct lending and finance whilst tri-qualified Declercq focuses his practice on cross-border insolvencies, restructuring and distressed M&As.

#### ◆ Mourant Ozannes

Tony Pursall will join the offshore law firm to strengthen its private client offering. Pursall leaves Maples and Calder after eight years as a partner.

#### ◆ Norton Rose Fulbright

Two hires were announced for the aviation group. Robin Springthorpe joins the aviation disputes practice from Bird & Bird, bringing over 25 years' experience to the practice. Fellow Bird & Bird partner Simon Chamberlain also joins the aviation group focusing on regulatory disputes and general commercial aspects. This concludes a total of four lateral hires for Norton Rose Fulbright in 2015.

#### ◆ Paul Hastings

Paul Hastings has made two senior partner hires into the London corporate practice. Restructuring and debt finance partner David Ereira will join the firm from Linklaters where he was a partner; prior to that he was a partner at Freshfields. The firm has also hired Paul Severs from Berwin Leighton Paisner where he was head of structured debt and capital Markets; prior to that he was a partner at Clifford Chance.

#### ◆ Pillsbury

Sandra Bates has joined the firm from Stikemann Elliot in London. Bates is an experienced cross-border corporate finance partner and joins the corporate and securities practice.

#### ◆ Pinsent Masons

Pinsent Masons has expanded its finance team with the appointment of real estate finance partner Richard Hughes. Hughes specialises in finance and restructuring work and joins from Simmons & Simmons where he was a partner. He advises lenders and borrowers across the real estate, energy, infrastructure and financial services sectors.

#### ◆ PwC Legal

As PwC Legal concludes its second year as an ABS, the firm's seventh hire since January 2014 has been announced. IT outsourcing specialist Juan Crosby joins from CMS Cameron McKenna.

#### ◆ Seddons

In a move to strengthen its employment offering, the firm has acquired two employment partners

from Hamblins. Madeleine Thomson joins as department head alongside Helen Crossland, who brings both contentious and non-contentious experience to the practice.

#### ◆ Simmons & Simmons

The London office expands its financial markets group with the appointment of Will Greig who joins the firm as a partner. Greig was a banking partner at Pinsent Masons, his practice focuses on real estate finance transactions with particular expertise in both domestic and international cross border real estate financings and real estate restructurings, general corporate lending and private banking.

#### ◆ Stephenson Harwood

Corporate finance partner Karima Hudson joins from Wragge Lawrence Graham & Co where she led the healthcare practice. The firm has also hired employment lawyer Purvis Ghani as a partner. Ghani moves from Mayer Brown where he was a senior associate, his practice covers both contentious and non-contentious issues and he has a particular focus on the financial services sector.

#### ◆ Taylor Wessing

A new head of contentious trusts was announced for Taylor Wessing. Emma Jordan is welcomed to the firm from Wragge Lawrence Graham & Co where she was a partner, specialising in contentious trusts and advising high net worth individuals.

#### ◆ TLT

Head of licensing law at Jeffrey Green Russell, Julian Skeens, has joined the London office of TLT as a partner.

#### ◆ Veale Wasbrough Vizards

Bristol headquartered firm Veale Wasborough Vizards bolsters its commercial offering with the recruitment of intellectual property specialist Serena Tierney. Tierney, formerly head of intellectual property at Bircham Dyson Bell, brings expertise in telecommunications, entertainment and creative industries.

#### ◆ Watson Farley & Williams

A return to private practice for Tom Jarvis who leaves his role as director of funds and tax at Deloitte and joins Watson Farley Williams as a partner. Before moving to the Big Four professional services firm, Jarvis was an associate at Slaughter and May.

#### ◆ Winston & Strawn

Winston & Strawn has appointed two partners. Banking and finance partner Rebecca Finn joins from Gide Loyrette Nouel alongside corporate partner Paul Amiss who joins from Pinsent Masons. Finn will focus on a broad range of cross-border finance transactions whilst Amiss will focus on general M&A and corporate finance matters.

#### ◆ Withers

Head of CIS at Simmons & Simmons Tatiana Menshenina moves to Withers. Dual Russian and England & Wales qualified Menshenina will strengthen the firm's commercial litigation and arbitration offering.

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