

Lateral Partner Moves in London



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◆ **Addleshaw Goddard**

Addleshaw Goddard strengthens its Real Estate offering with the hire of partners William Boss, Simon Tager and Michael Scott from King & Wood Mallesons together with real estate Managing Associate Luke Harvey who joins as partner. Boss, who previously served as managing partner at KWM, focuses his practice on advising key stakeholders in large-scale development projects. Tager's practice is centred on investment sales and purchases, lettings and development projects. Scott advises property companies and investors on business and retail development issues, including site acquisition and development finance. Also, Addleshaw's welcomes equity incentives and employee tax specialist Jonathan Fletcher-Rogers who joins as head of Employee Incentives from Tax and Employment boutique, Abbiss Cadres.

◆ **Akin Gump**

Jasper Helder, former chair of Baker & McKenzie's EMEA International Trade practice group joins Akin Gump. With extensive experience in trade policy and European regulation, Helder's arrival at the London office marks a significant development for Akin Gump's offering in Europe.

◆ **Arnold & Porter**

US firm Arnold & Porter welcomes three partners this round-up. IP partner Rob Bratby, served as Olswang's Asia managing partner for 5 years before returning to the London office earlier this year. White Collar Crime specialist Sean Curran, joins from Guney Clark & Ryan. He specialises in corporate crime, and is particularly experienced in defending against claims of fraud, bribery and corruption. Finally, Patricio Grané joins the International Arbitration team from Volterra Fietta. Grané specialises in international law and is particularly experienced in investor-state arbitrations.

◆ **Boodle Hatfield**

Boodle Hatfield boosts its construction practice with the recruitment of John Wevill, who joins from Clarkslegal. Wevill's practice focuses on advising employers, funders, insurers, consultants and contractors on all areas of construction law.

◆ **Clyde & Co**

Clyde & Co welcomes litigation partner Chris Pratts from Kennedys. Pratts specialises in insurance and reinsurance litigation, with a particular focus on marine cargo.

◆ **Covington & Burling**

Litigation partners Craig Pollack and Louise Freeman join from King & Wood Mallesons. Pollack, who was Head of Litigation at KWM, works for clients in the financial services sector on a range of disputes including commercial litigation, international arbitration and banking disputes. Freeman's practice focuses on financial markets disputes and advising on questions of jurisdiction and enforcement.

◆ **Crowell & Moring**

Senior associate Simon Evers leaves Davis Polk to join Crowell & Moring's Corporate Group as a partner. Evers advises US and European companies on a range of corporate issues, and has significant expertise in setting up operational joint ventures in transportation and energy companies.

◆ **Curtis, Mallet-Prevost, Colte & Mosle**

Curtis, Mallet-Prevost welcomes barrister Thomas Williams to its Commercial Litigation and Arbitration group. Joining from Stewarts Law, Williams acts for financial institutions and multinational corporations in a range of complex arbitrations.

◆ **D Young & Co**

Patent litigator Anthony Craggs leaves his position as Director at Gowlings to become a partner in IP at specialist firm D Young & Co.

✦ **DAC Beachcroft**

DAC Beachcroft fortifies its insurance offering with the hire of four Clyde & Co partners; David Knapp, John Goodman, Nigel Adams and Danielle Singer. Adams and Knapp both focus on defending personal injury claims brought against private and public sector organisations. Goodman deals with a range of insurance-related matters, including inquests, defamations and health and safety prosecutions. Recommended by Chambers & Partners for her work in defendant personal injury, Singer advises insurers on public, motor and employers' liability.

✦ **Dechert**

Dechert continues to grow its London practice with the double hire of Ross Allardice and John Markland. Allardice, who joins from White & Case, holds a very broad private equity practice, which involves advising parties from a range of sectors on all aspects of leveraged M&A, restructuring matters and portfolio companies. Finance practitioner Markland joins from Kirkland & Ellis, where he served as Counsel.

✦ **Dentons**

Leading patents attorney, Dr Justin Hill, joins Dentons as head of Patent Prosecution and Opposition Practices. Hill's practice covers a range of IP-related issues, and focuses on the preparation and prosecution of various forms of IP rights. He joins from Olswang where he served as head of Patents.

✦ **DLA Piper**

This round-up sees DLA Piper hire six real estate partners from King & Wood Mallesons. KWM's Head of Real Estate, William Naunton, George Burrha and Jeremy Brooks all specialise in corporate real estate, while Cornelius Medvei, Bryan Pickup and Ed Page advise clients on commercial property transactions and development projects.

✦ **DWF**

DWF bolsters its professional indemnity and commercial insurance practice with the hire of Simon Gildener from Bond Dickinson. Gildener advises clients in the financial services sector on claims involving liability, insurance and reinsurance coverage.

✦ **Euclid Law**

European Competition boutique Euclid Law hires Clifford Chance senior associate Marie Leppard. Specialising in French, UK and EU competition investigations and merger notifications, Leppard joins the firm as partner.

✦ **Fieldfisher**

Fieldfisher welcomes restructuring partner Richard Todd to its finance team. Todd, who joins from Mayer Brown, deals with structured finance transactions and particularly focuses on multi-jurisdictional ABCP conduit-funded transactions. Eversheds' principal associate Yohanna Weber joins Fieldfisher's Planning & Environment team as partner. Weber focuses her practice on advising clients as to the consenting of development and infrastructure projects.

✦ **Forsters**

Wedlake Bell's family law associate Rosie Schumm joins Forsters as partner. Schumm advises high-net-worth clients on questions of family law concerning trusts, offshore assets and family businesses.

✦ **Goodwin Procter**

Tax partner Laura Charkin and funds partners Ajay Pathak, Ed Hall, Shawn D'Aguiar and Patrick Deasy join Goodwin Procter from King & Wood Mallesons. Goodwin Procter also welcomes Shearman & Sterling duo Sarah Priestley and Mark Soundy, and former co-head of investment funds at KWM, Michael Halford. Specialising in private equity and investment fund structuring, Halford has developed his own niche in representing the major houses on their direct

funds and funds of funds. Having joined Shearman together in 2013, private equity specialist Priestley and corporate tax partner Soundy worked together to launch the firm's International Private Equity practice.

✦ **Greenberg Traurig**

US firm Greenberg Traurig strengthens its London offering with the hire of six partners from King & Wood Mallesons in: real estate, corporate, private equity real estate, funds and tax. KWM's head of Corporate Real Estate Michael Goldberg joins alongside private equity real estate star Steven Cowins, private equity fund specialist Marc Snell and corporate M&A partner David Fitzgerald. In addition to the four corporate partners, versatile tax specialist Clive Jones and commercial real estate partner Matthew Priday, who focuses his practice on investment and development projects, join the firm.

✦ **Harbottle & Lewis**

This roundup sees Harbottle & Lewis nab family partners Mark Irving, Nicholas Westley and Catherine Bedford from Lee & Thompson. Irving specialises in financial and children cases, and particularly those with an international dimension. Westley specialises in matrimonial finance and Bedford, who served as head of family at Lee & Thompson, specializes in divorce and separation.

✦ **Ince & Co**

Ince & Co welcomes employment partner Rebecca Thornley-Gibson from ASB Law, where she served as head of Travel. Joining the Business and Finance Group, Thornley-Gibson specialises in advising employers within the travel and aviation sectors.

✦ **Kennedys**

Senior associate Christopher Butler joins Kennedys' Insurance team as partner. Joining from RPC, Butler specialises in construction and professional risk disputes and has experience

defending clients in a range of court proceedings, mediations and adjudications.

✦ **Kingsley Napley**

Litigation lawyer Sue Thackeray leaves Howard Kennedy to join Kingsley Napley as head of Commercial Litigation. Thackeray advises corporates on cross-jurisdictional fraud matters, and particularly focuses on bribery, corruption, advance fee fraud schemes, cybercrime and financial services litigation. Regulatory specialist Iain Miller, who has acted for the SRA for over 20 years, joins from Bevan Brittan.

✦ **Kirkland & Ellis**

Finance specialist Jonathan Birks joins Kirkland & Ellis from Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer. The firm's fourth magic circle lateral hire this year, Birks's practice focuses on real estate finance and private equity.

✦ **Latham & Watkins**

Latham & Watkins' finance team welcomes global energy co-head John Balsdon from Herbert Smith Freehills. Balsdon deals in energy finance, with a particular focus on the oil and gas sector.

✦ **Mayer Brown**

Jay Doraisamy moves to Mayer Brown's pensions team from Dentons. Doraisamy has extensive experience advising both employers and trustees on a variety of pensions issues, such as funding, regulatory issues and benefit design.

✦ **Macfarlanes**

Macfarlanes welcomes King & Wood Mallesons Competition partners Stephen Kon, Christoph Humpe, Cameron Firth and Tom Usher. Having served as senior partner at KWM, Kon joins the competition team as a consultant. Humpe, Firth and Usher all hold very broad practices, dealing in both contentious and non-contentious matters of competition law.

✦ **Osborne Clarke**

Litigation partner Katharine Vickery joins Osborne Clarke from Eversheds. Vickery specialises in global compliance systems and advises clients on how to meet the global markets' many regulatory requirements.

✦ **Orrick, Herrington & Sutcliffe**

Corporate partner Ylan Steiner joins Orrick from King & Wood Mallesons, where he served as head of Venture Capital. Steiner advises on growth and venture financings, investment decisions and portfolio transactions.

✦ **Penningtons Manches**

Penningtons Manches has hired Olswang's head of Construction Francis Ho. Ho focuses his practice on green construction projects, construction insolvency and EPC contracts.

✦ **Pitmans**

Private client partner Andrew Murray joins Pitmans from Bishop & Sidwell. Previously the head of Trusts, Taxes and Estates, Murray's practice is focused on powers of attorney, and probate and tax planning for family offices.

✦ **Proskauer Rose**

Proskauer Rose enhances its London offering with the hire of tax specialist Stephen Pevsner from King & Wood Mallesons. Although his focus is on issues arising from UK and international M&A transactions, Pevsner advises on matters of both corporate and individual tax.

✦ **Quinn Emanuel Urquhart & Sullivan**

US firm Quinn Emanuel welcomes Addleshaw Goddard's head of civil fraud Mark Hastings. Focussing on complex fraud and trust litigations, Hastings has served as lead partner in many of the most significant cases heard before the English courts, acting for notable figures such as Boris Berezovsky and His Majesty King Abdullah of Jordan.

✦ **Reed Smith**

King & Woods Mallesons financial regulation partner David Calligan joins Reed Smith. David advises clients in the financial services sector on compliance and regulatory matters specialises in assisting FX and CFD trading firms.

✦ **Shakespeare Martineau**

National firm Shakespeare Martineau makes two notable hires this roundup. David Vaughan, who specialises in complex property, construction and commercial disputes, joins from BLM, where he served as Head of Commercial Litigation. Joining from Bond Dickinson, IP partner Kim Walker specialises in IP advisory work and the drafting and negotiation of commercial contracts.

✦ **Sidley Austin**

The hire of Yen Sum from Linklaters fortifies Sidley Austins' Corporate Restructuring and Bankruptcy offering. Having spent three years in-house at Barclays, Sum specialises in structuring, transaction management and capital market roles in leveraged buy-out financings. Sidleys also strengthens its US Law practice through the hires of Cravath Swaine & Moore's European Counsel, Alan Grincer and Paul Hastings' associate Noel Hughes. New York qualified Grincer advises issuers and underwriters on questions of U.S. and European corporate law. Hughes focuses on cross-border leveraged finance transactions, and particularly specialises in high-yield bond financings.

✦ **Simpson Thacher & Bartlett**

Simpson Thacher welcomes corporate partner and head of Freshfields' TMT and M&A teams, Ben Spiers. Specialising in mergers within the TMT sector, Spiers has experience advising many FTSE 100 technology companies.

✦ **Squire Patton Boggs**

Energy partner Neil Upton departs King & Woods Mallesons with a team of four lawyers to join Squire Patton Boggs. Upton advises banks,

utilities and other financial institutions on all aspects of the energy business, including the development and financing of projects, regulatory matters and privatization.

✦ **TLT**

Jason Juden leaves King & Wood Mallesons to become head of Property Litigation at TMT. Juden possesses a range of experience across traditional questions of property litigation.

✦ **Wedlake Bell**

Julia Jackson is hired as head of Immigration & Nationality at Wedlake Bell. Jackson, who leaves her post as Principal of Julia Jackson Solicitors, advises businesses and executives on all matters relating to immigration and nationality.

✦ **White & Case**

Marc Israel is welcomed to White & Case's Competition/Anti-Trust team. He departs Macfarlanes, where, as head of the competition team, he worked on a range of high-profile UK cases involving mergers, cartels and antitrust litigation.

✦ **Withers**

Corporate finance partner Azlinda Arriffin-Boormand joins Withers from Olswang. Having kicked off her career in Malaysia, Ariffin-Boromand mainly advises southeast Asian clients on fundraising and investment opportunities in Europe and the United States.

✦ **Wiggin**

Alan Owens, who specialises in litigation and arbitration within the TMT sector, departs DWF, where he served as head of TMT, to join Wiggin.

✦ **The Specialist Partner Team**



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