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Move of the week



Soundy

[Shearman & Sterling](#) has hired a three-strong private equity team in London from [Weil Gotshal & Manges](#) including high-profile partner Mark Soundy (pictured). Soundy joins the US rival's City office with corporate tax partner Sarah Priestley and private equity associate Simon Burrows, who will become a partner at Shearman. The move is effectively a London practice launch for Shearman, which presently only carries out a small amount of private equity work in the City through corporate partner Jeremy Kutner.

UK

London

King & Spalding has established a London trade practice with the addition of partner Iain MacVay. MacVay was previously head of [Bird & Bird](#)'s trade and Customs practice, and has more than two decades' experience of international trade matters. He represented industries in the World Trade Organisation (WTO) dispute settlement. He has challenged tax and regulatory barriers under WTO rules and other international trade agreements, represents clients in relation to intra-EU trade matters and has appeared before numerous EU institutions.

A former [K&L Gates](#) employment partner has joined [Davenport Lyons](#) as a partner. Noel Deans is a former practising employment barrister and his practice covers a wide range of contentious and non-contentious employment law.

[Keystone Law](#) has hired ex-Norton Rose partner David Cohen to its employment pensions and incentives team. Cohen joined Keystone from [Norton Rose](#) at the start of May and is looking for other Keystone lawyers to support him in his niche share scheme practice.

South

[Moore Blatch](#) has hired family lawyer Jan Galloway. She will be based in Richmond and joins from Russells.

[Manches](#) has expanded its Oxford practice. Simon Knott comes to the commercial property team from [Shoosmiths](#)' Southampton office, where he was a senior partner in the real estate practice. The firm has also brought in two senior associates, Duncan Bain and Claire Clarke. Bain was swiped from [Morgan Cole](#) and Clarke joined from [Stevens & Bolton](#) in Guildford, where she was an associate.

North

[Watson Burton](#) has added partner David Pridmore to its real estate practice. He joins from [Gordons](#) in Leeds, where he was a partner in the commercial property team.



Halpern

[JMW](#) Solicitors has hired Sami Halpern as a medical negligence paralegal. He arrives from Manchester children's charity 42nd Street.

Europe

Bird & Bird has promoted senior European consultant Patryk Galicki to partner. He joined in 2009 and is head of the corporate and M&A team in Poland.

Ukrainian firm Integrites has hired corporate support and tax partner Alexander Grantovsky from Ernst & Young. Grantovsky will co-ordinate the firm's tax and project finance practices.

Italian firm De Berti Jacchia Franchini Forlani has hired senior associate Rustem Karimullin from the Moscow office of [Beiten Burkhardt](#).

McCann FitzGerald has promoted five new partners, all in its Dublin office, bringing the number of partners at the firm to 67. Banking and finance lawyer Joshua Hogan, realestate specialist Richard Leonard, procurement lawyer Jenny Mellerick, Rory O'Malley in corporate and restructuring lawyer Lisa Smyth all made the grade.

US

K&L Gates' Seattle office has hired Kate Spelman as technology transactions partner from Cobalt. She focuses on copyright, content, digital publishing and social media.

In Washington DC [Covington & Burling](#) has hired Robert Trainor as senior of counsel. The former executive vice-president and general counsel of Brussels-based biopharmaceutical company UCB will advise on corporate, policy and litigation matters.

O'Melveny & Myers has hired three former Cadwalader lawyers. John Rapisardi and George Davis, former co-chairs of Cadwalader's global financial restructuring department and former Cadwalader partner Peter Friedman will join as partners in the firm's restructuring practice. Rapisardi and Davis will become global co-practice group leaders and be based in New York. Friedman will reside in the DC office.

In Portland, Oregon, K&L Gates has added William Holmes and Teresa Hill as energy, infrastructure and transactions partners. Both come from Stoel Rives, where they were partners.

Asia



Hsui

[Ashurst](#) has added a corporate partner in Hong Kong. Jonathan Hsui joined the firm in 2011 as counsel. He joined from BNP Paribas in Hong Kong and specialises in corporate finance transactions across Asia Pacific.

Howse Williams Bowers has added Andrew Kinnison as a partner in Hong Kong. He was previously a partner at [Holman Fenwick Willan](#) and specialises in commercial litigation and insolvency.

Australia

In Sydney, [Squire Sanders](#) has hired construction partner Avendra Singh from Colin Biggers & Paisley. He has nearly three decades' experience of construction law and has advised on many major transportation, infrastructure and communications projects.

[DLA Piper](#) has hired Matthew Cridland as a tax partner in Sydney. He joins from being a director at KPMG.

The bar

In Leeds, Sarah Barlow has joined [Exchange Chambers](#). Barlow was called to the bar in 1993 and was formerly a member of Broadway House Chambers. She specialises in fraud and has been instructed by both the prosecution and defence.

Family barrister Alan Inglis has joined Newcastle and Middlesbrough's Trinity Chambers from Coram Chambers. Dual-qualified in England and Wales and Scotland, Inglis has advised on matrimonial finance, complex care proceedings, paediatric homicide, alleged 'shaking' injuries, sexual abuse and 'factitious' illness.

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