

DAC Beachcroft expands national construction team with another partner hire in Newcastle

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International law firm DAC Beachcroft is pleased to announce the further expansion of its national construction team with the appointment of Andrew Clough as a partner from Womble Bond Dickinson. This strategic hire also sees Ruth Davidson join the firm from Womble Bond Dickinson as an associate, bringing key members of their Legal 500 and Chambers top-ranked construction team to DAC Beachcroft's own top-ranked construction practice.

Andrew specialises in construction and engineering, advising on all aspects of dispute resolution, including strategic project advice, high court litigation, adjudication, arbitration, and mediation. Andrew will support Newcastle-based partner Warren Kemp, who leads DAC Beachcroft's construction team together with partner Mark Roach in London.

“We are very pleased to welcome Andrew to the team,” said Warren. “Andrew has an excellent reputation and is a leading construction and projects lawyer in the North East. He has represented and advised top-name brands - including employers, developers, main contractors and sub-contractors - on a wide range of disputes and his experience will aid our ambitious growth plans in the construction sector. He is a very welcome addition to our team, as we continue to build out our capabilities across the North.”

DAC Beachcroft's Construction team has in excess of 50 senior lawyers working in the UK and around the world on construction and engineering issues. The team advises contractors, consultants, employers, developers, local authorities, health authorities, financial institutions and insurers in every sphere of commercial construction and engineering.

Andrew commented, “I'm excited to be joining the DACB team. The firm has an excellent reputation and is known for its strength and depth in national and regional-based disputes. I am very much looking forward to working with the team to give our clients the best possible service and grow my practice even further.”

DAC Beachcroft has been steadily expanding its commercial presence in the North of England in recent weeks. Earlier this year the firm welcomed commercial partner Neil Warwick, who works across its Newcastle, Leeds and Manchester offices, and in Leeds, litigation specialist Tim Pickworth joined as a legal director from Walker Morris.