
DAC Beachcroft Appoints Seven to Brand-New Legal Director Role

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International law firm DAC Beachcroft has appointed seven senior lawyers to the newly-created role of Legal Director with effect from 1 May.

The introduction of a Legal Director role is intended to provide a further opportunity for the business to recognise those DAC Beachcroft colleagues whose technical excellence and reputation differentiates them both internally and externally.

The newly-appointed DAC Beachcroft Legal Directors are:

- Martin Langley - Commercial Litigation, Bristol
- Daniel Walker - Insurance Dispute Resolution, London.
- Stephen Turner - Insurance & Commercial Dispute Resolution, London
- Claire O'Donovan - Insurance Dispute Resolution, London
- Louise Watson-Jones - Commercial Health, Newcastle
- Andrew Johnston - Commercial Health, London
- David Harrison - Public Law & Regulatory, London

All seven have been identified by the business as people whose technical ability and management of client relationships are such that they enhance the firm's brand and reputation and will attract additional work for themselves and others.

The successful candidates have been appointed following a process involving the submission of a business case and a panel interview. The appointment process for the new role will now run as part of the firm's annual promotion round.

Announcing the new appointments, DAC Beachcroft Managing Partner, Paul Murray, said: "I would like to issue my warm congratulations to all the successful applicants on behalf of the whole firm. As the inaugural incumbents of this new position, they will effectively help us shape and develop the role for future colleagues."

He added: "I'd like to emphasise that this is not an additional step in the Partner appointment process. On the contrary, we will continue to make promotions to Partner in the normal way from our Associate population as well as from the newly-created pool of Legal Directors. However, this empowers another group of our highly-talented people as we continue to invest in the future of our business."

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