

Coverage of the appointment of **Kevin James** as a **Partner** in the **Employment** department and **Howard Taylor** as a Senior Associate in the **Company & Commercial** department at **Payne Hicks Beach** as of 26 September 2016, first published online in New Law Journal on 28 September 2016 and reproduced by kind permission

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Kevin James & Howard Taylor—Payne Hicks Beach

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Firm adds two significant hires

Payne Hicks Beach has announced two important hires in the employment and company and commercial departments. Kevin James joins the firm as an employment partner from Royds Solicitors and Howard Taylor has been appointed as a senior associate in the company and commercial department, joining from Fox Williams.

Kevin brings extensive experience advising employers and senior executives on a range of contentious and non-contentious employment matters. He has particular expertise in health and safety and regulatory law and was previously a prosecutor for health and safety matters in the public sector. In addition, Kevin is a highly-skilled advocate and has represented large national employers both in the employment tribunals and courts.

Howard is a corporate lawyer and specialises in the sale and purchase of companies and businesses, private equity transactions, joint ventures and public company listings and fundraisings. He is instructed by both domestic and overseas clients across a number of diverse business sectors.

Alastair Murdie, senior partner, says: "The firm is very pleased to welcome two very experienced lawyers, Kevin James and Howard Taylor, to the employment and company and commercial departments respectively. They will add real value and we are continuing to attract key hires as we further strengthen our existing client offering."



Kevin James
Partner, Employment



Howard Taylor
Senior Associate,
Company & Commercial