

Coverage of the promotion of **Ane Vernon** to Partner in the **Dispute Resolution Department**, **Howard Taylor** to Partner in the **Corporate Department**, **Emily Hewlett** and **Melissa Ellis** to Associate in the **Private Client Department** and **Tom Quinn** and **Joshua Moger** to Associate in the **Family Department** and the appointment of the **Management Board** effective as of 1 June 2019, as well as the appointment of **Elias Choueifati** as a Solicitor in the **Corporate Department** as of 3 June 2019, first published online in eprivateclient on 4 June 2019 and reproduced with kind permission

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London law firm Payne Hicks Beach has made six promotions across its dispute resolution, private client, family and corporate departments.

Ane Vernon and Howard Taylor have become partners within the dispute resolution and corporate departments respectively, while Emily Hewlett, Melissa Ellis, Tom Quinn and Joshua Moger have been made associates.

The promotions are effective from 1 June 2019.

Within the private client department, Emily Hewlett and Melissa Ellis have been made associates. Ms Hewlett has been at the firm for over ten years and has experience in advising both domestic and international high net worth clients on a breadth of trust, succession and estate planning matters.

Ms Ellis has been with the firm since 2015 and provides clients with comprehensive advice on a wealth of private client matters including estate and succession planning concerns and domicile matters. She joined the firm from Withers where she worked as a solicitor both in London and Geneva.

In the family department Tom Quinn and Joshua Moger have been promoted to associates. Mr Quinn joined Payne Hicks Beach in 2011 and has built his practice advising on all family law matters, including divorce, civil partnership and co-habitation agreements, in addition to, to private children matters.

Meanwhile, Mr Moger trained with the firm and qualified in the family department. He is instructed by high net worth individuals on a range of matters from the financial consequences of a relationship breakdown and Child Arrangement Orders to leave to remove applications. He often advises on disputes with complex financial and international components.

Ms Vernon qualified at Payne Hicks Beach in 2003 and is experienced in a variety of matters including contentious trusts and probate, commercial and contract disputes as well as public law. She specialises in the education sphere and successfully represented the Governors of The London Oratory School in their high profile Judicial Review claim against the Schools Adjudicator in relation to the school's admission arrangements.

Finally, the corporate department will be further boosted by the appointment of Elias Choueifati as an assistant solicitor. He joins from specialist boutique firm, Jirehouse.

These appointments follow the recent announcement of the creation of a management board following [the retirement of Alastair Murdie as senior partner on 31 May](#). This consists of Robert Brodrick (chair), Dominic Crossley (head of dispute resolution) and Jonathan Gatward (head of corporate). They will work alongside Virginia Farquharson who is continuing as the firm's director of management.

Mr Brodrick commented: "Together, these promotions reflect the firm's commitment to developing and nurturing internal talent – in turn ensuring that our clients continue to receive the high quality and dynamic service for which the firm is known

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