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### Payne Hicks Beach announces host of Partner and Associate promotions

Leading London law firm, Payne Hicks Beach, is pleased to announce six internal promotions across its Family, Corporate, Dispute Resolution and Property departments. The promotions consist of one to the Partnership and five new Associates, which are effective from 1 June 2018. The promotions reflect the firm's commitment to developing internal talent.

Ben Parry-Smith has been made up to Partner within the firm's distinguished Family department. Having joined the firm on qualification in 2008, Ben has extensive expertise in advising on all aspects of family law from high-profile complex financial disputes and nuptial agreements through to civil partnerships. Furthermore, he has particular expertise in matters concerning the relocation of children and cases involving same-sex parents. Leading legal directory, Legal 500 UK 2017 has recognised Ben as "one to watch".

Ben Parry-Smith, Partner at Payne Hicks Beach, comments:

*"I feel privileged to join the Payne Hicks Beach partnership within the firm's renowned Family department. I look forward to continuing to work alongside my esteemed colleagues with the utmost levels of discretion to obtain the best possible outcomes for my clients in what is a sensitive time."*

The Family department has been further bolstered by the promotions of Victoria Hingston and Camellia Buckmaster to Associates. Victoria Hingston has been at Payne Hicks Beach for nearly 10 years and is regularly instructed on complex disputes with a financial and international element. Victoria's practice also encompasses private law children matters ranging from residence and contact disputes to leave to remove applications. Camellia joined the firm in 2016 from Slaughter and May and her practice encompasses a wide array of family law matters from co-habitation agreements through to divorce.

In the Dispute Resolution department, Andrew Willan has been made an Associate having been with the firm since 2011. Andrew advises both private and corporate clients at all stages of the litigation process. His expertise encompasses a breadth of contentious matters, with particular a focus on high-profile defamation, privacy and breach of confidence disputes.

Within the Property department, Andrea Yiakoumetti has now been made an Associate. Andrea is instructed on matters concerning the sale and purchase of commercial and residential properties – acting for companies and individuals based in the UK and overseas.

In the Corporate department, Marcia Kidd has been promoted to Associate having arrived at the firm in 2013 from CMS. Marcia advises private owner-managed businesses as well as large international organisations on a range of corporate matters from shareholder disputes and demergers to reorganisations and reductions of capital.

Alastair Murdie, Senior Partner at Payne Hicks Beach, states:

*"I am very pleased to welcome Ben Parry-Smith to the partnership at Payne Hicks Beach. Having developed his practice at the firm, Ben has a deep understanding of our clients' needs. I would also like to congratulate Camellia Buckmaster, Victoria Hingston, Marcia Kidd, Andrew Willan and Andrea Yiakoumetti on their promotions – which are all very much deserved and reflect our commitment to recognising internal talent which in turn strengthens the entire firm."*

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#### NOTES TO EDITOR

Payne Hicks Beach has 70 lawyers and provides specialist legal services to private and commercial clients. The firm has a reputation for handling complex problems. They provide solutions that are incisive, straightforward and creative. The structure and commitment to outstanding client service means that all their specialist advisers work closely with each other to deliver seamless advice across their practice areas.

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