



Payne Hicks Beach further strengthens its Dispute Resolution practice with appointment of new partner

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Leading London law firm, Payne Hicks Beach, is delighted to announce the appointment of Georgina Bayley as a Partner in the Dispute Resolution Department, effective 1 March 2021. Georgina joins the firm from Withers and her appointment closely follows that of Jessica Henson who joined the Dispute Resolution Department as Partner last year. Together they add significant expertise and experience to Payne Hicks Beach's flourishing Dispute Resolution Department.

With over 15 years' experience acting in significant international and domestic commercial disputes for an extensive client base of high net worth individuals and families, companies and charities, Georgina has worked on a broad range of matters from complex contractual disputes, jurisdictional and enforcement issues, seeking worldwide freezing relief, shareholder disputes, arbitration and contentious insolvency. Recently, her practice has centred on large scale international matters and she has specialist expertise in banking and civil fraud matters and assisting with high value employment claims being pursued in the High Court. Her experience includes acting in relation to a USD \$9.2bn banking fraud claim against Maan Al Sanea and the Saad Group – one of the largest frauds ever litigated ([2009] *Comm Court Folio 1240*) and more recently, for 76 private Russian individuals seeking freezing order relief against two Russian oligarchs (*[CL-2018-000544] Galagaev & Others v Ananyev Brothers*).

In addition to her commercial disputes' expertise, Georgina has also gained a reputation for handling judicial review proceedings. Her experience includes bringing procurement challenges against public bodies on behalf of charitable and educational organisations. In addition, throughout her career, she has acted for numerous clients seeking advice on coronial law matters in relation to inquests and has worked on a number of notable judicial review cases, including *Adath Yisroel Burial Society v HM Senior Coroner for Inner North London [2018] EWHC 969* and *Worcestershire County Council v HM Coroner for the Country of Worcestershire [2013] EWHC 1711*.

Georgina is recognised by leading legal directory, The Legal 500 UK, as "a very competent and experienced litigator who is in complete command of every aspect of a case".

Georgina Bayley comments:

"I am very pleased to be joining the Dispute Resolution team at Payne Hicks Beach as a Partner. The firm and the team have an excellent reputation and their work is highly regarded. I look forward to using my experience to further strengthen the team's offering to best meet our clients' needs."

Robert Brodrick, Chairman of Payne Hicks Beach, comments:

“Georgina is a highly experienced lawyer with a proven track record and an impressive roster of clients. We are very pleased to welcome her as Partner within the firm’s Dispute Resolution practice, which has seen very significant growth and success in recent years. We have no doubt that Georgina will add to that success.”

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