



### **Payne Hicks Beach appoints specialist barrister in Dispute Resolution department**

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Leading central London law firm, Payne Hicks Beach, is pleased to announce the appointment of Edward Smith as an Employed Barrister within the Dispute Resolution Department. Edward joins the firm from Grosvenor Law, where he was an Associate, and his appointment is effective from 8 January 2019.

Edward has particular expertise in commercial litigation, data protection, media and communications law. As a pupil barrister at leading media set 5RB, Edward was engaged in some of the most significant recent cases in the media law landscape – including *Munroe v Hopkins* and *Sir Cliff Richard OBE v BBC & South Yorkshire Police* and has since acted in connection with a range of fraud, shareholder and other commercial disputes. Edward was called to the Bar in 2015.

Within the firm's leading Dispute Resolution Department, Edward will be working closely with Lucas Moore, Dominic Crossley and Hanna Basha, leading practitioners in their fields of expertise.

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

*“Edward Smith is a welcome addition to our growing and busy Dispute Resolution department – as we continue to broaden our offering to meet our clients’ needs. At Payne Hicks Beach, we are committed to recruiting talented individuals, and thus, ensuring that our clients receive the highest possible levels of service – that the firm is known for.”*