



Payne Hicks Beach: significant hires to renowned Private Client team

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Leading Central London law firm Payne Hicks Beach is pleased to announce that Rosamond McDowell and Andrew Dixon have joined the Private Client department as partner and consultant respectively. Rosamond and Andrew have worked together since 1998 at Biddle & Co which in 2001 merged with Pinsents, and since 2004 at Collyer Bristow.

Rosamond McDowell specialises in tax and estate planning for individuals, families and trustees, onshore and offshore. Her practice is divided between contentious and non-contentious matters. Rosamond is highly respected within her field: Chambers and Partners UK 2014 cites that *"she is calm and thorough, and conveys her client's position clearly and robustly"* and in the 2013 rankings referred to her *"fabulous technical knowledge and fantastic bedside manner"*, while a source told the Citywealth Leaders List 2012 that *"I cannot think of a better advisor in England"*.

Andrew has extensive experience in UK and international taxation and trust and estate law. His clients include land owners, executives and partners, whom he advises on assets such as land, shares and securities and heritage property. He also acts widely as a trustee and executor. Chambers and Partners UK 2013 quote a source referring to Andrew as *"incredibly knowledgeable"* and stating that *"his ability to predict the future is superb"*. Andrew was voted one of the 50 most influential private client practitioners by Private Client Practitioner 2011.

Rosamond and Andrew join a department of seven partners, one associate and two solicitors. The department is highly respected for its expertise in complex succession planning, and was a finalist in the 'London Legal Team of the Year' category in the 2013-14 STEP Private Client Awards.

Peter Black, Managing Partner, commented as follows:

"Our Private Client team is experiencing increasing demand from both a domestic and international client base, and Rosamond and Andrew's arrival further increases our capabilities. We are delighted that they join us at such an exciting time in the development of the team, and Payne Hicks Beach more widely, as we look forward to strong growth in the next 12 months and beyond".