

DAC Beachcroft acquires partner-led insurance team from Norton Rose Fulbright in London

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International law firm DAC Beachcroft is delighted to announce that a seven-strong team of senior insurance lawyers will be joining Liam O'Connell, who left his position as Norton Rose Fulbright's Head of the EMEA insurance claims team in May 2019 to head up DAC Beachcroft's Global London Insurance practice. The team includes leading insurance litigation partner Kirsty Hick and the team will complete their move from Norton Rose Fulbright's insurance claims practice by September 2019.

A highly regarded insurance practitioner, Kirsty has acted for many of the leading global and London market insurers. She advises on complex coverage and defence issues, particularly in relation to high-value negligence claims against accountants, insurance brokers and financial institutions. Kirsty also has particular expertise in warranty and indemnity claims.

Solicitor Tamsin Stott joined Liam last month and the five other lawyers joining are legal directors Rebecca Bailey and Sarah O'Connell, senior associates Jack Holling, Natasha Marshall and Cathryn Teverson.

"These strategic hires are pivotal as we continue to expand and strengthen key lines of our global insurance business," said Helen Faulkner, DAC Beachcroft's Global Head of Insurance.

"Our focus is on delivering high quality advice combined with cutting edge delivery expertise. We are therefore delighted to welcome a team with such a strong reputation in the London insurance market, excellent technical skills and a solid track record of building client relationships. Their arrival further strengthens our skills, experience and expertise and enables us to continue creating sustainable value for the clients we serve. This is a significant development as we drive forward our global insurance ambitions."

DAC Beachcroft has one of the largest insurance practices of any law firm in the UK, operating from 11 UK locations, as well as internationally from offices in Ireland, Spain, France, the United States, Singapore, Mexico, Colombia, and Chile. This year, the firm launched two new offices, in Belfast and Paris, in order to service its expanding domestic and international insurance client base.

The firm is also a founding member of Legalign Global, a closely integrated alliance of four multi-national law firms with 60 offices across the globe, and is top-tier ranked in insurance and reinsurance litigation in The Legal 500 UK.