

Browne Jacobson adds new partner to growing banking and finance team

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Paul advises corporate borrowers, sponsors, banks and other financial institutions and has significant experience in multi-jurisdictional infrastructure and utility financings, acquisition finance transactions and PPP projects.

Paul has recently advised Equitix and Infrared on their acquisition of High Speed 1 Limited, the funders in connection with the Hornsea One offshore windfarm, the funders in relation to the refinancing of Cory Riverside EfW (Energy from Waste), a consortium on their proposed acquisition of the Cory business and the funders in relation to the provision of both corporate and SPV financing to Angel Trains. He also has experience on major restructurings in both the UK and the Middle East having respectively advised the coordinating committees in connection with the consensual termination of the Lancashire EfW Project and the Dubai World and Nakheel (the Dubai based real estate developer) financial restructurings.

Based in the firm's Birmingham office, Paul will work closely with National Head of Banking & Finance Paul Ray, Head of the Birmingham Banking & Finance Emma Hinton and the wider team. He joins Browne Jacobson after 10 years at 'Magic Circle' firm Allen & Overy (London).

Browne Jacobson's <u>banking and finance practice</u> has seen a significant growth in both headcount size and revenues. The 14-strong team operates out of the firm's Birmingham, Manchester and Nottingham offices and has delivered 83% fee growth over the last three years. In 2018 the firm broadened its banking and finance practice in the North West with the appointment of Jonathan Edwards as its new Head of Banking in Manchester.

Paul Ray, National Head of Banking and Finance at Browne Jacobson said:

"We are delighted to have recruited someone of Paul's calibre. Our national banking and finance practice has been transformed over the last six years and he is an excellent fit within our team of leading banking and finance lawyers and will be a significant asset to our UK and international clients."

Emma Hinton, Head of Birmingham Banking & Finance, commented:

"Paul's appointment reflects our commitment to continue investing in highly talented banking lawyers who are committed to delivering exceptional client service. His arrival will further strength the depth of our offering, particularly across the Midlands, where we have one of the largest and most experienced banking and finance teams in the sector."

Partner Paul Hill, added:

"Browne Jacobson has an excellent reputation for banking and finance law and I am looking forward to contributing to its long term success."

Browne Jacobson's banking and finance team acts for UK and international corporate borrowers, private equity houses, banks and other lenders as well as local authorities, foundation trusts and housing associations. It specialises on on bilateral and syndicated finance

transactions, refinancings, restructures, turnarounds, acquisition and development finance, investment finance, debt purchase, asset based lending and general lending matters.

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