



Press Release

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SGH announces 3 new hires in their Commercial Litigation, Property Litigation and Employment teams

Sprecher Grier Halberstam LLP is pleased to announce that it is expanding with 3 significant new hires. Richard Homewood and Jon Redding have joined the firm as partners in the Commercial Litigation and Property Litigation teams respectively, whilst Helen Crossland joins the Employment team as an Associate.

Richard Homewood is an experienced commercial litigator, with considerable pre-trial and trial experience in the areas of banking and financial services, commercial fraud, professional negligence, director and shareholder disputes, merger and acquisition, and cross-border disputes.

Richard is an expert in class action litigation arising under American antitrust and securities laws, including the taking evidence for use in U.S. trial courts and advising American counsel (both plaintiff and defendant) on how best to secure oral and written evidence throughout the jurisdiction of England and Wales. He has acted on a number of matters for a leading UAE bank, as well as for Middle East clients.

Jon Redding was previously head of Druces & Attlee's Property Litigation Department and the firm's Hotel Pubs and Leisure Group. He has a wealth of experience of working with large players in the pub industry and is an experienced property litigator. Sprecher Grier Halberstam LLP already has a considerable reputation in the pub & brewery sector and the addition of Jon will enhance that.

Helen Crossland qualified as a solicitor in 2004 and joined SGH in February 2009 as an associate in the Employment Law Department. She previously worked at H2O Law LLP.

Helen acts for employers in both the private and not for profit sector on a wide range of issues. Her skills and experience will enhance the capabilities of the firm at a time when the SGH employment team is much in demand by employers and administrators seeking advice in restructuring businesses and managing industrial relations issues across the board.

Simon Halberstam, Finance Partner at SGH comments that "despite the global economic storm, we are confident of continuing progress due to our carefully balanced range of specialisations with major contributions currently from our insolvency and employment

departments. We are excited about our growth and that Richard, John and Helen will play a significant role in that”.

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-About SGH-

David Sprecher and Ian Grier founded the firm in 1984. It has now grown to a 22 partner commercial law practice with a wide range of clients including international household names, professional partnerships, listed companies, merchant banks, mortgage lenders and smaller family-owned businesses.

SGH has an established reputation for providing a fast and effective service to its business clients. The partners, who are all specialists in their chosen fields, enjoy the support of a loyal, energetic and experienced staff, many of whom have been with the firm for a considerable number of years.

The firm has various specialist departments which all share a common pro-active philosophy, striving to protect the client’s best interests at all times. We offer wide-ranging expertise covering practically every business need, including complex legal areas such as intellectual property, insolvency and mortgage lending, as well as expertise in mainstream fields including employment, debt collection, company commercial and property.