

Browne Jacobson strengthens Corporate team in Manchester with new hires

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Leading UK and Ireland law firm Browne Jacobson has announced significant increase in the size of its active dealmaking team in the North West.

James Skivington has joined Peter Allen and Ryan Brown as a partner in its corporate team in Manchester. At the same time, the team is being joined by two new associates, Miranda Foy and Olivia Barrow.

James Skivington joins the firm from Pinsent Masons and brings with him a wealth of experience in advising clients on corporate transactions. James has led numerous domestic and international private equity and strategic trade transactions including those that are multifaceted and complex. He is also experienced in advising clients in the energy sector, including those focusing on energy transition.

Miranda Foy joins from another mid-market corporate practice in Manchester and has experience in advising on private equity deals and acquisitions. Olivia Barrow qualified into the corporate finance team in September after starting her career with the firm in 2021 as a trainee.

Commenting on the new hires, **Peter Allen, Corporate Finance Partner** said: "*James' arrival, alongside our recruitment of Olivia and Miranda, marks an exciting milestone in our team's growth journey over the past five years. Our expansion not only demonstrates our confidence in the Manchester market but also reflects the remarkable progress of the office and our team. Nearly doubling the size of our corporate team underscores our commitment to providing top-tier legal services to our clients, existing and new, in the North West. We know James well and his expertise enables us to further develop our capabilities for both domestic and international transactions, including particularly in the North West's active private equity market and in the energy sector.*"

James Skivington, speaking of his appointment, said: "*Browne Jacobson has really made a mark in the local market since its inception and has enjoyed impressive growth in recent years on the back of this. I am excited to contribute to its continued success.*"

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