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Bettina joins the firm from VVW, where she headed up the HE team and regularly advised universities on a broad range of employment law and student related issues.

Bettina has extensive experience in a variety of complex employment law and equality, diversity and inclusion cases. This includes Employment Tribunal and Employment Appeal Tribunal cases and student matters where she has a national profile for advising universities on disability-related issues.

Browne Jacobson's education team is consistently ranked in Band One nationally for its education sector expertise by leading independent legal directories and in 2019 won the 'Legal Advisors to Education Institutions' category at the Education Investor Awards for a record fifth time.

The team advise over 1,000 education institutions from maintained schools and academies to higher education institutions on a full range of services.

Mark Blois, partner and head of the education sector at Browne Jacobson, said:

"Bettina has an excellent reputation in the market and an impressive background in building a strong HE practice, something which we as a firm have wanted to further develop for some time now.

"She is a first rate and highly knowledgeable lawyer with extensive experience in the higher education sector and is known for her collaborative approach and offering a high-quality client service, so her appointment is a perfect fit for our practice.

"Bettina's arrival will undoubtedly assist us in further building our practice in the higher education sector, enabling us to use our award-winning client-centric approach to support our clients in managing the unique set of opportunities and challenges they face"

Bettina Rigg added:

"I am delighted to have joined Browne Jacobson, a pioneering firm with a sterling reputation in the education sector and one that offers an innovative approach to its trusted client base. The quality of service is of a very high standard and they are known to deliver simple and practical solutions and real cutting-edge advice, something which I look forward to building on further."

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