

## Morgan Lewis Adds Trio Of Corporate Partners In London

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*Law360, London (August 21, 2018, 6:32 PM BST)* -- Morgan Lewis & Bockius LLP announced on Tuesday that it has hired three partners with experience in complex and cross-border corporate transactions from Herbert Smith Freehills LLP to join its London office.

Corporate and private equity partners Mark Geday, Nicholas Moore and Tomasz Wozniak will bring with them backgrounds in advising clients on cross-border transactions across sectors including asset management, technology and media. They will strengthen Morgan Lewis' cross-border, corporate and business transactions practice in London, the firm said.

The three partners have worked together for a number of years, Morgan Lewis added.

"Mark, Nick, and Tom have served clients across a range of vital sectors and regions, further deepening the ability of our leading corporate and business transactions practice to facilitate the kinds of deals that are critical to our clients' global growth strategies," Jami McKeon, Morgan Lewis' chairwoman, said in a statement.

"Their sophisticated insight into business environments will make them trusted advisers to our clients with multinational interests," she added.

The partners were not available for comment on Tuesday.

Geday has advised private equity and asset management clients on corporate law, including mergers, disposals and joint ventures for more than 20 years, Morgan Lewis said. He was head of Herbert Smith's private equity practice in London and has previously worked in the firm's Moscow office.

According to his profile on Herbert Smith's website, his recent experience includes advising investment manager Cazenove Capital on its £424 million (\$546 million) recommended takeover by Schroders plc. He has also worked with Cabot Square Capital LLP on investing and disposing financial services and real estate businesses.



Mark Geday



Nicholas Moore



Tomasz Wozniak

Geday graduated from the University of Manchester and the College of Law, his profile shows. He has acted as director of legal services and company secretary for a FTSE 100 company.

He is a member of the Law Society's Company Law Committee — which promotes improvements to the law — and chairs its sub-committee dealing with private equity funds.

Moore brings with him more than 15 years of experience counselling clients on mergers and acquisitions in the technology, media and financial buyers sectors, Morgan Lewis said.

He has spent five years in Herbert Smith's Moscow office, his profile on the firm's website shows. His recent work includes advising TSB Banking Group on its separation from Lloyds Banking Group, as well as TSB's initial public offering.

Moore studied law at Nottingham University, according to his LinkedIn profile.

Wozniak has also lent his expertise to clients performing transactions across Eastern Europe during his time at Herbert Smith, Morgan Lewis said. According to his profile on Herbert Smith's website, his recent experience includes representing Uber Technologies Inc. on its \$3.8 billion combination of its assets in Russia with Yandex Taxi — Russia's largest online ride-hailing service.

His profile shows that he studied law at University College London.

“Our new partners are seasoned veterans with significant backgrounds in guiding clients through successful global and cross-border corporate transactions,” Steve Browne, head of Morgan Lewis' corporate and business transactions practice, said.

“Growing our corporate transactional and private equity team in London with Mark, Nick, and Tom is a key step in expanding our capabilities and deepening our services to clients in London, throughout Europe, and around the globe,” he added.

Earlier this year, Morgan Lewis added Paul Denham to its London office. Denham, a former Morgan Lewis associate, rejoined the firm from Dorsey & Whitney LLP. His practice has focused on leverage and acquisition financing.

Denham, who joined the firm on May 21, followed other finance hires to the firm. Georgia Quenby joined Morgan Lewis as partner in January alongside finance of counsel Victoria Thompson. Both lawyers have been admitted to practice in England as well as New York.

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