

Withers expands Real Estate strengths in response to client demand

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International law firm Withers LLP has recruited partner [Julie Teal](#) to the firm's London Real Estate group. Julie is a construction law specialist and joins the firm from one of the UK's leading construction practices, Fenwick Elliott.

Withers' Real Estate group also continues its expansion with the hire of associates David Holland, who will join the top-tier Rural Real Estate team from Wilsons Solicitors, and Eloise Morgan, who has joined from Falcon Chambers as a property litigator.

Julie advises on non-contentious construction matters including procurement structures, insolvency issues, construction aspects of agreements for lease, development and facility agreements and agreements for sale. Chambers 2013 states that Julie 'has in-depth knowledge of a wide range of domestic and international forms of contract'.

Paul Brecknell, Real Estate Practice Group Leader, commented:

'We are very excited about Julie's arrival at Withers. Our team's fee income grew by nearly 20% last year and we have experienced a significant growth in demand for construction-related advice, as investors and property owners look to maximise value with developments and improvements. With Julie on board we have a broader range of services to offer existing and prospective clients.'

Julie commented:

'I have worked with the Withers team for a number of years and have always been impressed by their commitment to achieving their clients' objectives. The team works on very exciting commercial and residential projects and I look forward to bringing my experience to bear on these.'

Withers' UK Real Estate Practice advises international and domestic clients on both commercial and residential properties in the UK. Its privately funded investor and developer clients are well-placed to exploit opportunities in relation to high value UK properties. The team has grown significantly in the past year, hiring special counsel Peter Lamb and associates Oliver Stacey, James Martell and Jessica Beales to meet a significant growth in client demand.