



UK boutique hires from Milbank and Akin Gump

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James Glaysher and Paul Kinninmont

James Glaysher and **Paul Kinninmont** have left Akin Gump and Milbank respectively to join the partnership at London disputes boutique Candey.

Glaysher and Kinninmont completed their moves on 1 April, meaning Candey now has 15 partners – all of whom practise litigation and arbitration.

A solicitor-advocate, Glaysher joins after four years in the London office of Akin Gump, where he was made counsel in 2018. He previously spent six years at Dechert in London and Dubai.

His practice focuses on energy and infrastructure disputes, while he also has experience in the construction and finance sectors.

He has represented a South American oil and gas company in a US\$500 million M&A dispute and another oil company in a US\$150 million UNCITRAL arbitration. He also worked on a US\$1 billion dispute over the ownership of a Russian power company.

An Akin Gump spokesperson says: “We wish James all the best in the future.”

Kinninmont was an associate in Milbank’s London office for eight years, having previously worked at King & Wood Mallesons legacy firm SJ Berwin in the city.

At Milbank, he helped settle consolidated LCIA cases together worth US\$2.8 billion arising from a joint venture. He also acted for a South Asian state as it successfully resisted enforcement of a US\$900 million ICSID award in a London court.

Kinninmont and Glaysher both sit as arbitrator.

Milbank disputes partner **Tom Canning** thanks Kinninmont for his “excellent contribution” to the firm and wishes him “every success in his new role.”

Candey disputes head **Ashkhan Candey** says that Glaysher and Kinninmont are “great guys who thoroughly enjoy what they do. I have no doubt that they will deliver for our clients.”

Candey set up the boutique bearing his name in 2009 along with fellow partner **Nigel McEwen**, with both having previously worked at another London firm, Tarlo Lyons. One of Candey’s most high profile arbitration instructions to-date came acting in a US\$1 billion dispute over a Russian bank, which gave rise to several LCIA arbitrations and proceedings in various other jurisdictions before **settling** last year.

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