

## Crowell & Moring Poaches Finance Expert From Squire Patton

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*Law360, London (January 15, 2019, 6:11 PM GMT)* -- Crowell & Moring LLP said Tuesday that it has snagged an experienced financial litigator from Squire Patton Boggs LLP to oversee the expansion of its London office.

Robert Weekes took the helm of the firm's London offering on Tuesday and is set to spearhead growth in its global litigation, corporate and regulatory practices, Crowell & Moring said. He will also advise clients on litigation, investigations and international disputes that span national borders.

Weekes joins the firm from Squire Patton Boggs, where he has led the London office for the past decade and served on the firm's global board.

"This is a new dawn for Crowell in London," Weekes told Law360. "I look forward to building and expanding our team here as well as investing in nurturing the next generation."

Weekes said he plans to expand Crowell & Moring's London office — as he did in his last role.

"I have a track record of growing a successful team and creating the right culture, and I am really looking forward to taking this office forward," he added.

He said he will work closely with the firm's partners in Washington, New York and Brussels to serve existing and new clients, while the London office gears up to make "serious investments" in key areas.

Weekes will sit in the firm's global litigation and financial services teams in order to advise businesses, banks and insurers on commercial disputes, including fraud investigations and asset recovery. He has also counseled on investment disputes and indemnity claims.

He has experience in securing freezing injunctions, search and seizure orders, as well as other emergency remedies for his clients, Crowell & Moring said.

"Robert is a dynamic leader with a proven track record of winning high-stakes litigation matters and building a team of talent at the same time," Philip Inglima, chairman of Crowell & Moring, said. "Robert will play a pivotal role in our strategic plans to expand our London office with additional lawyers and practices. He deepens our global litigation and investigations bench and expands our ability to serve clients across a wide range of sectors."



Robert Weekes

According to his LinkedIn profile, Weekes studied at the College of Law, Guildford, before training at Wilde & Partners. There he became a partner at the age of 25, his profile said.

Crowell & Moring announced in October that it had poached nine members of Cadwalader Wickersham & Taft LLP's health care team to launch a practice in New York.

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