

## Crowell & Moring Poaches Partner Amid Squire Patton Exodus

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*Law360, London (March 19, 2019, 4:13 PM GMT)* -- Crowell & Moring LLP said Tuesday it had hired another partner to join its corporate and financial services team in London as part of a growing exodus from rival firm Squire Patton Boggs LLP.

Andrew Knight, whose expertise includes asset-based lending and distressed debt trading, joins a growing team at Crowell & Moring after three Squire Patton Boggs alumni jumped ship in February. The four new partners will now be joined by associates Seye Olufunwa and Mark Forster, also from Squire Patton Boggs, in the coming weeks, Crowell & Moring said in a statement.



Andrew Knight

"I was the London managing partner at Squire Patton Boggs for 10 years. I have a lot of very long standing relationships with experienced partners," Robert Weekes, managing partner at Crowell & Moring's London office, said in an interview. "We have numerous mutual clients."

Knight's arrival comes just weeks after his colleagues at Squire Patton, Robin Baillie, Paul Muscutt and Cathryn Williams, who specialize in restructuring, insolvency and infrastructure deals, joined the same company. Knight previously worked as lead partner on the collapse of the Icelandic bank, Landsbanki, which was taken over by the Icelandic Financial Supervisory Authority in 2008.

"He's a great technical and commercial lawyer. He's thoughtful and very well respected by the client base," Weekes said.

Knight said in a statement that he was thrilled to join the company.

"The new finance team has in-depth experience representing U.S. lenders and making facilities available to non-U.S. borrowers in the U.K., Europe, and Asia," Knight said.

Crowell & Moring employs approximately 540 lawyers in Washington, D.C.; Los Angeles; San Francisco and Brussels, among other cities.

Weekes said a key part of the company's appeal is the excitement that comes with setting up a new firm in London.

"The big opportunities are matters that you can work on across jurisdictions be they corporate deals,

contentious matters, investigations, financings or insolvencies,” he said. “The broader vision is to create a strong and vibrant London team, generating its own high-quality revenue whilst at the same time working fluently with our offices in the U.S., Belgium and now the Far East.”

A representative for Squire Patton Boggs was not immediately available for comment.

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