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Proskauer Adds Three Partners to Global Private Investment Funds Group in London

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On July 28, 2011, Proskauer announced the expansion of its global Private Investment Funds Group and London office with the addition of Nigel van Zyl, Kate Simpson and Oliver Rochman as Partners. Mr. van Zyl and Mr. Rochman join the firm from SJ Berwin, and Ms. Simpson joins from Kirkland & Ellis.

Mr. van Zyl, Ms. Simpson and Mr. Rochman advise fund managers on the structuring of private equity investment funds, infrastructure funds, deal specific co-investment vehicles, carried interest arrangements and co-investment plans, and a broad range of transactions related to the restructuring of investment funds, structuring of special purpose vehicles for investment into private equity, and the structuring of fund managers. They also represent institutional and other investors in their investments into private equity funds, and buyers and sponsors in all forms of secondary transactions.

Kate Simpson, formerly with the London office of Kirkland & Ellis International LLP, advises on the establishment and structuring of a wide range of domestic and international investment funds and also advises a number of investors into private equity and property investment funds. She was formerly a Corporate Associate with SJ Berwin in London and Clifford Chance in London.

Oliver Rochman was appointed Partner at SJ Berwin in May of 2011, while Nigel van Zyl has been a Partner in the SJ Berwin private funds group since 2007, having joined in 2000. Mr. van Zyl's practice focuses on advising fund managers and investors on the establishment and operation of private funds with a particular focus on the European middle market, Asia and **Africa**.

"Nigel, Kate and Oliver are a tremendous complement to our private investment fund capabilities in London and around the world," said David W. Tegeler, global co-head of Proskauer's Private Investment Funds Group. "They bring a proven track record of success representing many of the most prominent private equity firms and investors in Europe, Asia and emerging markets, and that experience will be extremely valuable to our clients as we enter into a period of increased fundraising activity and a **growing secondaries market**, with regulatory changes looming on the horizon."

In recent weeks, Proskauer's London office has also welcomed Russell T. Carmedy and Michael Nouril, who focus on private equity and M&A matters, and Peter McGowan, who has broad-based experience in UK and EU regulatory matters governing the full range of corporate transactions, as well as funds structuring across private equity, retail, real estate and hedge funds. They also join a team that includes Robert Barry, who focuses his practice on structuring private investment funds and advising institutional investors on their alternative investments,

and Jennifer C. Wheeler, who handles the tax aspects of private equity, venture capital and hedge fund structuring, as well as fund transactions.

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