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DLA Piper Boosts Restructuring Team with Property Specialist



Unprecedented levels of real estate insolvency work at DLA Piper's Leeds and Sheffield offices has brought expert property lawyer Daniel Woodcock back to Yorkshire where he trained.

Daniel has joined the firm's busy Yorkshire restructuring team based in Leeds after six years as a property law specialist.

The property sector has seen a huge and widely publicised downturn as a result of the credit crunch, but many other retail and industrial firms that have experienced difficulties and face administration are also raising the demand for specialist restructuring legal services, where property is increasingly an important consideration.

"We have seen a steady acceleration in the demand for restructuring advice over recent months, and a great deal of the enquiries incorporate aspects of property law.

“Daniel has transferred from the firm’s Manchester property team to boost our resources here in Leeds to enable us to provide the best advice on real estate restructuring matters,” said Richard Obank, partner at DLA Piper in Leeds.

Daniel qualified as a specialist property solicitor in 2002 and worked at the firms Sheffield office until 2007, before spending the past eight months across the Pennines, assisting the Manchester property team.

“I have always enjoyed working in Yorkshire, and with the uncertain economic climate we have a huge demand for real estate services as part of a restructuring situation. I am pleased to join a growing team of specialists who are well-placed to give the best and most timely advice in these situations,” he commented.

The DLA Piper restructuring team now comprises 18 partners’ associates and solicitors across the firm’s two Yorkshire offices.

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Law firm’s restructuring team boosted: (L to R): DLA Piper restructuring partner Richard Obank welcomes specialist real estate lawyer Daniel Woodcock to the firm’s Yorkshire restructuring team.