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Top-ranked, specialist employment law firm BDBF today announces the appointment of new equity partner Claire Dawson. She is one of the most highly regarded lawyers in the field of employment law. She was National Head of the Employment Law Practice at Slater & Gordon, and most recently a partner in market-leading employment law firm CC Solicitors in Dublin. Claire's hire follows hot on the heels of the appointment of Paula Chan six months ago, who also joined the firm from Slater & Gordon. Both significantly bolster BDBF's already strong market lead for advising and representing senior individuals in high-profile employment disputes.

BDBF was launched in 2012 by high profile former Lewis Silkin partner and Head of Employment at Stewarts, Gareth Brahams. The new firm quickly made the top of the legal directory rankings and the firm has led on ground-breaking cases. Since its inception the firm has grown from strength to strength, acquiring top talent in the senior executive employment dispute space, putting BDBF in an even better position to attract the best cases and the best talent.

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Claire has over 17 years' experience as an employment lawyer and she is dual qualified in England & Wales and Ireland.

Claire has been consistently recommended in the Legal 500 and the Chambers Guide for London Employment: Senior Executive, most recently in the top 20 lawyers in the Chambers Guide and a leading practitioner in Who's Who Legal (England) when practising in London. She is also a recommended Global Leader in Labour & Employment Law (Ireland). Having trained and qualified at a firm focusing on employer work, she made the switch to advising and representing employees early in her career at Russell Jones & Walker (later acquired by Slater & Gordon). Since then, Claire has acted for a wide range of senior individuals in financial services, professional services, large multinationals, healthcare and technology in relation to disputes and exits. She has significant experience of running high-value discrimination and whistleblowing complaints for those working in regulated sectors. Claire has a particular interest in issues facing women at work, including pregnancy and maternity discrimination, the gender pay gap and sexual harassment. Claire is a regular speaker and commentator on employment law issues, both nationally and internationally.

Gareth Brahams, Managing Partner of BDBF said,

"We are delighted Claire has joined the firm. Claire joins us as the world of work is about to undergo yet another period of radical change as we move out of lockdown. The firm continues to attract the employment sector's heavyweights, driving success on landmark and complex cases. Our ambitious and considered growth trajectory will ensure that we continue to strengthen our position as the go-to firm for senior regulated individuals in their employment disputes."

Claire said,

"I am excited to be joining BDBF, a firm that is not only at the very top of its field professionally, acting on the most significant employment cases, but one that also places such emphasis on looking after its people, promoting close team

working and developing a positive and supportive culture internally.”

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