



Headhunting firm hires two Magic Circle lawyers to create legal practice

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Headhunting firm Stephenson Executive Search has added two Magic Circle lawyers to its ranks, as it develops its legal practice.

Charlie Harvey, who will head the legal practice, joins from three years at Farrer's, where he was a solicitor on the banking team. Prior to this he worked for Magic Circle firm Slaughter and May for seven years.

Meanwhile Neil Harvey, formerly of Linklaters and Clifford Chance, will focus on developing new business and providing strategic advice to the legal practice. Mr Harvey has more than 20 years' experience as a partner specialising in corporate law, including mergers and acquisitions.

Stephenson Executive Search managing director Billy Stephenson said both hires would also work with existing wealth management and family office clients.



Billy Stephenson

"We have had a record year and are determined to continue growing," Mr Stephenson said.

"There is increasing demand for compliance, legal and regulatory professionals – often with legal qualifications – and so we have hired two exceptional solicitors as headhunters, keeping true to our model of hiring headhunters who have top qualifications in the sector they are working in.

"It gives clients and candidates the reassurance of knowing that they are dealing with people who truly understand their business."

Stephenson Executive Search is a family-owned business with its origins in 1987, when Stephenson Cobbold was co-founded by Tim Stephenson. In 2012, after a career as a private banker, Tim Stephenson's son Billy Stephenson founded Stephenson Executive Search to focus on private wealth management. In 2016, the two companies merged.

Today, the firm focuses on recruitment for private banking, wealth management, and family offices; legal appointments in law firms' banking and corporate divisions; main board appointments; and board reviews.

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