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Malcolm is a partner with particular expertise in public takeovers, cross border M&A, international partnerships and regularly advises clients across all sectors.

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BACKGROUND

Malcolm is a former secretary to the City of London Law Society Company Law Sub-Committee and a former member of the Auditing Practices Board SIRS committee. Malcolm is the author of Chapter 6 (Mandatory Takeovers) of the 2015 Butterworths Takeovers: Laws and Practice.

Malcolm joined the firm in 1997, becoming a partner in 2003. He was a member of the firm's global board and audit committee from 2013 to 2016.

Industry directories recognise him as a leading high end M&A and partnership lawyer.

KEY SERVICES

Corporate
Mergers and Acquisitions

KEY SECTORS

Financial Buyers
Infrastructure

EXPERIENCE

With over 20 years' experience, and recognised as a leading M&A lawyer, Malcolm is frequently involved in advising clients implementing complex and cutting edge transactions, hostile takeovers, board and governance disputes, regulatory investigations, disputes and litigation.

He advises multi-nationals, accounting firms, sovereign wealth funds, investment banks, infrastructure funds, pension funds, asset managers and hedge funds, on ground breaking deals and on some of their most significant challenges, with experience in the UK, Europe, CIS, Africa, Asia, India, Australia, Middle East and the US.

Malcolm is recognised by the leading directories. He is ranked as one of the leading practitioners in the UK M&A arena.

Malcolm's experience includes advising

- The Panel on Takeovers and Mergers on Softbank's £24 billion offer for ARM, the first time post offer undertakings have been given
- the sponsors to Phoenix on its £1 billion acquisition and financing of Abbey Life
- Citigroup, Barclays and HSBC on the £2.6 billion takeovers of Songbird Estates and Canary Wharf Group
- Sky

- on its £18.5 billion acquisition by 21st Century Fox

- on its £7.4 billion offer for Sky Deutschland and acquisition of Sky Italia
- on News Corporation's proposed £7.7 billion possible takeover
- Qatar Holding on the acquisition of 8 Canada Square, Canary Wharf (the HSBC Tower) from the National Pension Service of Korea
- Resolution on competing bids and consortium deals with Friends Provident, Standard Life / Swiss Re and £5 billion break up by Pearl / Royal London
- Tata Steel on the contested £6.2 billion takeover and Panel auction of Corus
- Fortune Brands on the £7.4 billion hostile, then recommended, consortium break up of Allied Domecq
- Halliburton on the £1.8 billion contested bid for Expro together with shareholder litigation seeking to oppose a competing takeover
- QIA and UBS on their £8 billion consortium bid for Thames Water
- Lehman on the €9 billion takeover of Eurotunnel and successfully defending appeals by shareholders to the Takeover Hearings Committee and the Takeover Appeals Board