



Meet the new members of Ogier's private client team in Guernsey

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Ogier's Guernsey office is pleased to announce that Advocate Gavin Ferguson has joined Ogier as partner and head of the leading Private Client and Trusts team in Guernsey, with senior associates Alice Bricogne and Chris Hards also joining the team.

The trio have joined as part of a global strategic growth plan aimed at ensuring Ogier has the strongest teams across all of its offices – Gavin is the third partner to join the Guernsey partnership in the last 18 months, following the arrivals of Martyn Baudains and Craig Cordle.

Gavin, Alice and Chris' joining of Ogier's well-established Private Client and Trusts team in Guernsey follows the arrival of counsel Alex Horsbrugh-Porter and associate Michael Rogers in the Dispute Resolution team at the start of the year and also senior associate Michael Richards who has recently joined the Corporate and Investment Funds team.

Advocate Marcus Leese, who heads Ogier's Guernsey office, said: "Ogier's business is built on the quality of our people, and as a firm we are committed to attracting, training and retaining the most talented and able people to best serve our clients.

"I'm delighted that Gavin, Alice and Chris have chosen to join us and be part of the growing team here."

Gavin Ferguson

Partner

"I'm delighted to have joined Ogier at a time when the firm is committed to investing in its future, not only in Guernsey but also in its other offices, notably on the private client side with the arrival of partners James Campbell in Jersey and Anthony Partridge in Cayman since the start of 2017.

"I look forward to playing a key role in the strategic growth of the firm; and embracing the

culture of working with all my colleagues, both in Guernsey and our other jurisdictions, and whether that be with our corporate law colleagues on the non-contentious matters or the Dispute Resolution team on the contentious/regulatory side.

"Although I have not been with the firm long, I have been impressed by the approach to client service and willingness to do things differently across the different offices, legal service lines and business services teams."

Alice Bricogne

Senior associate

"My role at Ogier allows me to combine my interest in the technical legal aspects of trusts and foundations law with my enjoyment of interacting with a broad range of clients, from professional trustees to individual settlors and beneficiaries. In addition to my non-contentious work, I appreciate the fact I am able to utilise my prior experience in white collar crime and financial regulatory law by working on contentious and regulatory trust matters alongside other departments within the firm, giving me a varied and flexible practice.

"Ogier is an exciting place to work because of its focus on innovation and growth, which brings with it a positive and friendly atmosphere. I am particularly attracted by the importance Ogier places on corporate social responsibility and its supportive approach to personal charitable endeavours. It means that I am able to enjoy an interesting and rewarding work life without sacrificing my commitment to my other interests."

Chris Hards

Senior associate

"Following completion of a history degree, the graduate diploma in law and the legal practices certificate, I began my legal career in England, training at a large regional firm. From there, I moved to work at a top 20 City firm specialising in private wealth, particularly advising on the taxation of offshore structures including pensions. The work that I was involved with naturally brought exposure to the various offshore jurisdictions and their unique cultures.

The small town feel and relaxed lifestyle of St Peter Port belies the extraordinary variety and depth of work that we see on a daily basis. This combination proved irresistible and I moved to the island in January 2016 and to Ogier in May 2017. Ogier itself presents a unique offering in a unique location; the firm's focus on innovation means that there are always new things going on and I am delighted to be a part of the growth of our private client and trusts team."

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