

Lawyers looking to future with influx of new blood

Summer party marks long and successful history of prominent legal practice

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MORE than 150 guests attended the annual Buss Murton Law summer party which was an opportunity to celebrate the firm's long history and to look forward to the future.

Only a matter of weeks ago, Buss Murton Law was the subject of a buy-in.

Alan Williams, senior partner of Buss Murton Law, welcomed guests to the event held at the Hotel du Vin in Tunbridge Wells recently and said that the firm was in the unique position of being both one of the oldest and one of the newest law firms in the area.

We are proud of the fact that we have managed to secure the long-term future of the firm and the jobs of our 51 lawyers and staff, said Alan.

Relationship

We are also pleased that we are able to continue serving our large, well-established and very loyal client base. The relationships we have built with our clients are very important, as are the relationships we enjoy with referrers in the local business community.

Alan explained that, after many months of looking over their shoulders, the team at Buss Murton Law were now able to concentrate on driving the firm forward and had begun to recruit once again. Buss Murton Law has strengthened its company and commercial team with the appointment of senior associate Brendan Roodt. Brendan, a South African-qualified lawyer, has joined the firm from Kings Hill-based Vertex Law.

Brendan brings with him a wealth of experience in dealing with start-up businesses, entrepreneurs and SMEs, advising on all aspects of corporate law, including raising finance, structuring a business, commercial contracts and buying and selling businesses. Prior to joining Vertex Law, Brendan was a senior associate with City law firm Lawrence Graham.

He also established and managed his own corporate legal practice in South Africa for nine years before moving to the UK.

I am tremendously excited to be joining Buss Murton Law, said Brendan. The firm has a terrific client base and a strong reputation across Kent and Sussex. Its proximity to London means that it can capitalise on clients looking for quality legal work without paying City fees. The firm is undergoing a period of dramatic change and I am delighted to be part of its exciting future.

Added Alan Williams: Brendan has a strong track record both in acting for clients in the UK and South Africa. He really does understand the pressures facing business owners, having established and managed his own legal practice.

We all at Buss Murton Law look forward to the contribution he will make to the company and commercial team and to the firm.

Also joining Buss Murton Law is trusts and private client lawyer Alex Cuppage. He has been working in London for a number of years with Campbell Hooper Solicitors (now part of Speechly Bircham) but is now looking forward to working closer to his home near Tunbridge Wells.

In his previous role, Alex was responsible for the financial affairs of a considerable number of people.

In addition he specialised in capital tax planning, advising high net worth individuals ranging from those with landed estates to entrepreneurs and others in business.

Alex also worked with not-for-profit organisations on administration and constitutional issues.