

Energy sector legal operation recruits Mark Hunting to its London team

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International law company <u>Bracewell (UK)</u> has announced that Mark Hunting has joined the firm's disputes team as a partner in the London office. He is a qualified solicitor-advocate specialising in internal and external investigations, contentious and non-contentious criminal and regulatory matters and associated civil litigation. He joins Bracewell from bp PLC, where he was most recently recently managing counsel — competition and regulatory compliance.

"I am excited to welcome Mark to the firm and the London office," said managing partner Gregory M Bopp. "His broad experience in white-collar and regulatory matters complements our London disputes team and expands the international reach of our firmwide government enforcement and investigations practice."

Mr Hunting advises companies and corporate executives on business-related criminal and regulatory matters, including money laundering, bribery and corruption, financial and trade sanctions and export controls, corporate investigations, health and safety, and financial institution trading regulations. He also advises on internal investigations, related mass tort litigation and government enforcement actions.

"Government and regulatory investigations are frequently multi-jurisdictional. Mark's arrival and expertise in the UK will strengthen the firm's ability to advise clients on issues involving both US and UK regulators," said London office managing partner Jason Fox.

The company claims to occupy a unique position in the London legal market as the only office of an international law firm focused exclusively on the energy industry. "Bracewell stands out for its focus and reputation in advising stakeholders on a diverse range of projects in the energy and infrastructure sectors. That, combined with the firm's market-leading government enforcement and investigations practice in the US, is a unique and exciting opportunity to build a practice in the UK," said Mr Hunting.