

Appointments & Promotions



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Alisdair James BSc (Hons) MRICS has been appointed as a Partner within Rapleys Motor Trade and Roadside team. He will be working alongside current Partners, Mike Pearce and Phil Blackford and will be responsible for developing the team's roadside agency and development instructions, particularly concentrating on the fast fit and trade sectors to complement the practice's existing involvement in the motor dealership and forecourt markets.

Alisdair has over 20 years experience in the roadside market, initially joining Rapleys as a Graduate Trainee and becoming an Associate Partner prior to joining Cribb & Associates in the late 1990's. Since then, Alisdair has continued to work closely with a range of occupiers and developers in the roadside market, focussing on acquisition and development consultancy.

Mike Pearce, Partner, who heads the roadside team comments: *"We are delighted Alisdair is joining us once again. He is a recognised and well respected player within the roadside market. He will strengthen our already well established team to ensure that we maintain our position as a leading consultancy in the roadside sector as the economy recovers. We are already seeing a significant upturn in agency activity across a range of areas and Alisdair's arrival will undoubtedly help us capture opportunities which arise"*.



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Peter Roberts CEnv MRICS has been promoted to Partner in the Special Projects team.

Peter has over 20 years experience in surveying starting his career with the Valuation Office Agency in 1989, before joining Rapleys in April 2000.

He specialises in all aspects of Compulsory Purchase and Compensation matters from publication of proposals through to settlement of claims or presentation of Expert evidence to the Lands Tribunal. He advises corporate and individual clients throughout the UK on matters ranging from straightforward acquisitions through to high profile complex residential/mixed use development/regeneration schemes.

In addition, Peter provides advice in respect of way leaves, easements, utilities and covenant issues.



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Simon Harbour BSc (Hons) MRICS RMaPS has been promoted to Senior Associate in the Building Surveying Team.

Simon joined Rapleys in 2002 as a Graduate Building Surveyor and now has experience in all major areas of Building Surveying with particular emphasis on advising both Landlords and Tenants on all aspects of Dilapidations matters. He specialises in leading multi disciplinary teams in the preparation and negotiation of Terminal Schedules of Dilapidations on large scale residential housing estates.

In addition, Simon has experience in acting as Contract Administrator, Project Manager and CDM-Co-ordinator on a variety of commercial and residential schemes.



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Jonny Doulton BA (Hons) MA has been promoted to Associate in the Investment team.

Jonny has experience in advising pension funds, financial institutions, property companies and private individuals on the sale, purchase and funding of income producing commercial property. The majority of the work is transactional business i.e. buying and selling commercial investment property on behalf of clients covering all property sectors (food store, office, industrial, retail warehousing and hotels).

He has also advised developer clients and investors alike on development funding through the initial site purchase to subsequent development and final sales.

In the last 4 years Jonny has advised on deals with a total value of £400m.



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David Grover BSc Econ (Hons) has been appointed as a Property Referencer/Inspector within Rapleys Professional Services team.

David has experience in procurement and project management, with a background in development and construction. He has previously worked in development with SPARC Group (UK) Ltd, involving commercial and residential schemes in London and mixed use developments in the Middle East.

In addition, David has previously specialised in dealing with the Landlord and Local Planning Authority on behalf of a client, with respect to undertaking refurbishment works on a large hotel redevelopment in the West End.

David is currently in the process of completing a course in MSc Real Estate.

APC Successes

Rapleys is pleased to announce a 100% first time pass rate for its graduate surveyors taking the General Practice RICS Assessment of Professional Competence to become MRICS qualified.

The most recent successes have been Chris Georganas and Kingsley Mack in the London office, Hugh Leggat in the Edinburgh office, Matthew Martin in the Bristol office, Rachel Bacon in the Huntingdon office and Greg Wilson in the Manchester office

Candidates undergo training in various departments over a minimum of 24 months with regular reviews with senior staff culminating in the submission of written reports and interview before an RICS assessment panel.

Commenting on the recent results, Philip Blackford, Partner in charge of Graduate training, said that this success is down to the rigorous training procedures laid down by the Practice, the willingness of experienced qualified staff to assist in training and the aptitude and willingness of the Graduates to embrace the programme. All Graduates are moved around the various departments in order to gain a full understanding of real estate in its wider context.

Following receipt of his results, Chris Georganas said:

"The success of the Rapleys scheme is, in my opinion, principally down to two factors - rotational experience and the support from committed personnel.

During my APC training I was placed in 3 Departments taking on agency, consultancy and professional advisory roles.

Along with the experience achieved working with Partners, I was given unrivalled support from dedicated colleagues providing a technical and practical understanding of the APC process."

Rapleys believe that effective training both pre and post qualification is paramount to ensuring that clients are provided with informed, up to date and expert advice. The success of our graduate scheme is reflective of this culture and we are pleased to be able to celebrate in their success and continue to support them in their future career development.



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