



Amanda Allen joins as a partner

Friend LLP has further strengthened its team with the appointment to the partnership of former Hammonds' Corporate Strategy and Finance partner, Amanda Allen.

Recognised as a key figure in the West Midlands professional community, Amanda's specific expertise as a lawyer covered mergers and acquisitions, investments and re-financings, takeovers, joint ventures and corporate reorganisations. Amanda has joined Friend LLP to offer business advisory support for its growing client base of owner-managed businesses, substantial SMEs and entrepreneurial businesses.

Malcolm Friend, senior partner, comments:

"Amanda is a superb addition to our team. We are seeing strong growth in both domestic and international markets and Amanda's reputation, contacts and expertise will be crucial to maintaining this momentum. Additionally, her specific expertise of working with corporates and owner-managed businesses provides a strong fit with Friend LLP's market place."

Amanda adds:

"I look forward to this new opportunity to work within a corporate finance accountancy practice providing business advisory support, particularly within this difficult economic climate. Friend has a reputation for building long term relationships with its clients and providing pragmatic advice to a range of corporate and private clients. This, along with the firm's ambition to grow the business, made it a very straightforward decision to join the partnership."

Friend LLP is a leading regional firm of professional advisers, with offices on Broad Street in Birmingham and Portman Square in London. The firm provides the full range of audit and business assurance, tax, corporate finance, transaction services, forensic, corporate recovery and technology consulting services to private companies and financial institutions in both the UK and overseas. The practice has developed an expertise in assisting overseas companies with principal locations in North and Central America, Australia, Western Europe, India and Asia that are looking to establish businesses in the UK.