



Two New Partners For Wiggin LLP

Marcus Rowland joins to head Wiggin Employment team and Litigation Senior Associate Amali de Silva is invited to join the Partnership.

Wiggin LLP, the media law firm, today announces two new partners, bringing the partnership number to sixteen. They have hired employment partner Marcus Rowland from Veale Wasbrough to head up their Employment team and litigation and publishing Senior Associate, Amali de Silva, has been promoted to the partnership.

Marcus and Amali will both work alongside all of the firm's partners providing advice to clients in each of the sectors in which Wiggin is expert - film, broadcasting, music, gaming, sport and publishing.

Marcus' arrival follows the recent hiring of media finance partner David Quli from Bird & Bird and former Olswang Head of Sport Michael Brader.

Corporate Partner Adrian Jones said: *"We are delighted Marcus has chosen to join Wiggin. His appointment underlines the firm's ambition and ability to attract the most able lawyers in the industry. Marcus will be working with the other team heads to maintain the firm's unique legal expertise across the media sectors".*

Amali joins Head of Litigation Caroline Kean and Simon Baggs as a partner in the litigation team at Wiggin. Amali will focus on pre-publication advice and contentious work for media clients, with a particular focus on the publishing and broadcast sectors. Amali has developed an outstanding reputation amongst clients and peers for intellect, tenacity, dedication and imagination. She was described by Chambers & Partners as *"a true star in the making"*.

Amali joined Wiggin in 2005 from Olswang. She was appointed Senior Associate in 2007. Key recent cases include representing Orion Books in its successful appeal in libel proceedings between former Flying Squad detective Michael Charman and Orion Publishing Group, Orion Books and author Graeme McLagan over a book entitled *"Bent Coppers"*. The Court of Appeal held that the book was protected by Reynolds privilege, the first time that the courts have afforded the protection of this defence to a book. The firm carried out the work on a CFA - one of the first for a defendant publisher. Amali also advised Channel 4 on its responses to Ofcom and PhonepayPlus consultations on participation TV.

Wiggin Head of Litigation Caroline Kean said: *" This is a very well deserved promotion as all of Amali's clients will testify. We are delighted that she is joining the partnership."*