

Collas Crill announces partner promotion in Cayman

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Collas Crill has announced the promotion of Natalie Bell to Partner in its Corporate, Finance and Funds team in Cayman.

Natalie's practice covers all aspects of Cayman corporate and commercial law, including mergers and acquisitions, joint ventures and corporate reorganisations.

She specialises in advising investment funds, their managers and their onshore counsel on the structuring, formation, corporate governance and ongoing operational matters of Cayman and BVI investment funds. She also advises financial services clients on licensing, ongoing obligations, regulatory reporting anti-money laundering and automatic exchange of information laws.

Natalie joined Collas Crill in 2019 having previously worked in the investment funds and regulatory team at another leading offshore firm in both the Cayman and BVI offices. Prior to this, she worked for Travers Smith and Eversheds (now Eversheds Sutherland) in the UK.

This year she was ranked by Chambers & Partners as 'Up and Coming' in investment funds. The directory particularly noted her experience advising on fund formation, fund finance and fund restructuring work, describing her as a 'go-to figure in this space'. Natalie was also ranked by Legal 500 as a 'Next Generation Partner'.

On her promotion Natalie said: 'I am absolutely delighted to be able to officially step up to the role. I am grateful to everyone who has supported me since joining the firm; not only my wonderful Cayman colleagues, but also the teams around the group. It's a real benefit to have that cross-office support and collaboration.

'We have a very new corporate team here in Cayman and I am excited about what we can all achieve together.'

Managing Partner of Collas Crill in Cayman, <u>Stephen Leontsinis</u>, said: 'Since joining the firm Natalie has displayed all of the characteristics that we would want in a partner: technical prowess both in terms of BVI and Cayman Islands' Funds Law, outstanding leadership and sincere empathy for her colleagues and clients alike. In short she is an outstanding ambassador of the firm who will help us continue to lead it from strength to strength.'

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