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D&W ANNOUNCES 4 PARTNER APPOINTMENTS

D&W has announced the promotion of four senior associates to Partner.

Alistair Kennedy is a property specialist, based in D&W's London office. In addition to advising clients in the real estate sector on property development and property financings, Alistair has a particular focus on property investment. He advises major institutional and private property companies on the purchase, management and sale of portfolios of investment properties. Since joining D&W, Alistair has also established a solid reputation advising on properties associated with the electricity industry.

Colin Hutton joined D&W as a trainee and has since developed a reputation in the areas of banking litigation and fraud investigation. Colin also works closely with some of D&W's major clients in the management of the dispute resolution process at both a national and international level. Colin is based in the firm's Edinburgh office.

Ailsa Ritchie and **Keith Armstrong** from the firm's Projects team are both highly regarded in the PFI/PPP market.

Ailsa is based in D&W's Glasgow office where she specialises in primary PFI/PPP projects, acting for the public sector, project companies or lenders. Since the inception of PFI/PPP projects, Ailsa has developed a recognised expertise in innovative partnering arrangements between the public and private sector.

Keith, who is based in D&W's Edinburgh office, specialises in acquisitions and disposals in the secondary PFI market and government services work. He provides commercial, corporate and transaction advice in the Projects and Utilities sectors. Both Ailsa and Keith are key members of D&W's projects team which is consistently ranked in the top tier in the major legal directories and which is considered at the cutting edge in this area of law.

Donald Shaw and Alan Campbell who take up their D&W managing partner appointments on 1 May 2006 commented:

Donald Shaw: "These promotions bring D&W internal partner appointments to 7 over the last 12 months. We have also made 6 lateral partner hires in that time. Such internal promotions always help highlight the talent we have within D&W and these appointments recognise the specific contributions of the new partners. The success of our business is down to continuing support from our clients.'

Alan Campbell: 'D&W has again experienced strong levels of growth across the business in the last 12 months. We look to the future with great confidence.'

These appointments are effective May 1 2006.

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