

International private client and trusts department appoints 'first-class' private client lawyer

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Collas Crill's award winning International Private Client & Trusts department has grown with the appointment of esteemed Partner, David Cooney, to its Guernsey team.

With previous experience as head of a Caribbean Private Wealth team based in the Cayman Islands, David's most recent role was in the Zurich office of a law firm specialising in international private client work.

Having qualified as an English solicitor in 2003, David went on to become a member of the Society of Trust & Estate Practitioners (STEP) in 2006, and a UK Chartered Tax Advisor in 2008. He is currently a member of the STEP Zurich Council, and previously served on the Cayman and England equivalents.

Described by clients as 'technically impeccable', David works primarily with trustees and individuals in the establishment of trusts and other wealth planning structures. He is proficient in advising on all set up and maintenance of such structures, and has particular expertise in the establishment of complicated structures with connections to multiple jurisdictions.

Guernsey Managing Partner, Christian Hay said: 'David is an extremely well respected lawyer in the private client sector and has significant experience in advising high and ultra high net worth clients on wealth management matters.'

'Collas Crill is passionate about building long term relationships with clients, and David's reputation is testament to the fact he already operates with the same attitude. I look forward to seeing the team flourish even further with the addition of David's expertise.'

David added: 'I'm extremely passionate about building and maintaining good working relationships with clients, and am proud to have joined a firm that prioritises that too. While my relocation to Guernsey is temporarily on hold due to the ongoing pandemic, my current region of focus naturally continues to be the Swiss market. In the future, I also hope to work closely with my colleagues Angela Calnan and Ian Montgomery in particular, to combine all of our experience in further strengthening the firm's offering to clients in the Middle East.'

See more about the firm's IPCT team [here](#).

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