Linklaters elects Alison Saunders Dispute Resolution partner

Linklaters has elected Alison Saunders to be a partner in the firm on completing her term as the Director of Public Prosecutions (DPP) in the UK. The DPP is the most senior public prosecutor in England and Wales.

The role is responsible for the Crown Prosecution Service and its casework as well as acting as Permanent Secretary in the Civil Service. Casework in the CPS covers cases in the magistrate's court through to the most serious cases such as terrorism, large and complex frauds, international bribery and corruption and corporate manslaughter. The DPP makes decisions in many of the most serious and complex cases and will oversee many others through a system of case management panels.

Alison regularly gives evidence before parliamentary committees such as the Home Affairs, the Justice and the Public Accounts Committees as well as other more ad hoc committees.

**Michael Bennett, Linklaters’ global head of Dispute Resolution at Linklaters, said:**

"Alison’s credentials speak for themselves, and she will be a fantastic asset to the team, and to our clients. She has a wealth of prosecution experience and is accustomed to dealing with regulators and counterparts at the highest level globally. She is an excellent fit for Linklaters’ DR ambitions.”

Alison is expected to join Linklaters shortly after the end of her term as DPP, which concludes in October 2018. She will join Linklaters’ Business Crime team within the firm’s Dispute Resolution practice, and will be based in London.