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Dambacher advises funds on UK and EU legal matters and leads Schulte Roth's counsel for European funds on US legal and regulatory issues. He transferred from New York four years ago and has quickly made a name for himself as one of the City's leading hedge fund lawyers, representing the world's largest alternative investment managers, such as Man Investments and Marshall Wace. In the past 12 months, he has advised more than 20 emerging managers launching hedge funds, including the Naya fund, Higgs Capital Management and Silvaris Capital Management, and advised on more than \$2bn in seed investments for emerging managers.



Claire Coe Smith

We've cast the net far and wide and the list includes individuals working in private practice and in-house across investment banking, asset management, insurance companies, and corporates where a large part of their remit involves working with the capital markets.

These lawyers entered the profession at a time when the going was good but have been forced to hone their skills and make their names

in uncertain markets, the like of which neither they, nor their superiors, have ever seen before. With youth on their side, these men and women have identified and capitalised on the opportunities presented by such uncertainty.

No longer do the dealmakers only work for the City's most successful law firms: of the private practice contingent on this list, a quarter spend their days advising on major restructurings and insolvencies.

Many of the in-house lawyers named here are lauded for their work keeping abreast of a swathe of regulatory developments and for directing business reorganisations or disposal programmes.

Though by no means immune, the legal industry has fared better than most through the global credit crisis. The lawyers featured on these pages have all shown a degree of dynamism and entrepreneurial spirit that makes them truly the ones to watch.

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