

Omni Bridgeway instigates US judgment enforcement division



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The international litigation funder has established a US judgment enforcement service, while expanding its investment manager and senior investment manager ranks.

Third-party funder **Omni Bridgeway** has established a United States judgment enforcement practice in New York.

The three key members of the new practice include **Hannah van Roessel** who has been promoted to senior investment manager and director of US enforcement, having relocated to New York in January. Her areas of focus include multi-jurisdictional recognition and enforcement of arbitral awards under the New York Convention, frequently involving governments and sovereign entities.

She has been with the company eight years, including most recently nearly five years as senior legal counsel, director of enforcement, and the Europe, Middle East and Africa practice. Before this she spent four years as a lawyer at **NautaDutilh** preceded by three years at **Loyens & Loeff**.

Jeff Newton arrived at the firm in February and has joined the enforcement practice as investment manager and legal counsel, having most recently ended three years as litigation counsel at **Kobre & Kim**, and spent six years prior to that at **Paul, Weiss, Rifkind, Wharton & Garrison** where he was senior associate.

He has acted on the claim and defence of complex disputes involving fraud, crypto assets, debt defaults, technology, environmental, life sciences and insurance aspects, including class action and cross-border asset recovery matters.

Gabe Bluestone joined this month also as investment manager and legal counsel. He brings eight years' experience at New York and Washington, DC-based commercial litigation and asset recovery boutique **Bluestone**, where he was a shareholder.

His previous work includes complex disputes and enforcement of judgments including applications for injunctions, voiding of fraudulent conveyancing and investigation of dishonest corporate enterprises, frequently alongside parallel proceedings by regulatory bodies such as the US **Department of Justice** (DoJ)

and **Securities and Exchange Commission**.

In a statement, Omni Bridgeway's CEO and chief strategy officer for the US **Andrew Saker** described the dedicated US team as an "on-the-ground resource for clients in devising, managing, and executing cross border enforcement strategies, working closely with colleagues in North America, and researchers and asset tracers worldwide".

Omni Bridgeway [launched its DC office last month](#), recruiting an **Alston & Bird** trial partner as investment manager and legal counsel to do so, as well as [reinforcing both its investment management group and its investment committee](#) in Australia.

Last September a former senior adviser at the DoJ [became executive director and general counsel](#) at Washington-headquartered third-party funding association, The International Legal Finance Association.