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### **Averta expands and takes on new employment lawyer**

Averta Employment Lawyers, the Midlands' leading employment law firm for senior executives and professionals, is expanding and has appointed Alison Close.

Close comes to Averta from DLA Piper Rudnick Gray Cary where she was a solicitor in the human resources group in Birmingham. Prior to that Close was a trainee at Pinsent Masons.

She will work from Averta's office on the Birmingham Business Park near Birmingham Airport and from her home near Knutsford in Cheshire.

She commented: "I am very excited about working at Averta and the challenges presented by acting for senior executives with complex issues. And as I have worked with both Alan Jones and David Sykes at DLA, I am confident that I will like the team!"

Issues that Averta handle include negotiating severance terms, advising on boardroom disputes, compromise agreements, contractual problems, drafting service agreements and consultancy agreements, restrictive covenants, notice and garden leave, unfair dismissal, whistle blowing and discrimination issues.

Averta Employment Lawyers is based at Birmingham International Park, close to junction 6 M42, Birmingham International Station and Birmingham International Airport.

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