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**AVERTA EMPLOYMENT LAWYERS TAKE ON RACHEL BROUGHTON AS
SENIOR ASSOCIATE**

Rachel Broughton has joined Midlands based Averta Employment Lawyers as a senior associate solicitor. Formerly at DLA Piper in Birmingham, Rachel will be working alongside Averta's partners David Sykes and Alan Jones, focusing on the needs of directors, senior executives and professional staff.

Commenting on Broughton's appointment, David Sykes said: "Having worked with Rachel at DLA, I know that the quality of her advice is second to none and she will add significantly to our team here in Birmingham"

Alan Jones, who headed up DLA Birmingham's employment team and also worked with Broughton added: "Our clients, many of whom are senior executives with well known organisations, demand an attentive, commercial service based on practical experience, excellent legal knowledge, and strong negotiating ability. All skills Rachel possesses in abundance."

Broughton was an associate solicitor at DLA Piper in Birmingham, where she worked for seven years. Prior to joining DLA she had been an assistant in the employment team at a commercial practice in the East Midlands. She is a very experienced tribunal advocate, having represented a wide range of clients in a large number of cases involving discrimination, flexible working, unfair dismissal, breach of contract, and the transfer regulations.

Averta, which was set up just over two years ago, now comprises two partners, two senior associates and two consultants. Market analysts report in Chamber's UK guide to legal firms that Averta has: "cornered the region's market when it comes to advising senior executives" and that client's benefit from their "vast experience".

Broughton whose interests include gardening, singing and horses, is married with a young family

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Note to editors:

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

Averta focuses primarily on the needs of senior executives and professionals.

