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Leading licensing expert Philip Kolvin QC joins 11KBW

We are delighted to announce that Philip Kolvin QC has joined chambers.

Philip is one of the country's most eminent licensing QCs, his practice spanning all fields of licensing, including alcohol and entertainment, gambling, sexual entertainment, taxis, sport and the security industry. He acts across the board for national and independent operators, national regulators and local authorities.

He has been ranked in the top tier for licensing in the Legal 500 and Chambers directories for many years. As one client put it, "There isn't anyone who comes close to his stature" (Legal 500 2020)

He is Patron of the Institute of Licensing, the professional body for licensing practitioners, a board member of the Sports Grounds Safety Authority and an Associate Fellow of Westminster University's Centre for Law, Society and Popular Culture. He is also a Recorder of the Crown Court, sitting as a Judge in jury trials in the Crown Court on a part-time basis.

Philip has written, edited or contributed to legal texts that, in his words, are "designed to further legal debate, instigate discourse regarding policy development and provide navigable pathways for practitioners."

Philip Kolvin QC says: "As a specialist licensing practitioner, I am honoured to be joining the team at 11 KBW. I hope that my leisure and regulatory clients will benefit from Chambers' expertise in complementary fields such as commercial, employment and information law and the first class service and facilities chambers provides."

James Goudie QC, joint Head of Chambers, says: "We are delighted that Philip is joining 11KBW. His breadth and depth of experience and reputation in licensing is second-to-none and will enhance the service we can offer to clients in this field."

Daniel Stillitz, joint Head of Chambers adds: "Philip is a great new addition to our stable of high level silks in chambers. His expertise will augment our highly-regarded practice areas of public, local government and regulatory law, and bring a new element to our work."