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Sackers' Stuart O'Brien and Andy Lewis join DWP technical working group on fiduciary duty

Sacker & Partners LLP (Sackers), the UK's leading specialist law firm for pensions and retirement savings, today announced that partners Stuart O'Brien and Andy Lewis have been appointed to the Department for Work and Pensions' (DWP) core Technical Working Group (TWG) on fiduciary duty.

The group will support DWP in developing forthcoming statutory guidance, announced by Pensions Minister Torsten Bell, which is aimed at providing clearer and more practical direction for trustees on how fiduciary duty applies to modern investment decision-making, particularly as issues such as systemic risks and opportunities (including climate change), member impacts and member views come increasingly into focus.

Senior partner David Saunders commented: "Stuart and Andy are already bringing a huge amount of expertise and thought leadership to the ongoing discussion around fiduciary duty. This appointment reflects the hard work and insight they have brought to the topic to date. It also highlights the depth of knowledge within the Sackers team and the high regard in which our lawyers are held across the industry. We are delighted that Stuart and Andy will be able to support the DWP's work in this important area."

Both Stuart and Andy were members of the Financial Markets Law Committee working group that, in 2024, produced guidance for pension trustees on fiduciary duty and climate change. They were also part of a recent cross-industry initiative which tabled a legislative amendment to clarify investment duties for trustees. Andy Lewis will be participating in a panel event about fiduciary duty at Pensions UK's Investment Conference on 11 March.

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Notes to Editors:

Sacker & Partners LLP (Sackers) is a top tier commercial law firm specialising in advising pension scheme trustees, employers, providers and corporate investors on all aspects of their pension arrangements.

Widely viewed as leaders in the field, Sackers advises more of the UK's top 200 pension funds than any other law firm. Sackers is consistently ranked in the top tier for pensions by both leading UK legal directories (Chambers UK and the Legal 500) and has been for over twenty years.

Based in London, Sackers provides support to trustee boards, sponsoring employers, providers and Government bodies across a range of areas, including day to day scheme management, funding and investment, projects, risk and litigation.

Sackers is an active member of Pensions UK, The Association of Pensions Lawyers and the Society of Pension Professionals and is technical legal expert partner to the Pensions Management Institute.

In 2025, Sackers was named Best Pensions Law Firm at the Corporate Adviser Awards, won Pensions Lawyers of the Year at the UK Professional Pensions Awards, and won the Organisational Award for Supporting Diversity at the Professional Pensions Women in Pensions Awards. Sackers was also shortlisted for Pensions Law Firm of the Year at the Pensions Age Awards.

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