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**Burford Capital hires arbitration expert and legal finance industry veteran
Mick Smith for senior European role**

Smith joins as Principal in London, effective immediately

London, 5 January 2022 - Burford Capital, the leading global finance and asset management firm focused on law, today announces that arbitration expert and legal finance industry veteran Mick Smith has joined as Principal in its London office. He will join over 40 colleagues in London, and more than 140 globally. Smith will focus predominantly on the continued expansion of Burford's business in Europe and especially its industry-leading role in global arbitration matters.

Mick Smith co-founded Calunius Capital in 2006. Prior to this, he practiced law at Freshfields in both London and Madrid and was an investment banker at JPMorgan Chase, Credit Agricole Lazard and Dresdner Kleinwort. Smith earned a degree in Mathematics and Law at Cambridge University, followed by postgraduate study in Law. More recently, he has also completed MSc modules in Data Science and Mathematics.

Christopher Bogart, CEO of Burford Capital, said: "I'm delighted that Mick is joining Burford in a senior role to help with the continued growth of our European and arbitration businesses. Burford already has a \$1.2 billion European portfolio and is the world's largest arbitration funder, and we are excited about Mick growing those numbers further. I have known Mick for many years as a collaborator and friendly competitor and am very pleased that he has decided to join the world's leading legal finance platform."

John Lazar, Managing Director of Burford Capital in London, said: "We are truly excited to welcome Mick to Burford's London office, and I am personally looking forward to being able to work with him side by side after spending many years collaborating on a number of opportunities. Mick will serve in the senior role of Principal, where he will be focused on all aspects of our UK and European business. Mick adds to our over 40 employees in London, in addition to those in the DACH region, as we continue our investment growth both geographically and in scope."

Mick Smith, Principal of Burford Capital in London, said: "I am thrilled to be teaming up with Chris, John and other colleagues, many of whom I have known and worked with for years. The opportunity to join Burford, the leading global finance and asset management firm focused on law, was too good to forgo and I look forward to playing a role in its continued expansion in Europe."

Smith's start date is 5 January 2021.

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