

Dow Schofield Watts continues expansion

Dow Schofield Watts has established a corporate debt advisory business to provide a confidential turnaround and refinancing services to local companies who have concerns about the solvency or continued funding support of their businesses. The business, to be called Dow Schofield Watts Corporate Debt Advisory LLP will also advise banks and asset based lenders on their corporate clients.

Heading the Corporate Debt Advisory business are new partners Joanne Dodd and Paula Jones.

Joanne is a chartered accountant with significant corporate restructuring experience. Paula joins from the Royal Bank of Scotland where she was a Corporate Director in Specialised Lending Services.



Joanne Dodd (34) has 13 years experience in corporate restructuring, transaction services and in industry. Joanne joined Grant Thornton in 1995 qualified as a Chartered Accountant in 1998 working latterly in the transaction services team. After a spell in industry Joanne moved to Ernst & Young Corporate Restructuring in 2000 where she spent 4 years working primarily on bank reviews. She joins Dow Schofield Watts Corporate Debt Advisory LLP from insurer Paymentsshield whom she joined in 2004 following the MBO backed by Bank of Scotland.



Paula Jones (39) has 20 years banking experience with the Royal Bank of Scotland (RBS), latterly as Corporate Director within Specialised Lending Services (SLS). Having joined RBS in 1988 Paula has spent the last 14 years within SLS actively dealing with the banks problem debt portfolio. Paula initially acted as a Portfolio Manager and then as Corporate Director within the North of England team.

James Dow of Dow Schofield Watts said “These two appointments demonstrate our commitment to developing the Dow Schofield Watts franchise. We pride ourselves in providing a partner led service delivered by experienced people like Joanne and Paula. The current economic climate will challenge many businesses and we need to be accessible to provide them with the necessary support”.

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About Dow Schofield Watts LLP

Dow Schofield Watts LLP is a Corporate Finance advisory business established in 2002. Dow Schofield Watts has completed 54 transactions with a combined value of £1.635 billion. Dow Schofield Watts LLP has seven partners with two North West based offices.