

Press Release: Couchman Harrington score more summer transfer successes

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Couchman Harrington Associates, the leading sports business law specialists, have rounded off another highly successful year in the football transfer market, acting in a number of the major transfers and contract re-negotiations of the summer transfer window, including Florent Malouda's transfer to Chelsea, Scott Parker's transfer to West Ham United, Joey Barton's transfer to Newcastle United, Franck Queudrue's transfer to Birmingham City and the contract re-negotiations of Mikel Arteta and Tim Cahill at Everton, Jermaine Jenas at Tottenham Hotspur and Ben Sahar at Chelsea. In each case, the firm provided advice on the players' FA Premier League Contracts and/or image rights agreements. The firm also acted in over fifteen transactions in the Football League.

Fraser Reid, partner and head of Couchman Harrington's football business said: *"Building on the successes of recent years, we have again managed to act in many of the major deals in the English transfer market this summer, confirming our position as the pre-eminent firm in this sector. Given the growth of the FA Premier League fuelled by broadcasting monies and foreign ownership and the ripple effect that it has had on the clubs in the Football League, we can only expect more work to follow"*.

These transactions follow the firm advising Ricardo Carvalho in his contract renegotiations with Chelsea and Jonathan Woodgate on his permanent move to Middlesbrough from Real Madrid at the beginning of the summer. The firm has now advised on football contract deals worth over £100 million during the last twelve months.

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"The achievement of this firm is incredible...it has made a huge impression in the market...the country's number one sports law boutique" (Chambers Directory)

"A phenomenal sports practice...there is clear blue water between CHA and rival boutique sports firms" (Legal 500)

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