



## Misha Patel named Rising Star in Financial News Poll

**London 7 December 2009** – Misha Patel, Legal Counsel at the [International Centre for Financial Regulation \(ICFR\)](#) and a secondee from [Clifford Chance LLP](#), has been included in the Financial News Rising Stars 2009, a list of 100 of the best and brightest new talent working in the financial services industry today.

The [FN Rising Star List](#) identifies rapidly ascending talent under the age of 40 working in markets throughout EMEA. Nominees are taken from all sectors of the financial services industry including investment banking, asset management, hedge funds, private equity, wealth management, trading and support services such as law and recruitment.

Candidates are assessed on the following criteria:

- **Breakthrough:** achievements to date
- **Mentors:** stature of people who have guided or influenced their career to date
- **Firepower:** assets or resources at their disposal
- **Potential:** the likelihood of them reaching a position of power in the industry and their capacity to shape their business and/or industry

**Barbara Ridpath, CEO at the ICFR**, commented, "We offer Misha the warmest congratulations on her success in the Rising Stars poll and feel it is a real testament to the quality of her work at the ICFR and Clifford Chance. We are committed to building a top flight team and Misha is a prime example of the calibre of employee we have attracted since our launch earlier this year. We look forward to working with Misha in the future and wish her every success in her career".

Misha has been recognized for her work advising the ICFR on all statutory, legal and corporate governance procedures, general domestic corporate and international financial regulatory legal developments (especially the proposed AIFM Directive), the business and operating plan for the ICFR as well as strategic business decisions such as the stakeholder and membership structure and internal best practices and processes.

Misha is a lawyer within Clifford Chance's Corporate Finance practice in London. She has worked on a broad range of matters including domestic and cross border mergers and acquisitions, private equity transactions, joint ventures, restructurings, the firm's conversion to a LLP and general company and commercial advisory work acting for a variety of institutions, investment banks and corporate clients. She received her LLB in Law from University College London and a Masters degree in International Economic Law from the University of Warwick. She obtained her post graduate qualification in law from BPP Law School before joining Clifford Chance in 2001.

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