

Press Release

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Bridge McFarland acquires Skegness firm

Fast-growing Lincolnshire law firm Bridge McFarland has acquired the Skegness branch of solicitors Walkers, Rainey and Owen - in the process, reuniting father-and-son practices separated for 43 years.

Bridge McFarland said the purchase was a mark of confidence in Skegness as a business centre, as well as a way of improving the firm's service to existing and new clients in the area.

Managing partner Paddy McFarland said: "We are delighted to be able to open an office in Skegness. We are committed to providing effective legal solutions to local communities throughout Lincolnshire and the Humber region and we hope Skegness will play a major part in our future continued growth.

"It is also a bonus that this acquisition restores the link between two Lincolnshire firms founded by such respected Lincolnshire solicitors as William Haddon Owen and his son, Major Henry Leftwich Haddon Owen. With that in mind, I'm therefore delighted to announce that, in Skegness, the firm will in future operate under the name of Bridge McFarland Walkers Owen."

The Skegness office was originally established in 1935 through a partnership between Major Owen and Tony Gladstone. Major Owen had previously worked for his father, William, in Haddon Owen and Son. Major Owen sold the practice in 1963 after a career practising in Mablethorpe, Alford, Louth and Spilsby and it eventually became Walkers, Rainey and Owen.

Meanwhile, Haddon Owen and Son merged with Bridge McFarland in 2000 and the firm still operates as Bridge McFarland Haddon Owen in Louth and Mablethorpe.

Bridge McFarland now has offices in Grimsby, Lincoln, Louth, Hull, Mablethorpe, Market Rasen and Skegness. It has 18 partners and employs 180 staff.

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Note to Editors: The Spilsby premises of Walkers, Rainey and Owen remain under the ownership of solicitor Joe Radford, who has joined Bridge McFarland as a consultant.

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