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Meet the new team at Acumen

A NEWLY formed commercial law firm is introducing five new members to its team after enjoying impressive growth in a short space of time.

Hove-based Acumen Business Law, which won The Best New Kids On The Block category of the Brighton and Hove Business Awards last week, operates without using the usual charging system of hourly rates, instead quoting fixed fees at the outset.

The latest additions to the firm are:

- Chris Boakes, a commercial solicitor and keen surfer who will deal with corporate and commercial transactions and has a niche area of expertise in the media sector.

- Nicole Siden, who will start as a trainee solicitor in October.

- Before embarking on a legal career, Nicole worked for a large financial institution in London.

- Sam Hopkins becomes trademark adviser and will be involved in all aspects of intellectual property issues from registration of trade marks to copyright

disputes. Sam previously worked with a TV and media company, dealing with contractual and intellectual property issues.

- Wendy Smith is an employment specialist and joins from a top 100 law firm. She will shortly complete a masters in employment law from Surrey University. She is also a school governor.

- Daniel Richards joins as legal assistant. He is on a sandwich year from Bournemouth University where he is reading law.

For more information on Acumen, call 0845 678978.



NEW KIDS ON THE BLOCK: From left, Chris Boakes, Nicole Siden, Sam Hopkins, Wendy Smith and Daniel Richards

Don't miss our Society pages in The Guide this Friday for pictures of the Brighton and Hove Business Awards

