

Clyde & Co and BLM agree merger

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Global law firm Clyde & Co and UK-headquartered law firm BLM have agreed to a merger following a vote in favour by partners at both firms.



The combination will go live in July 2022. The combined entity will be known as Clyde & Co and together will have a global revenue of over £700m per annum, a headcount of over 5,000, with offices in over 60 cities worldwide.

BLM is a UK and Ireland law firm focused on insurance risk and commercial law with a particular strength in casualty, personal injury, healthcare and professional liability. Clyde & Co is a global law firm, specialising in the sectors that underpin global trade and commercial activity, namely: insurance, infrastructure, aviation, energy, marine, and natural resources.

BLM will become part of Clyde & Co's market-leading global insurance practice which provides the highest quality advisory and dispute resolution services to insurers and their clients, including almost every top 20 insurer in the UK, and leading re/insurers globally.

The majority of its lawyers will join its Casualty insurance practice, with other sizable groups joining professional liability, healthcare and business advisory teams.

Clyde & Co's merger with BLM would be its biggest combination in terms of revenue and headcount since it merged with Barlow Lyde & Gilbert in November 2011, at the time the largest ever merger of two UK law firms. In the last 18 months it has opened in Vancouver following a merger with SHK Law Corporation, opened in Munich, following the hire of three partners from Norton Rose Fulbright, and formed an association with Kangwana & Co

in Nairobi,
Kenya.

Following the merger the firm will offer a broad casualty insurance offering across its UK offices in catastrophic injury, disease, employers' and public liability, abuse & neglect, fraud, motor claims, and property damage and recovery, supplemented by a Costs team, Forensic Accountants, investigators, other specialists, and an in-house Safety Health and Environmental Regulatory team, enabling the firm to provide full coverage across civil and criminal matters.

Clyde & Co recently launched a new online platform and suite of innovative digital tools to help insurers speed

up the handling of their casualty insurance claims with the aim of delivering the lowest overall indemnity spend to clients. The new product offers cutting-edge technology and AI for claims automation backed by the firm's market-leading lawyers and best-in-class advice. This complements BLM Innovations, a suite of online analytics, case management and communications tools, which the firm first launched in 2019. This includes flagship tool, Foresight, a pioneering AI system, developed in conjunction with the London School of Economics.

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