



Territory legal leaders join forces

Reflecting growth of business in the Territory and responding to demand for sophisticated legal services, its two leading commercial law firms, Cridlands and Morgan Buckley, will join forces to become Cridlands MB.

Cridlands MB unites one of the Northern Territory's longest established law firms with a success story from the 1980s to create the largest Top End commercial firm with 70 staff including 31 lawyers. The firm will have 13 partners.

In a joint statement, Cridlands Managing Partner, Richard Giles said, "We are proud to announce our merger with Morgan Buckley. Our path to legal excellence and service leadership has been boosted by choosing internationally quality accredited law firm, Morgan Buckley, to join forces with Cridlands Lawyers.

Our clients demand prompt and reliable legal advice. This is an enormous boost to our capacity in the Territory."

Tony Morgan, Morgan Buckley Partner and a leader in the Darwin legal community, is a partner in the new firm. "I'm delighted with the merger of two progressive, locally owned law firms, recognised as legal leaders.

It's a great strategic fit for both of us - exciting innovations, leading-edge technology, genuine commitment to business excellence, and great people. We couldn't have found better alignment.

We all recognised the huge benefits of this merger - first and foremost to our corporate and government clients who demand proactive legal services which address their needs and resolve their problems. This is also a win for Territory business and the community generally. Our lawyers will have great opportunities to be part of better resourced specialist legal teams.

From August, our combined clients will have access to more legal resources with more depth and at more locations." Morgan continued.

"With 31 lawyers located in Darwin and Alice Springs we are by far the largest genuinely on the ground firm in the Northern Territory."

Commenting on the strategic rationale for merging Cridlands and Morgan Buckley, Richard Giles said, "Great people, excellent service, proven quality in action, exceptional legal expertise, impressive depth of resources and the finest technology - we all recognised this combination as perfect to produce impressive results for our clients.

Both firms have always been highly regarded in their own right amongst the legal community Australia-wide. Early indications are that the new Cridlands MB will be overwhelmingly positively received.

We will definitely be the 'go to firm' in the Northern Territory."

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