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Tony Williams

Tony Williams was managing partner of Clifford Chance in the second half of the last decade, but he did himself proud with Andersen Legal in the UK from 1999 to 2001. He gave the accountancy-tied firm City credentials, but his real achievement was in a crisis. When Andersen's associated law firm was collapsing after Enron, Williams spent his last remaining months trying to find new homes for his lawyers - all the while with the threat of the Enron litigation over his head and having been abandoned by the Andersen UK management. Williams was one of the few to emerge from the debacle with any credit. Since then he has had a highly influential role behind the scenes as a management consultant to law firms.