

## Enterprising bunch

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Many congratulations to Jomati Consultants LLP and to Law Business Research, both winners of this year's Queen's Awards for Enterprise.

Jomati is well known for its strategic and management advice to the legal profession and is a credit to the founder Tony Williams, a former managing partner at Clifford Chance and winner, some time back, of the Lawyer of the Year award.

It would be interesting to know how many law firm mergers - both in London and internationally - have Williams's fingerprints on the nuts and bolts that hold them together. And there must be innumerable law firms whose forward plans have been schemed up in the Jomati offices near St Paul's.

The Queen's Awards underline just how important legal services have become to the UK economy. They're a cracking export success and the legal sector has much to be proud of. But don't get carried away. It was humbling to read the full year's list of winners, which was overwhelmingly made up of science, technology and manufacturing companies that are all too frequently ignored by comparison with financial and professional services. These are the clients without which there would be no demand for City law firms.