



Aitken Partners and John Matthies & Co merge

Respected Melbourne law firms merger commence 9 May

Melbourne based law firms Aitken Partners and John Matthies & Co have merged, with John Matthies & Co integrating its practice with Aitken Partners on 9 May, 2011.

According to Aitken Partners' managing partner, Andrew Blogg, there is a natural fit between the two firms and that was an important factor in pursuing the integration.

"Having a similar culture and approach to practicing law and client relationships is always important when you are considering mergers or the integration of other firms," he explained. "We have all seen these things not work well in the past, and that means that we have been very selective in who have been, and who we are, talking to about this sort of activity."

"Our practices are very similar in terms of property, commercial, insolvency and litigation work, but Matthies & Co brings to us some extra expertise in banking and finance law."

For John Matthies, who founded his highly respected firm more than three decades ago, the decision to join Aitken Partners was easy when he looked into the firm.

"We have been operating as John Matthies & Co for 36 years," John said, "and during that time we have been approached by many firms asking us to consider a merger, but until now we have not ever met the right firm."

"Aitken Partners shares our values in terms of client service and culture, which made the decision to merge fairly easy in the end. Duncan Pelham-Webb, Philip Fox, James Matthies and I are really looking forward to the next phase of our careers."

Aitken Partners is a Premium Level Melbourne-based law firm offering a range of legal services to business and private clients. It has eight partners and a staff of around 60 and a proud history dating back to the 1920s.

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