

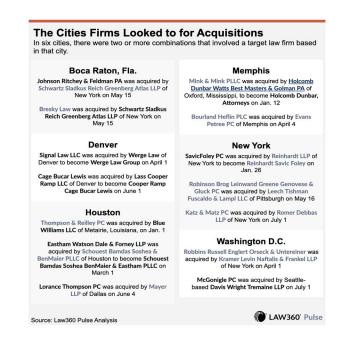
## Merger Mania: Law Firms Are On Track For A Record Year

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Law firm mergers and acquisitions have accelerated in 2022, with more deals announced during the first half of the year than during the same period in the industry's high-water mark of 2019.

As of July 1, Law360 Pulse tracked 52 law firm combination announcements involving at least one U.S.-based law firm. The number far exceeds first half combinations announced in 2020 and 2021, and even surpasses the first half of 2019 — a record year for law firm mergers — when there were 47 announced.

"In the more recent past, there was a pandemic that put logistical roadblocks to getting law firm mergers done. What we're seeing now is maybe a bit of an opening of the floodgates," said law firm merger and management consultant Lisa Smith of Fairfax Associates.



Despite the uptick in frequency, the overall size of deals has actually declined a bit so far this year.

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