

Biglaw Firm Set To Make Layoffs In Departments Hardest Hit By Pandemic Changes

“Though Biglaw has largely thrived throughout the pandemic, there’s still been a wave of layoffs throughout the industry, as firms try to tweak their model to respond to industry changes. Now comes word that yet another Biglaw firm is readying their own round of layoffs,” reports Kathryn Rubino in *Above The Law’s Biglaw*.

“Magic Circle firm Clifford Chance is reportedly looking at between 44 and 73 layoffs of staff members in its London office. According to Roll on Friday, the departments impacted will be those hardest hit by the move to work from home, spurred by COVID-19. As such, secretaries, those in document production, and mail room staff will be offered severance packages in a ‘hybrid voluntary/compulsory redundancy approach.’ The firm is hopeful this will reduce ‘the number of compulsory redundancies needed.’”

“During the height of the pandemic, Clifford Chance avoided furloughs or layoffs, but now the firm says the time has come.”

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