

# Nationwide Layoff Watch: Mass In-House Layoffs After Mega-Merger

A common result of mergers in the business world is the layoffs of employees whose jobs have become redundant after two units are combined.

“What some people may not know is that the same thing applies to in-house legal departments following corporate mergers and acquisitions,” writes **Staci Zaretsky** for **Above the Law**. This time around, in-house counsel at beverage giant SABMiller will need to grab a drink after the company’s merger with Anheuser-Busch InBev closes next month.”

And ***The Global Legal Post*** reports:

The redundancies form part of a company-wide structural overhaul that will also see SABMiller general counsel John Davidson stand down next year once the merger is complete. Senior lawyers have already been notified of the lay-offs by Mr Davidson himself, though consultations are still ongoing and staff won’t be formally notified of the management’s decision until the middle of next month. SABMiller company secretary and deputy general counsel Stephen Shapiro has already been confirmed as one of those affected by the lay-offs, as well as deputy GC for M&A Stephen Jones and deputy GC for regulatory and industry affairs John Fraser. The company has indicated that up to 35 in-house staff will be likely be affected by the cuts.

Read **Above the Law** and ***Global Legal Post***.