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Crowell & Moring Adds CIO From Cadwalader

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Law360 (June 22, 2026, 4:45 PM EDT) -- Crowell & Moring LLP said Monday that it has hired Cadwalader Wickersham & Taft LLP's chief information officer, marking the latest departure from Cadwalader as the firm prepares for a merger next week.

Andrea Markstrom has joined Crowell & Moring as chief information officer, based in the New York office, the firm said. In her new role, Markstrom will lead the global technology platform and operations teams, and will drive the firm's technology strategy, according to the statement.

"I'm excited to join the collaborative and forward-looking team at Crowell," Markstrom said in a statement. "At a moment of incredible change in the legal industry, I'm looking forward to working with the outstanding team at Crowell to further modernize our global technology platform and support our ongoing AI initiatives to ensure our attorneys and staff have the resources needed to deliver innovative technology solutions to our clients."

Markstrom wasn't immediately available for additional comment Monday.

Markstrom transitions to Crowell & Moring after spending just under a year with Cadwalader, which is set to merge with Hogan Lovells. The new firm, Hogan Lovells Cadwalader, will launch on July 1.

In April, Hogan Lovells and Cadwalader said that their partners voted in favor of their merger and that the new firm will have about 3,100 lawyers across the Americas, Europe, the Middle East and Africa, and the Asia-Pacific region. The new entity is projected to generate more than $3.6 billion in annual revenue based on 2024 figures.

Before joining Cadwalader in August, Markstrom served as chief information officer at Schulte Roth & Zabel LLP for about three years.

Previously, she spent less than three years as chief information officer at Taft Stettinius & Hollister LLP, her LinkedIn profile shows. She also had worked as chief information and technology officer at Blank Rome LLP.

Earlier in her career, Markstrom spent more than a decade at the firm now known as Faegre Drinker Biddle & Reath LLP as director of information technology, her profile shows.

Markstrom, who earned a bachelor of arts in international relations and affairs at the University of Minnesota, also held a technology leadership role at Target Corp., Crowell & Moring said.

"Andrea's extensive experience leading complex digital initiatives across diverse sectors — particularly in the rapidly changing legal market — will enhance Crowell's delivery of innovative technology strategies and solutions that keep pace with the constantly evolving business needs of the firm and our clients," said Joseph Palermo, Crowell & Moring's chief operating officer, in a statement.

Since announcing the merger in December, Cadwalader has seen a number of departures. In January, Orrick Herrington & Sutcliffe LLP added two former Cadwalader litigators in New York. That same month, a Cadwalader partner moved to King & Spalding LLP's finance and restructuring practice group, and a commodities partner joined Sidley Austin LLP's regulatory and enforcement practice in Washington, D.C.

In February, Beth Taylor, who was Cadwalader's general counsel for 14 years, joined Dentons. Also in February, Cadwalader's litigation group co-chairs left the firm due to conflicts of interest ahead of the firm's merger.

In May, Cooley LLP hired a Cadwalader tax attorney in New York, and earlier this month, Pillsbury Winthrop Shaw Pittman LLP added a private wealth partner from Cadwalader.

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