

Fowler White Boggs merges with Atkinson Diner

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The Fort Lauderdale law firm Atkinson, Diner, Stone, Mankuta & Ploucha announced Wednesday morning that it would merge with Tampa-based [Fowler White Boggs](#).

[Fowler White Boggs](#), the larger of the two firms, will double the number of attorneys at its Fort Lauderdale office through the merger. The new firm will be called Fowler White Boggs. Attorneys from Atkinson Diner will move to the Fowler White Boggs office at 1200 E. Las Olas Blvd. The [Atkinson Diner firm](#) has been small but influential. Its members include former Florida Bar president Jesse Diner and former attorney general **Bob Butterworth**.

“We are looking forward to the larger statewide and national platform that Fowler offers,” **Adele Stone**, name partner, said in a news release.



Bob Butterworth

[Wilson Atkinson III](#), the firm's founder was honored by the *South Florida Business Journal* last week in its Key Partner Awards for law and accounting.

Fowler White Boggs says it has more than 130 attorneys in five offices located in Tampa, Fort Myers, Tallahassee, Jacksonville, and Fort Lauderdale. It was established in 1943, making it one of Florida's oldest law firms.

The firm ranked 106 on the *South Florida Business Journal's* list of the Top 200 Largest Law Firms, with 13 attorneys at its Fort Lauderdale office.

Atkinson Diner, with one office in Fort Lauderdale, also reported 13 attorneys and ranked 109th on the *Business Journal's* list.

Fowler White reports it has continued to grow since the list was published and the two firms combined will have 30 Fort Lauderdale lawyers. That would have ranked Fowler White in the top 50 for the region.