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Edward Fennell In the City

Birthday presence

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SOME of us conceal our 50th birthdays but Tony Williams, former highly successful managing partner of Clifford Chance and subsequently boss of the unfortunate Andersen Legal, was fully entitled to revel in his last week.

At a Hollywood-style celebration at his Hampshire spread, Tony brought together friends and colleagues to commemorate a professional and personal landmark. Ranging from his early mentor Michael Slorick, now senior partner at Mackrell Turner Garrett through to Daniel Gowan and David Hertzell, of Davies Arnold Cooper, Dieter Yih, of Mallesons Hong Kong, David Shasha, of Simmons & Simmons, and many others (including a group of ex-Clifford Chancers) there was a full parade of supporters.

Resilience is among Williams' greatest assets and is typified by his legal management consultancy Jomati, which expands and flourishes. Williams is also, as they say, "giving something back". The Jomati Foundation directs at least 5% of the consultancy's annual fee income towards funding deserving law students with "high academic achievement but low financial means" through their legal training. It's a great initiative. For more information go to jomati.com/jomatifoundation.html.